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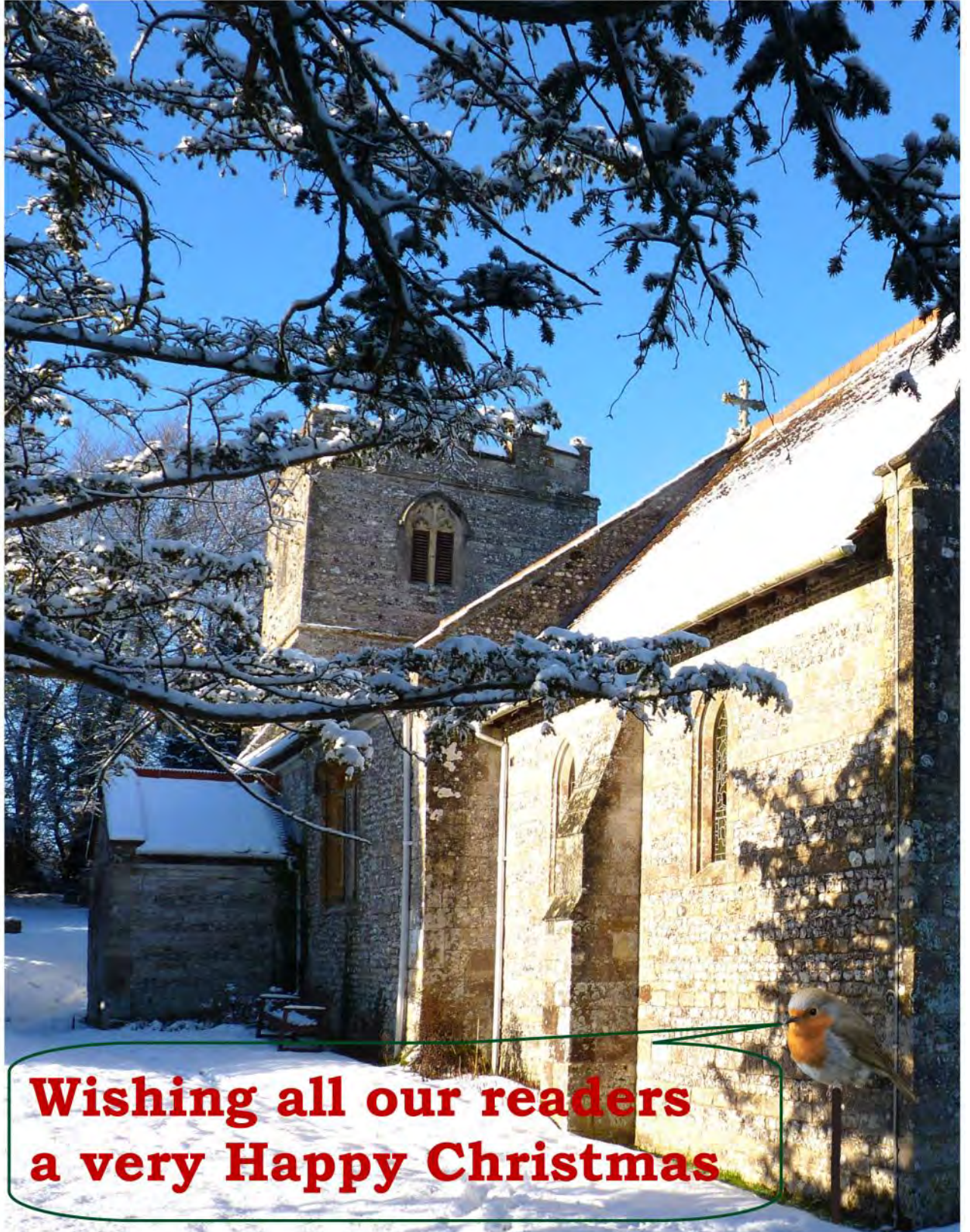
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## Milton Abbas and Milborne St. Andrew Surgery news

### The Primary Care Commissioning Strategy

SOME of you will be aware that Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has published a draft Primary Care Commissioning Strategy (PCCS) which sets out proposals for the future of General Practice in Dorset. <http://www.dorsetccg.nhs.uk/aboutus/primary-care-strategy.htm>

Of significant concern to many is the implication that patients will have their care delivered from larger sites and that smaller, local GP Practices may be closed. Please be assured that this is not a 'done deal' and although the national agenda is focused on 'delivery at scale', we know this will not work for rural communities like ours where transport issues are significant.

Please do not be concerned about there being changes to where you access your care. We are looking at local solutions that, rather than adopting 'one size fits all', focus on what we collectively want our local health care services to look like and how GP Practices can meet the challenges of delivering modern models of care.

### Christmas and New Year

Milton Abbas and Milborne St. Andrew Surgery will be closed over Christmas and New Year on 25th, 26th and 27th December and 1st and 2nd January, please call 111 if you require medical help during this time or 999 for emergencies only.

Please make sure you have sufficient repeat medications for the Christmas and New Year period. Note that there will be no deliveries of medication to the local shops on 26th December or 2nd January. If you have any questions please speak to the dispensary who will be able to help.

With best wishes for a Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year from everyone at the Surgery.

*Gillian Brindle* MBA, B.Ed (Hons), Cert QSB.  
Practice Business Manager

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## Christmas cheer from the Village Hall Committee

THERE is still time to book the hall for your Christmas or New Year party, so get on line or phone. The hall is decorated and waiting to be filled with fun, laughter and entertainment.

This is the time of year to thank all the volunteers who help to keep the hall and the fields running and in a good condition. The committee not only give their time in the management and running of the hall but give a lot of their time in practical ways as well; this ranges from repairs, replacing damaged items, gardening, decorating, cleaning, advertising events, running the bar, organising and running events, etc., etc.

Thanks as well to those people who come to help when we have 'working parties'; for those who keep an eye on the building and grounds, maintain the planter, fix small problems as they arise and so many other things that we don't even know about.

And finally thanks to those clubs and individuals who hire the hall, without that income the hall's finances would not be viable and the hall would have to close.

We hope 2017 will be a successful year with more people hiring the hall and attending the events such as the films, Arts Reach shows, etc. The Sensory Meadows including the cycle track, funded by the People's Lottery Trusts, are slowly being developed for all to enjoy and hopefully, thanks to the Tesco grant, we can start refurbishing the children's play area.

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and New Year from the Village Hall Committee.

## Plague and disease at the History Group

AT the November meeting José and Harry did a double act in sharing their research about 'Medicine Through Time'. Their talk outlined the progress of treatments from early times to now. They told us about how archaeological evidence shows that people were affected by diseases such as TB and how the primitive people did use some methods of surgery and herbal medicines; they then talked, amongst other things, about introduction of legislation, the development of hospitals and treatments to explain how modern methods and treatments have evolved.

José and Harry also told us about how the Black Death affected Dorset, how the Fordington Cholera of 1854 was managed and how poor farmer Benjamin Jesty discovered a way to inoculate against smallpox long before Dr Edward Jenner was credited with the discovery of a vaccination.

