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On a separate note, we are always on the lookout for articles to include in the *Reporter*. If you can contribute anything that you feel will be of interest to the village community, please submit it to the *Reporter*, preferably in Microsoft Word format, for consideration.

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## Corrections in the February Reporter

WE have been asked to bring to your attention and to correct the following mistakes and omission.

### Page 5 The Florist

Email address should have read: susie@edwards-lunn.fsnet.co.uk

### Page 11 New Hope

Credit line missing, should have been Larry Lagrue.

### Page 21 Letters second column tenth line from bottom

"... has absorbed all the £137 funds (the...)"

It should have been "... has absorbed all the \$137 funds (the...)"

## Defibrillators for our village

THE target set by the government for Ambulance Trusts all over the UK is to reach 75% of life threatening calls within eight minutes. Statistics show that early defibrillation can increase survival chances of a person who has suffered a Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) by as much as 50%.

In rural areas this is very difficult to achieve, so we all need to pull together to help ourselves.

We, the Parish Council, have enlisted the help of the Community Heartbeat Trust (CHT), which is a national charity focused on the provision of life saving defibrillation equipment to local communities. **This support is free.** Through them, we have been lucky enough to have been awarded a grant from Scottish and Southern Energy (SSE) for the cost of one defibrillator and one wall cabinet but we will need at least three to cover all areas of our village.

We now need to raise funds for the installation and minor ongoing costs for this and at least two others the same. Again CHT are assisting us by supplying information leaflets and collection tin. They have also opened a reserved bank account for the MSA Defibrillation Project and all money collected will be deposited here. They have provided stamped addressed envelopes for anyone who wishes to donate privately using a credit card or cheque. You can donate without the envelope and the details are as follows: – Cheques should be made payable to The Community Heartbeat Trust or CHT, **Ref BLA 007**, the reference code is our MSA account so must be used. Addressed to The Community Heartbeat Trust, PO Box 168, Haverhill, CB9 1AX.

If anyone banks online or by telephone, the details are: Account name – The Community Heartbeat Trust, Sort Code – 20-63-66, Account No – 33949745, **Ref BLA 007**, again the reference is to our MSA account.

Once installed, the ambulance service will be aware of our defibrillators and anyone making a 999 call will be informed if our defibrillators could be used to save a life, as, in any emergency a 999 call must be made first. The defibrillators that we will have do **not** need experts to operate them, the machine will show the user what to do. When the pads are in place the machine will determine if a shock needs to be given. Having said that CHT are going to provide an **'Awareness'** course which will be open to all interested villagers as part of their 'Heartbeat' programme. Amongst other things, this will cover, **How to do CPR and why, How to use our defibrillators and Recovery position/turning a patient.**

To help save lives in our village we need to raise funds; collection tins and information leaflets are available in: **The Royal Oak, the Post Office and Gray's Stores.**

If anyone has any questions, would like a stamped addressed envelope to donate using credit card or cheque or would simply like any more information, they are welcome to contact Joy Robinson 01258 837661.

## The Mary Rose

THE WI are hosting a talk by David Childs about the Mary Rose on Thursday 9th March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. If you have been to the exhibition in Portsmouth you will know how interesting this ship is. All are welcome (men as well!) suggested donation £2.00.

## A warmer year – 2016 in summary

THE year started, as the previous year ended, with wet and mild weather. January was the 3rd wettest January in 46 years and around 2°C higher than average temperature. February was also wetter and milder than average. The spring months continued with higher than average rainfall but the temperature in March and April was around 1°C below normal. There were 18 nights of frosts in March and April, nearly as many as the 21 nights of frost in the three winter months. The advanced growth that had occurred during the winter months was brought to an abrupt halt! May was also wetter than average but, after eight consecutive months of above average rainfall, June to October experienced considerably lower than average rainfall. July rainfall was 20% of average and October was 39% of average. November rainfall was around average but December was 29% of average. The total rainfall for the year was 949.7mm which was 96% of my 46 year average.

The temperature during the summer months was around average with August being the warmest month. September was a particularly warm month with 1.89°C higher than average temperature. The average temperature for the year was 10.79°C which was 105% of my 46 year average.

The wettest day of the year was 19th November with 38.4mm of rain during storm 'Angus'.

The warmest day of the year was 19th July with 30°C.