The talk prompted a lot of discussion and conversation. Thanks to Harry and José for all their hard work.

There will be no meeting in December with the next meeting on 11th January when Linda will give a talk on Education including that in Milborne referencing the old Milborne St. Andrew School logbook. You may even recognise an ancestor of yours who used to get into trouble.

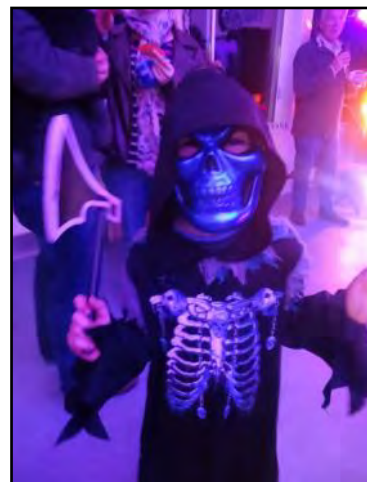
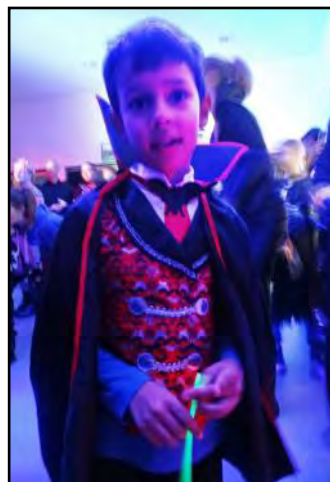
All are welcome to come along to meetings in The Royal Oak starting at 7.30pm; these are held every second Wednesday of the month unless otherwise stated.

*Pam Shults*

Village Lunch Annual General Meeting  
12.15pm on Monday 9th January 2017  
Everyone welcome to attend.

## Haunting moments from the Sports Club Halloween Spook Night

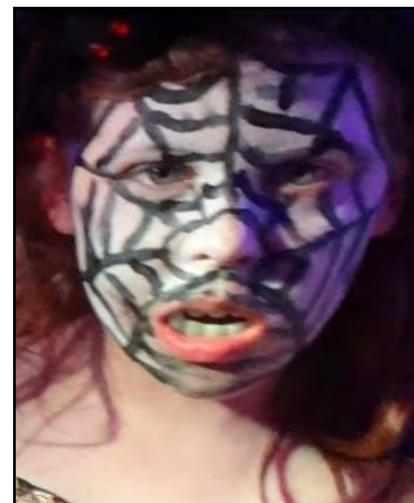
THERE they all gathered; purple hair, stitched limbs, ghostly spectres with luminous fingers and teeth. No earthly game of footie was played that night. They feasted on bloody burgers and severed limbs. They swayed to zombie rhythms wretched in



sulphurous fumes. Gothic horrors surrounded with dark auras and acid green light, freshly risen ghouls from the deep. Vampires roamed the green uttering their ghoulish cries searching for victims. Giant spiders climbed the walls and disembodied eyeballs gazed unblinking as the undead gave thanks to Leanne, Julianne, Hayley and Richard for their resurrection.

Your intrepid reporter escaped the talon sharp grip of a miniature zombie whilst searching feverishly for her cloves of garlic.

*Carole Fornachon*





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## Putting us in the picture at the November WI

WITH Christmas now very much on the agenda, June has been busy organising our Christmas lunch for Friday 6th January 2017 at The Royal Oak, 12.30pm for 1.00pm. Forms are available with menu choices and we are asked to complete and bring these along to our next meeting. A small group of willing helpers are busy arranging December's Christmas entertainment, in which we are warned we are all to take part – so nothing too extreme we hope . . . Instead of distributing presents, we will repeat last year's successful contribution to a charity, which this time will be the Women's Refuge in Dorchester. Also, don't forget Christmas cards for distribution.

Next March will mark the centenary of the formation of the Dorset Federation of the NFWI, with various events being organised throughout the year. We understand that one of the proposed events involves a pier-to-shore zip wire in Bournemouth. It is hoped 100 ladies will sign up to take part. We have until March to consider this!

At our recent Bookends meeting, Shirley reported lively feedback for John Banville's *The Sea*, a mysterious and beautiful novel, which she described as something of a 'Marmite' book, loved by some and hated by others. Our new book *The Slap* by Christos Tsiolkas promises to be a controversial read. To counteract all this projected excitement, we are to meet at Carol's for our December meeting, where we are promised Christmas fare and mulled wine!

Our skittles team have now won three of their seven matches and are delighted with this. One more to go, so we keep our fingers crossed for their success.

No introduction was really needed for Dot Karley, a friend to many of us, who had come along to share some of her creative talents. Well known as a local artist, Dot had brought along paper



and a variety of water soluble crayons and pencils. Using pencils first it was possible to draw outlines and then add water to produce a watercolour painting. She demonstrated possible finishes with three beautiful paintings of her own, ranging from a delicate to a bold finish. Volunteers were keen to have a go and made good use of the materials and expertise provided. We completed the evening's artistic bent by using our social time to play a form of 'Pictionary', the results of which reduced some to hysterics . . . We hope that our two visitors, Lesley and Anne, enjoyed their evening with us and will come again.

Many congratulations to our President, Jenny Preston, who has been elected County Vice-Chairman. Well done Jenny, much deserved!

This month's meeting will celebrate Christmas on Thursday 8th December. We look forward to an enjoyable and seasonal time.

*Pat Bull*

## Holidays4Heroes at Wednesday Club

ON Wednesday 2nd November Susan Wilson came to talk to the Wednesday Club about the work of Holidays4Heroes. It has no connection with the large charity, Help for Heroes, which we were surprised to learn is only able to help servicemen and women from the Afghanistan conflict.

Holidays4Heroes receives no outside funding and depends entirely on donations and offers of assistance from the general public.

Serious injuries of, or the death of a serviceman or woman affects the families severely and at a time when a break is most needed it is far away from being a priority and within a faster timescale. For those injured in military operations and their families and the bereaved, Holidays4Heroes steps in and offers to provide a break away from it all. They raise funds to cover flights, transfers, insurance and even some spending money. They work with the expatriate and holiday community and obtain large discounts or even free holidays given out of kindness. They also work with Regimental family support and welfare officers to identify suitable cases and sort out all the administration.

In addition they provide a unique niche capability in the welfare arena providing immediate respite accommodation and assistance before the established charities are able to take over. Activities are varied and include such things as getting homeless veterans off the streets, helping with job applications and buying back medals that have been sold due to financial crisis.



Susan brought with her six teddy bears that are part of a 'troop' that have been extremely useful in raising funds. They were dressed in various military uniforms and have travelled all over the world collecting money. Some have even been on active service to places such as Afghanistan.

The club was able to give Susan £50 for their funds as well as us all putting our loose change into the collection box! Susan gave us some goodies from the Holidays4Heroes collection for our next raffle. We would like to thank her for such an informative and interesting talk.

Our next meeting will be the Christmas Lunch at The Milton Arms on Wednesday 7th December. The January meeting is on Wednesday 4th January in the Village Hall at 2.00pm when there will be games and sandwiches, cakes, etc.

*Lis Watts*

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# A New Year, a new you, with a little help from food labelling

COME the 1st January 2017, after the excitement and excesses of Christmas and all of that wonderful food; chocolates, cakes, turkey, Brussel sprouts! Many of you will be making your New Year's Resolutions, one of which may be to 'go on a diet' or 'eat more healthily'.

Changes in the requirements for food labels policed by Dorset Trading Standards that come into force this month may help you meet your goals.

From 13th December 2016, most packed food you buy in the shops will need to be marked with detailed nutritional information. This information includes the all-important number of calories the food contains, along with the amount of other nutrients such as carbohydrates, sugar, protein, fat and saturated fat.

For those of you who are concerned about the amount of salt in your food, that information will now also be given.

As long as there is space on the label, the nutritional information will be given in a table, usually on the back or side of the package. The figures quoted will be per 100g/ml to make comparisons between different foods easier and some manufacturers may also give information for 'servings' or 'slices'.

So if you want to make informed choices about the food that you eat or you are just watching your calories, take a closer look at the labels on your food in the New Year.

## Round Robin Ramblers

*the local villages walking group*

WALKS are normally held on the first Sunday and the third Wednesday of each month. Please join us as we enjoy exercise, good company and the wonderful Dorset countryside.

**Any questions, please feel free to contact: Ian Bromilow, 01258 880044.**

**Sunday 4th December – 1.30pm (note the earlier starting time)**

**Mappowder and the Blackmore Vale**

Meet outside the church in Mappowder.

Grid reference: ST 735060 on OS Explorer Sheet 117 (approx. 4.5 miles)

**Sunday 8th January – 1.30pm (note the earlier starting time)**

**Bloxworth Woods**

Meet outside the church in Bloxworth

Grid reference: SY 881947 on OS Explorer Sheet 117 (approx. 4.5 miles)

**Wednesday 18th January – 11.00am**

**Ashmore Woods**

Meet at the Washer's Pit entrance to Ashmore Woods, on the road from Fontmell Magna to Ashmore.

Grid reference: ST 897167 on Explorer Sheet 118 (approx. 6 miles)

Bring a packed lunch.

### Please note:

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

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

**Bring** Waterproofs and refreshments (packed lunch on Wednesdays).

**Pace** We go at the pace of the slowest.

**Terrain** Expect mud, inclines and stiles.

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

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

## The Dunkleys' 20 year stay in MSA

ON a sunny September Sunday Shirley and Peter Dunkley invited family, friends and neighbours to help them celebrate their 20 years living in the village. During the toast they both agreed that the move here was something they have never regretted. They felt they had been warmly welcomed and soon found ways to fit in and contribute which suited both their considerable talents and their sociability. They met whilst both studied English at Oxford University and have been married for 58 years.



Shirley has been involved with the WI producing play and poetry readings, serving on the committee, at one time President of the MSA branch, Vice Chair of the WI County Trustees and rep for the Combined Arts running drama workshops and producing plays at County level. As Chair of the School Governing body for eight years and a Governor for 10 years she made a strong and lasting impression. They have both been long-term members of the Garden Club with Shirley Chair for three years. She founded Bookends Book Club 11 years ago and writes a monthly 'Good Read' for the *Reporter*.

Peter was co-ordinator of all census data collectors. He also gave French lessons in the local school. They held summer garden parties for the children to come and practise their French. Peter was a group leader in French and Italian for the U3A.

They are regarded as great assets to the village, always willing to listen and to help in whatever way they are asked. Shirley has the reputation of being a 'wonderful hostess' and cook.

May they continue to flourish and enhance village life for years to come.

*Carole Fornachon*





## It's Christmas time

*It's Christmas time, there's no need to be afraid.  
At Christmas time, we let in light and we banish shade.  
And in our world of plenty we can spread a smile of joy;  
throw your arms around the world at Christmas time.*

*But say a prayer, pray for the other ones.  
At Christmas time it's hard, but when you're having fun,  
There's a world outside your window, and it's a world of dread and fear,  
where the only water flowing is the bitter sting of tears,  
and the Christmas bells that ring there are the clanging chimes of doom,  
Well, tonight, thank God it's them instead of you.*

*And there won't be snow in Africa this Christmas time,  
the greatest gift they'll get this year is life.  
Where nothing ever grows, no rain or rivers flow,  
do they know it's Christmas time at all?*

A song, first released in 1984 by Band Aid (and re-released a number of times with different musicians since then), that many of you will be familiar with. The lyrics have been criticised over the years for giving a false picture of Africa, but it cannot be denied that it brought to people's attention the desperate situation in which many people of that continent were living during the famine years of the 1980s when Live Aid was first conceived.

For many today in our Western world, Christmas is a feast of consumption and plenty. The shops have been telling us to buy, buy, buy for several weeks now.

This song reminds us that for others this time of year is just one more day of hunger and need. It helps me remember to be thankful for what I have, and to keep in mind the millions of people who struggle to feed their families enough just in order to survive.

We live in a divided world, divided for all sorts of reasons: wealth and poverty, colour, race, religion, sexuality, disability, political opinion, and so on. These divisions sadly often lead to injustice and affect the vulnerable most, since those with power often work hardest for themselves and those like them.

In sending Jesus into the world as a tiny child, born into poverty, laid in a borrowed manger, away from home, God offers hope for each and every person. Access to Jesus is never restricted as it might be for a king who lives in a palace.

And when Jesus grew up, he showed that he was for everyone; he spent much time with the poor and outcast, because he wanted them to know that they too were precious and treasured, and that God's love is for all, regardless of how other human beings categorise them.

This Christmas, as we celebrate that we too are included among those who are treasured by God, let us thank God for loving us so much that he became one of us, so that we might share his life in all its fullness.

Let us "spread a smile of joy" and "pray for the other ones", while celebrating our own good fortune that we have a Saviour like no other, a man for every people, a God whose gift to the world is himself.

I wish you a peaceful Advent and a happy Christmas,

*Sarah Hillman*

## News from St. Andrew's Church

ADVENT and Christmas is a very busy time in the Church's calendar. We look forward to the **Christingle service at 3.30pm on Sunday December 11th** where we hope to have as many children as last year who can bring their 'grown-ups' with them to make a Christingle, craft items and enjoy the celebration. The **Carol Service** is at **6.00pm on Saturday December 17th**; if you are interested in joining the 'scratch choir' give one of us a ring. And of course there will be the annual **Midnight Communion Service at 11.30pm on December 24th** and the **Christmas Morning service at 10.15am**. Details of everything will be found on the church notice boards.

At this time of year it's good to look back and remember the things that have happened in our community. There has been joy in the weddings and baptisms, the growth of the Celebrate services, new members of the congregation, the Open the Book sessions in school and in the fellowship of the wider community. We have also had some less happy events

## CHURCH SERVICES December 2016

### 4th December – Advent 2

9.30am	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30	Celebrate	Milborne
11.00	Parish Communion	Puddletown
11.00	1662 Morning Prayer	Dewlish

### 11th December – Advent 3

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

### THURSDAY 15th December

12noon	Holy Communion	Puddletown Church Room
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### SATURDAY 17th December

6.00pm	Carol Service	Milborne
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### 18th December – Advent 4

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

### CHRISTMAS EVE

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

### CHRISTMAS DAY

9.00am	Christmas Holy Communion	Dewlish
9.30	Christmas Holy Communion	Tolpuddle
10.15	Christmas Celebration	Milborne
11.15	Christmas Praise	Puddletown

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

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

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such as funerals, commemoration services, losing some of our members and the need to fundraise to do essential repairs. Recently we have enjoyed Linda Wright's display of poppies and information about the war heroes buried in our churchyard which was shown on the cover of the *Reporter* last month. More recently we hope that when you read this you will have enjoyed our Christmas Market in the village hall.

Our church is not just about Sunday services and the building, but about being able to use our energies to be active in the village where we can share our love of God with others through thoughts, words and deeds. Many of the confessed Christians are involved in a lot of the village clubs and events such as the Village Lunch, the Wednesday Club, the History Group, etc. We believe that this is a good way of helping others.

We have been reminded by Salisbury Diocese that we must ensure that everyone adheres to the diocesan Churchyard Rules. Because of this we must take steps to make sure that everyone responsible for graves sticks to the rules about what may and may not be used to decorate them. The full rules are displayed in church on a noticeboard near the font, but if you are in any doubt you should speak to one of the churchwardens.

*John Wright and Pam Shults*

## Dewlish Church Notes

### Bazaar turn of events in busy run-up to Christmas

WE ARE now into our run-up to Christmas, and the first event we have planned is our **Christmas Bazaar**, which will be held on Saturday 3rd December at 2.30pm in the Village Hall. Our stalls will include a new items and gifts attraction, Christmas decorations, cakes and produce, and toys. Please note: there will be *NO* bric-a-brac. There will also be teas and raffles. We shall be very grateful for any donations but, most especially, to see you there.

We hope to go **singing carols** around the village on Tuesday 20th December so please do join us (with a torch) at the crossroads at 6.30pm. Our collection will be for Shelter, the charity helping the homeless.

The **Carol Service** is on Sunday 18th December at 3.00pm in All Saints, and this will be followed by tea and mince pies in the Village Hall. Our collection that day will be for the Children's Society. Would any children or young people wishing to take part please contact Jim (Telephone: 01258 - 837 466). We would hate to miss you!

Please note that our **Christmas Day Holy Communion** is at **9.00am** instead of 9.30am. This has been done to allow Sarah to take three services in the benefice.

### Other Village News

WHAT a superb evening we had on Bonfire Night. Although it was very cold, it was dry and everything went well. The lighting of the bonfire and the firework display were fantastic. There were plenty of refreshments and a tent for the children. Well done, Village Hall Committee! I understand that over £2,000 profit was made for hall funds - fully deserved.

The Village Hall Committee is holding a **Bingo Night** on Monday 5th December in the Village Hall: "eyes down" is at 7.00pm. There will also be refreshments and a raffle. We hope to see you there!

*Daphne Burg*



## Milborne Remembers

There were many villagers, including the Scouts and Cubs, who came together in St. Andrew's church and at the memorial to remember the men and women who lost their lives as a result of wars and conflicts.

The Scouts' and Cubs' flags were solemnly carried to the altar during the first hymn. The Rev. Sarah Hillman brought the reality of the Battle of the Somme to those present as part of her sermon. We were asked how many died during the battle then given a comparison that for every week nearly the total population of our village died. This was a shock to all present. She gave details of the three servicemen, who have War Commission Graves in St. Andrew's churchyard, of their families and of the health problems that they died of as a result of the conditions that they had to endure during the war. Sarah went on to say how conflict is not the way that God wants and that we should all pray for peace.

After the church service Sarah and the congregation joined others at the secular memorial at the bottom of Church Hill to honour those service people who died fighting for their country. Wreaths were laid and everyone present kept the two minute silence.

We will remember them.

*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.

### Please, please, please

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# Grannie's button tin and autumn watch at Ladybirds

AUTUMN is definitely here now and the children have been out gathering leaves and walking through them enjoying the rustling sound they make. We now have a lovely outside storage shed thanks to Barry Andrews and taking the children outside to look at it several of them headed excitedly to the old broken plastic one which was now empty. They claimed it as their den. So for the time being various items have been placed in the old shed where the children can sit and look at books, watch birds and identify leaves.

Also outside this month on a very windy day we improvised kites

– making them from nappy bags and string. The children loved running around flying their 'kites' which often blew away – luckily most only as far as the metal fencing.

One of our popular activities inside has been sorting through a button tin. How many people remember their Granny having a button tin or even have one themselves? The learning possibilities here are great, not only counting but sorting and communication and language as children find their favourite and describe it. I even think the staff had fun too!

For anyone trying to contact Ladybirds please bear with us as we are currently creating a new website which we hope to have up and running shortly. In the meantime, please send any requests for a place at Ladybirds to [liz@milborneladybirds.com](mailto:liz@milborneladybirds.com). *Liz Dyer*



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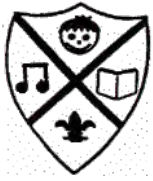
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# MILBORNE ST ANDREW FIRST SCHOOL

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## SCHOOL NEWS



THE Autumn term is in full swing and what a busy term it is proving to be!

On Friday 14th October, all children in years 1-4 visited St. Andrew's Church with staff and parents for our Harvest Celebration. Children also brought in lots of food donations that were collected by Friends of Blandford for the refugees at Calais.

On the same day the children all had a lot of fun wearing their silliest socks in aid of Mosaic, a local charity supporting bereaved children. There were lots of giggles and we raised £75 for Mosaic in the process. Children also enjoyed dressing up for Roald Dahl day and some of the costumes were quite spectacular!

As we head towards December, preparations are underway for a busy Christmas at Milborne St. Andrew. We



are very much looking forward to the Christmas Carol Service at Milton Abbey on Tuesday 6th December, and in our last week before breaking up all children are involved in Christmas performances. Friends of School will be providing the annual Christmas dinner for the whole school, staff and governors on 15th December, before our own Carol Service and break up on Friday 16th December.

If your child is eligible to start school for the first time in September 2017, we would be delighted to welcome your child to Milborne St. Andrew. To arrange a visit and tour of the school, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. For full details of



how to apply for a school place please see [www.dorsetforyou.com/school-admissions](http://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. **More photographs on page 13.**

## CONTACTS

If you require any information about the school, including admission details, or would like to arrange a visit please contact 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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More Roald Dahl day pictures from page 11.  
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## Ten things no one tells you about divorce

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1. Many people think you can divorce because of 'irreconcilable differences'. Sadly, you still have to give a reason but even a fault-based divorce can be eased through discussion and compromise.
2. You cannot make an application to Court without first exploring the option of Mediation. Courts are also not how you may picture them from TV or films. They are often crowded, noisy and stressful – not the nicest place to resolve your family issues.
3. Judges are not there to decide who is nice or nasty in the divorce process. Courts won't penalise marital misconducts, i.e. an affair. Behaviour has to be extremely bad to be taken into account.
4. There is no such thing as 'his' or 'hers' in divorce. All assets are looked upon as marital assets unless proven otherwise.
5. Honesty is the only policy. You are required to be full and frank about your finances. Trying to 'cheat' the system won't work and will cost you more in the long run. Judges are very aware of ways of 'hiding' assets.
6. Financial claims do not end on Decree Absolute (the order that ends your marriage). Claims can sometimes be made years after your divorce.
7. The law expects parties to reach agreement over the arrangements for children and the amount of maintenance paid. The Court won't get involved unless there is a specific application.
8. Only a small part of your history is relevant to Family Court Proceedings. However, using Mediation or collaborative ways to resolve your issues allows you to talk about everything, even how you will deal

**Lisa Holden**  
Principal - Head of Family Law



with future family events, weddings, graduations, etc.

9. Lawyers do not want to make a bad situation worse by increasing hostilities. The best way to achieve that is by negotiation and compromise.
10. It can be a positive experience. Whilst never easy to end a marriage, it can be empowering and help you move on with your life.

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## Bumps in the road

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## Milborne Sports Club – UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT!

SO what's in a name and does it really matter? Well yes it does, particularly if the present name doesn't convey the right message and appears a tad elitist and creates hurdles for the new committee that they don't consider to be relevant.

**MILBORNE:** seems pretty straight forward but not so if you expected it to be in Milborne Port, which often happens to speakers booked for events in the village hall.

**SPORTS:** particularly in relation to the Lane End site conjures up images of 22 men (or some women) chasing a bag of air around the grass with a man in black running around in circles after them blowing a whistle and causing offence to half of those present.

**CLUB:** an organisation only in existence to hide behind rules that protects and serves the interests of its members, or an instrument to hit ne'er-do-wells over the head with! Both are the same thing really.

There are other words around such as hub, fitness, well being, community focused, pavilion, available to all (except the main pitch which is the main breadwinner) etc and it is to these words that the new committee are leaning towards. Two more members have signed up for the challenge so our committee has grown from a lowly three to five and there is room for more like minded people to come on down (or up!) and join the team. Two more and we can become the magnificent seven, the Ultimate Frisbee team!

Our main focus at present is to survive the precarious (financial and other) position we find ourselves in otherwise we are for the high jump. A big "thank you" at this point to Hayley, Leanne and her Busy Bee friends because they ran a very successful Halloween party with the proceeds being split 50:50 and also opened a few people's eyes to the fantastic facilities on offer. The Parish Council have also offered us a rent holiday, so in effect they have given us a grant of £525 (or part thereof) to act as their facilitators of community based sporting and well being activities. Everything we get is ploughed back into the facilities.

We have to break down the barriers that have created the impression that the Sports Club facilities have nothing to do with the rest of the community when in fact, it has EVERYTHING to do with providing and enhancing the well-being and health of everyone within the community. Walking football, running track and outside fitness activities here we come!

If you have any ideas on how we can achieve those goals then please let the custodians of the Lane End facilities know. The next phase is to conduct a 'visioning exercise' that will look at what we are doing, whether we are doing the right things and how to move things on, so exciting times ahead. The pavilion is very expensive to run so high on the priority list are plans to reduce those costs whilst improving both the resilience of the building and the range of activities that can be provided.

Some with Facebook connections will have seen that we are marketing and publicising ourselves a bit more, we are getting to grips with the 100 Club to ensure that every £1 given gets used on prizes or is handed over to either the Church or the Sports Club. We are also incredibly lucky that we have a so called "wedding champion" who has taken on the challenge of marketing the facilities for wedding receptions. One has already been booked, with more in the pipeline and no doubt this will in turn lead to improvements being required to be made to the facilities. Nothing can stand still, constant improvement is the name of the game!

Finally, our bookings calendar is now up and running, nothing else is up to date . . . yet

More to follow, hopefully I won't get 'red carded' for too many words.  
*Richard Lock*

## Milborne St Andrew Food and Wine Society

Milborne St Andrew



OCTOBER found the members 'scaling heights'! Not really strictly accurate but just a cheeky way of linking to our chosen restaurant . . . 29029 . . . a popular Sandford establishment serving an amazing menu of Nepalese and Indian cuisine.

They were extremely busy on the evening we had chosen and there was a bit of a wait for our food.

However, when we were served, it was certainly worth the wait. The dishes were beautifully presented and we felt very replete as we left! We were all served at the same time despite the fact that everyone had chosen from the whole menu, so there were multiple dishes to prepare. Now that is some



task when you have a large party to cater for under normal circumstances, but it was made even more impressive when we discovered, as we left, that they had been battling huge pressure in the kitchen as they were two chefs down! (The answer to the wait!)

Everyone accepted that these things do occasionally happen, and it did little to spoil the enjoyment of the wonderful food. Many of us have said we would definitely visit again and recommend it to others. While on the night it might not quite have rated "It's a ten from Len", but it was certainly more than a "Seven"!

*Susie Edwards*

## A Good Read by Shirley Dunkley "I Let You Go" by Clare Macintosh

THIS is a very good thriller but because it features some quite astonishing surprises, is not easy to describe without giving the game away! The starting point is a hit and run accident which causes the death of a five year old boy. We follow in detail the police investigation by Detective Inspector Ray Stevens and his new Detective Constable, Kate, and are also introduced to Ray's family and glimpse the tensions it contains. We are invited, too, into the lives and feelings of others intimately affected by the accident, especially Jenna, whose story runs parallel with the investigation. Bristol and Wales are the locations and the evocation of an out-of-season Welsh seaside resort is particularly vivid.

Clare Macintosh was herself a police woman and her inside experience makes the investigation particularly convincing. However, the strength of the novel lies in the power of the narrative – the reader is constantly driven to find out more. A word of warning – there are some scenes of violence but it is never gratuitous, always a necessary part of the plot. If you are prepared to cope with that, then I can recommend this book for its adroit plotting and cunning surprises.



# Community Contacts

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

More information about many community organisations can be found on [www.milbornestandrew.org.uk](http://www.milbornestandrew.org.uk)

## COUNCILS

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Wessex Water Sewerage Floodline		03458 505959

## GENERAL – ADULT

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Moonlight Swing Band	Gillian Pink	01305 260731
M.A. Neighbourcar	Nigel Hodder	01258 881709
Wednesday Social Club	Ann Guy	01258 837959
Women's Institute	Josie Wright	01258 839090

## GENERAL – YOUTH

Ladybirds (Playgroup)	Liz Dyer	01258 839117
Scout Group (Secretary)	Brian Burton	01258 839033
Under 5's Group – The Busy Bees	Leanne Brown	07899 808185
	Julianne Hall	07846 256694
Youth Club age 8 – 14 years	Lianne Summers	01258 839081

## POLICE

Police – Non-emergency contact		101
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Safer Neighbourhood Team	PC Dave Mullins and PCSO Luke Goddard	101
Home watch Co-ordinator	Joy Robinson	01258 837661

## SCHOOL

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

## SPECIAL INTEREST

Cribbage	Peter Anthony	01258 837089
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Bridge Group	Laurie Benn	01258 837720
Food and Wine Society	Julie Johannsen	01258 839004
MSA Allotment Society Chair:	Joy Robinson	01258 837661
Secretary:	John Mardell	01258 837954
MSA Gardening Club	Sally Dyer	01258 837061
Milborne Players	Roy Sach	01258 837033
Ranters' Folk Session	Roger Harrall	01258 837371
Round Robin Ramblers	Ian Bromilow	01258 880044
Village History Group	Pam Shults	01258 837203

## SPORT

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Athletics – Junior	David Pearson	01258 837057
Badminton	David Payne	01258 837700
Circuit training	Grace Martin	01305 213885
Cricket – Dewlish	Elaine Kellaway	01258 837696
Cricket Club – Milton Abbas	Colin Chastey	01258 882162
Pilates (school)	Claire Barratt	07540 626174

## Football – Under 12s

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Running Group	Anne-Marie Pearson	01258 837057
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Sports Club	Chairman: Richard Lock	01258 837929
	Bookings: Richard Lock	01258 837929
Table Tennis	Pauline Pitfield	01258 839123
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Tennis	Dennis Nelson	07805 296535
Yoga (at school)	Sue Chapman	01305 848053
Yoga (at village hall)	Sarah Ryan	01258 839230

## VILLAGE HALL

### Dewlish

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Milborne St. Andrew		
Chairman:	Pam Shults	01258 837203
Booking Secretary:	Alison Riddle	01258 837030

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# Community Events Diary

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

December  
Friday 2nd

**Christmas Concert** with the Weatherbury Singers  
Puddletown Village Hall 7.30pm.

Saturday 3rd

**Christmas Bazaar** Dewlish Village Hall 2.30pm – see page 9.

**The Tinderbox** Presented by *The Norwich Puppet Theatre* and sponsored by *Artsreach* Village Hall 6.00pm – see page 25.

Wednesday 7th

**Wednesday Club** Christmas Lunch at The Milton Arms, Winterborne Whitechurch.

Thursday 8th  
Friday 9th

**WI** will celebrate Christmas Village Hall 7.30pm.

**West Gallery Carol Concert** in St. Mary's Church, Whitechurch Whitechurch 7.30pm – see page 31

Sunday 11th

**Christingle** St. Andrew's Church 3.30pm.

**Reporter** latest date for the January 2017 issue.

Saturday 17th

**Carol Service** St. Andrew's Church 6.00pm.

Sunday 18th

**Carol Service** All Saints, Church Dewlish 3.00pm all welcome – see page 9.

Tuesday 20th

**Christmas Carols** The Royal Oak 7.30pm everyone welcome

**100 Club Draw** The Royal Oak 6.00pm all welcome – see page 21 for latest winners.

Saturday 24th

**Midnight Mass** St. Andrew's Church 11.30pm

Sunday 25th

**Christmas Celebration** St. Andrew's Church 10.15am.

January 2017

Monday 9th

**Village Lunch AGM** The Royal Oak 12.15pm everyone welcome to attend.

## Regular Bookings at the Village Hall

**Ladybirds Playgroup** Monday–Friday 8.30am–1.00pm MH (term time only)

**Beavers** Monday 5.00–6.30pm MH (term time only)

**Scouts** Monday 6.00–8.00pm CR/MH

**Players** Monday 8.00–10.00pm MH

**ABC Line Dancers** Tuesday 7.30–10.00pm MH

**Cub Scouts** Tuesday 5.45–7.15pm MH (term time only)

**Wednesday Club** first Wednesday 2.00–4.00pm MH

**Yoga** Thursday 1.30–2.45pm MH

**Gardening Club** third Thursday 7.30–10.00pm MH

**Karate** Thursday 5.10–6.40pm MH

**Village Hall Committee** third Thursday every two months 7.30–10.00pm

**Women's Institute** second Thursday 7.30–10.00pm

**Youth Club 8–14 years** every other Friday MH (term time only)

**Village Lunch** last Saturday of the month 12.15–2.30pm MH

**Artsreach Events** – look out for the posters.

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

## Regular Bookings at the First School

**Pilates** Monday 7.00–8.00pm (term time only)

**Yoga** Tuesday 6.30–8.00pm (term time only)

**Badminton** Wednesday 7.00–8.30pm (term time only)

**Circuit training** Thursday 6.30–7.30pm (term time only)

## December at the Sports Club

**Football** Saturday 2.00pm.

**Table Tennis** Monday 7.00–9.00pm. Information from Pauline Pitfield 01258 839123

**The Busy Bees** Under 5 Group from 9.30am to 11.30am on Thursday term time only. Contact Leanne Brown on 07899808185.

## Gardening questions

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## Do you care about hedgehogs?

YET again this year's weather has been described as 'unusual', but particularly following a period of wet weather early in the year it has stayed warm and dry until quite recently. The result of this is that wild animals, particularly hedgehogs, have continued to breed quite late. This has resulted in a number of young, and more specifically, underweight, hogs in the wild. It is reckoned that hedgehogs need to be at least 600 grams in weight to survive hibernation, so many of these small hogs will die of cold before the spring. It is possible to save any that are below this weight by taking them in and keeping them on a diet of puppy food or commercial 'Spike' hedgehog food (available from Mole Country store, and elsewhere), possibly with the addition of live mealworms, garden worms and beetles. Unfortunately, although they can be brought up to this weight, the shock of putting them out to hibernate late in the year would also result in them not surviving until spring so they need to be looked after until then.



In order that an ongoing assessment of the state of the hedgehog population can be understood in Milborne it has been suggested by the Dorset Hedgehog Preservation Group (an offshoot of the Dorset Mammal Society) that there should be a co-ordinator in the village. This would help to make our village a hedgehog friendly village. Bere Regis, Dorchester, Blandford Forum, Bridport, Halstock and Piddletrenthide are already set up as hedgehog friendly, so I believe we should become one too. I am prepared to take on this job, but need support from others in the village. To this end I would be grateful if anyone who is interested to become champions for their road or area or reporting sightings of hedgehogs and their size, alive or dead, and where they have been seen. A map of sightings will be created with a mark for each sighting which will be constantly updated. Advice will be available as how to make gardens more hedgehog friendly especially considering they may travel up to two miles each night of foraging.

It is proposed that a meeting will be held if enough people show an interest, with an introductory talk by a representative of the Dorset Mammal Group, as well as further information for those interested. Occasional meetings will be called so that people can be updated on a regular basis.

Please contact me or leave a message on my telephone 01258 837329 or by e-mail at [pip.jackie@btinternet.com](mailto:pip.jackie@btinternet.com), if you are interested in this project, leaving your contact details and where you live in the village. I will get back to you with further information as the project progresses.

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Organised by Beverly Owners whose granddaughter Evie benefitted from the superb care at Dorset County Hospital and hosted by Gerald Pitman and Nigel Pitfield the evening consisted of six races. Horses were auctioned by Barry Bright who chaired the owners club and each race was sponsored. Punters could bet on each race as well. Halfway through the evening a fantastic raffle was drawn, all in all a spectacular £850 was raised.

Sunday 6th November saw 11 teams gather for a quiz to raise funds for Milborne St. Andrew under 12's football team who play at the Sports Club. The players are all based in Milborne, Milton Abbas or Puddletown and coach Andy Brown is originally from Milborne St. Andrew. So after a feisty six rounds, an auction for a signed Bournemouth Football and another excellent raffle £786 was raised. Thanks to all who sponsored, auctioned, hosted and supported and keep an eye out for more fundraising fun next year

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*Photos: Bournemouth Male Voice Choir (just a few of them)*

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## LETTERS to the Reporter

### To the Editor

Milborne Broadband

I read with some interest the report on Milborne's woes with BT Openreach Broadband and thought it worthwhile to report on my own experiences in the hope that it might just provide some help to any with ongoing problems.

On June 1st I upgraded to a BTHub5 after a number of reasonably successful years with a BTHub2 and BT Youview box, powered through Line adapters. Following the upgrade everything seemed to work, WiFi, Broadband (including BBC iplayer on the Desktop and laptop computers, mobile phones and android devices) – that is everything was working except iplayer playback on the TV via the Youview box. However I also noticed that the BTHub was a frequently dropping service – going from green to yellow on a daily basis.

Between June 1st and July 20th, I had four visits from BT engineers, two deliveries of new power line adapters and numerous discussions over the phone as I was taken through reboots, resets and goodness knows what else, sometimes by people I could barely understand. However no real progress was made until I lodged a formal complaint, via the website sometime in early July. After three fruitless visits by BT engineers it was determined that the equipment was OK and the fault lay outside the house.

The main problem was that the new Hubs (BTHub5) are more sensitive than the old hubs and are susceptible to the vagaries of old existing wiring systems, DIY extensions and need to be installed on the primary (main) telephone socket, which in our house was difficult to determine. The original hub was connected directly to the main computer via a convenient telephone socket extension in our study and had not proved to be a problem in the past. Once the main telephone socket had been determined and the new hub connected via that socket all problems disappeared and it has worked non-stop since July 20th with no reboots, resets or any outside intervention – even through electrical power cuts.

Telephone line crackles in the past had been traced to frayed sheath on the telephone input cable, caused by incorrectly raised scaffolding.

The conclusion is make sure you use the main telephone socket to connect your hub, make a formal complaint and demand financial reimbursement for loss of service, get the right engineer (not always possible) to visit to ensure that there are no equipment failures, and no line problems external to your property. Although the engineers said that often new equipment is faulty this was not so in my experience, and I now have spare powerline adapters. But they will take that option first! If you have had a good service and now this has disappeared with an upgrade, herein may be some help.

Peter Fornachon - Little England

## Cooking Christmas dinner for a large family gathering

EVERY year there are so many new ideas for Christmas food, many of them promising a “twist” on a traditional recipe. My view is that as we only have Christmas dinner once a year, there is no real need for novelty. With so many flavours on the plate – turkey, stuffing, bread sauce, cranberry sauce, gravy, pigs in blankets, roast potatoes, roast parsnips, carrots etc. why would anyone want to complicate things with a “fancy dan” recipe for sprouts combined with some unheard of and exotic ingredient? Fresh sprouts, cooked lightly to perfection, are delicious and do not deserve the bad press they sometimes have. Keep it simple.

Preparing Christmas dinner for a crowd is very hard work but it's no secret that you should try to prepare and cook as much as possible the day before and then there is slightly less to do on the big day. Also there are lots of good quality convenience foods to buy which will save on work, but of course they cost a lot more money. Sort out the number of plates, glasses, cutlery, large saucepans, chairs etc. that you will need – don't leave it until Christmas Eve. I have used a wallpaper-pasting table to give extra table space, or borrow a table from a neighbour.

If you are choosing traditional turkey, I find it works well to buy two smaller birds rather than one monster-sized one. I cook one turkey a day or two in advance, carve and put the slices on a foil covered heatproof platter and keep it in the fridge, then heat it up in the bottom of the oven while the roast potatoes and parsnips are cooking. Doubtless the “health and safety” police would disapprove but I haven't had a disaster yet! The other turkey can be cooked on the big day, so the whole house still smells delicious and there will be less carving to do at the last minute. Cooking ahead means you can make the gravy ahead too with the turkey juices from the first turkey. A smaller turkey will take a lot less time to cook and take up less oven space on the day; also it will probably fit in a normal sized roasting tin. If you haven't already got one, then I would strongly recommend buying a meat thermometer. It takes a lot of the guesswork out of knowing when your roast is cooked to your liking – all the year round.

If you would like to serve goose, then I would still recommend cooking a small turkey the day before. A goose is delicious but there won't be masses of meat for everyone, the turkey will make the goose “stretch” to feed more people (and goose is rather expensive!) It's better to have a bit too much poultry rather than be panicking that there isn't enough to go round, also turkey is great for the inevitable sandwiches on Boxing Day. You can always freeze any leftovers and use them up in the New Year. If your family has any teenagers, then there certainly won't be a problem with leftovers . . .

If you are used to cooking for two, it may be a surprise to find how much longer it takes to cook a large quantity of anything. The challenge is to balance leaving enough time to cook everything with keeping everything warm if it is ready too soon. Again, see if you can borrow any hot trays etc. A pile of clean towels will insulate foil-covered food. Don't worry about the turkey; it will keep warm for ages.

Guests will usually offer to help. Decide beforehand whether your policy will be “many hands make light work” or “too many cooks spoil the broth”!

The main piece of advice is to pin a smile on your face and ignore any culinary disasters, the happiness of the guests is more important than perfection with the food. The chances are that, after a glass of sherry or two, no one will even notice. Although tempting, it's best for the cook to stay alcohol free until the cooking is complete, you will need all your wits about you coordinating the whole show.

Also I never serve a “starter” at the table but prefer to offer a few very simple nibbles before we all sit down.

Christmas pudding and mince pies are easy to organise. If you want to make a simple and cheap alternative to Christmas pudding then simply mix some slightly softened vanilla ice cream with half a dozen crushed mince pies, squash the mix into a pudding basin and return to the freezer until ready to unmould it. After all that hard work you can relax and put your feet up with a well-earned glass of something – let someone else do the washing up . . . Merry Christmas!



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like she is wearing a crown and the King and the Queen are wearing salt and pepper cellars as crowns also. This is an enchanting tale that's full of magical moments presented by The Norwich Puppet Theatre, a hub for leading international puppeteers and theatre makers, breathes new life into Hans Christian Andersen's classic tale of magic, bravery and love with puppetry, animation and music.

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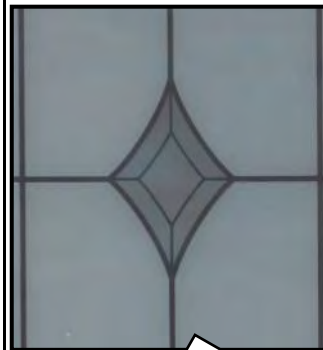
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## In your Garden

### Seasonal notes and tips from Maureen Lock of *designerGardens* Plants to brighten up your December

IT'S always good to have some evergreens in the border to provide you with some colour and structure – even if it is green – over the winter months. They are not all dull and boring however as some may have flowers or interesting foliage. One such is *Viburnum tinus* 'Eve Price' (right). As viburnums go, it is fairly compact growing to a maximum of two metres height and spread if you don't prune it. It flowers from December to March and in autumn has bunches of metallic blue berries. Its dark leathery leaves are the perfect foil to the flat clusters of pink buds and white scented flowers. As well as a stand-alone shrub, it can be grown as a hedge and I have seen it alternating with a beech hedge making a striking formal hedge.



which will grow in sun or part shade. Then we have the coloured stems of the dogwoods. *Cornus* 'Flaviramea' has yellow stems and contrasts perfectly with the darker stems of *Cornus* 'Kesselringii' and the red stems of *Cornus* 'Sibirica'. *Cornus* do need to be pruned hard back in late March just as the new growth is developing.

Hollies, of course, look fabulous in the winter with their glossy foliage and berries. To guarantee berries, you will need to have a male holly nearby – however, not all names can be relied upon for example the

Foliage plants to plant are *Heuchera* 'Silver Scrolls' – silver leaves with purple on the reverse side; *Nandina domestica* which turns a gorgeous red in the winter and has red berries in the winter which can be used in flower arrangements; *Euphorbia amygdaloides* 'Purpurea' has deep purple leaves and lime green new growth – a hardy old thing

lovely variegated golden holly *Ilex* 'Golden King' is actually female and *Ilex* 'Golden Queen' is male. Other good female hollies to try are: *Ilex* 'JC Van Tol' (bottom, left), *Ilex* 'Alaska' and *Ilex* 'Ripley Gold' – which is variegated. Hollies can get rather large but can be kept in check by pruning. The bright red berries are a good source of food for hungry birds too.

Apples and pears, currants and autumn-fruiting raspberries can be pruned any time from leaf drop until March, but never prune stone fruit in the winter, as the retreating sap can draw in the airborne fungus, silver-leaf.

Other things to do this month include planting out your tulips, this is the last month in which you can do this; prune your grapevines now as they are fully dormant; force rhubarb by covering the crowns with



a layer of straw and exclude light by covering with an upturned bucket; keep your ponds clear of fallen leaves by removing them regularly and

keep feeding the birds.



Maureen Lock





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## Update on some developers

1. Mr Quenton Miller has updated the group about a small parcel of land behind Fox View. An Ecological Survey, a Tree Specialist and advice from the NDCC has been sought, the land is outside the settlement boundary.

What is the purpose of this presentation? Mr Miller said, "The purpose of the presentation was not to determine whether the principle of development was acceptable or not but to update the community on the progress made on the project and most importantly present an opportunity for the community to comment on what it would like to see included in the formal application." He is also presenting to the Parish Council on 16<sup>th</sup> Nov. The following are based on responses to the 'Potential Developers Questions', each landowner is asked the same questions.

### WHAT'S HAPPENED SINCE THE QUESTIONNAIRE

#### August 2016

The questionnaires were delivered all over the village by a team of volunteers, some really young!

#### September 2016

And then over the course of 1 month the village residents returned their questionnaires in the boxes in the shop and the pub, many thanks to both for being so patient, I was bothering them every few days "any questionnaires?" And there were, 220 of them! Some filled it online, the paper ones were inputted online, so that we could compare them more easily.

#### October 2016

One lovely person offered to come and help with the analysis – thank heavens – Richard you are a star! He has done in a couple of days, work that would have taken us months and months. He has produced a 74 page report (including all the numbers) which will be used later on. If anyone would like an electronic copy when it has been anonymised, please email as above and we will send it on to you. (Some of your comments include your name or other details that give some identification, so we will be removing that)

#### November 2016

On to the next stage, with guidance from Richard Macnair at a workshop, we will be trying transfer all the research, the questionnaire analysis, and all the answers in the comments in that questionnaire, into a detailed list from which we may be able to put together a draft plan, or unfortunately we might find other areas we have to still research. Many thanks to Richard for all his help.



Parking – the planned parking meets county standards for smaller dwellings, the group feels this may not be enough, there was no parking provision for visitors.  
 Flooding – Sewage could be linked into Fox View, with a soakaway to slow down any rainwater impact.  
 Affordability – as they are smaller units, it is envisaged that they should be affordable in the private market.  
 Design – the design of the building may possibly follow on from Fox View in type (brick and flint).  
 Sustainability – They hope to investigate the viability of fitting solar tiles (panels) at time of building.  
 Privacy – The design of any building should endeavour to ensure existing buildings are not overlooked.  
 Bin storage – not yet designed in, the road would probably be unadopted, (bins taken down to Little England). Mr Miller was asked to look at the issues surrounding this issue.  
 Quenton Miller was thanked, and once again informed that all information submitted would be shared. *Full details of all the*

*paperwork is available by a request email.*

2. A letter from Savills has been received regarding D Wyatt and land above Huntley Down regarding "aspirations for development in the village". The Group will acknowledge and reply that we are not in a position to provide this information at present.  
 3. A third landowner has emailed asking for any new information to be forwarded to themselves.



## Fears about wholesale building in MSA?

All your comments, and all our research, demonstrates the need for our Community to have a strong Neighbourhood Plan in place to get our views firmly in place in any new developments.



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# West Gallery Carol Concert in Whitechurch Whitechurch at St. Mary's Church on Friday 9th December, starting at 7.30pm

IN Thomas Hardy's time, before the coming of organs in village churches, it was normal for the accompaniment to be provided by a village band made up of a few amateur musicians. They would sit in a gallery at the west end of the church and, hence, their style of music, and their Christmas carols in particular, became known as West Gallery. You can read of their sometimes less than reputable activities in Hardy's 'Under the Greenwood Tree'.

West Gallery music has undergone something of a revival in recent years with professionals such as the Mellstock Band and many amateur groups like the Ridgeway Singers and Band. The Ridgeway Singers first got together in 2013 to present Christmas concerts at a number of churches along the Dorset Ridgeway as part of the Artsreach Ridgeway Project, led by Phil Humphries and Tim Laycock.

Tim is a well-known folksinger and concertina player whose singing

is inspired by his native county, Dorset, and has a distinctive West Country flavour. Phil is a classically trained trombone player but, perhaps, best known locally as serpent player with the Mellstock Band.

These concerts were a great success from the outset with both performers and audiences alike and the group now performs throughout the year and has grown to some forty singers and eight or more musicians.

This Christmas, the Ridgeway Singers and Band are coming to Winterborne Whitechurch with a seasonal celebration of all things Dorset. They will be at **St. Mary's Church on Friday 9th December, starting at 7.30pm** when there will, of course, be appropriate refreshments available. Tickets are £6, £5 under 18s and £20 families, available on the door or in advance from Pam Thornton on 01258 880179.

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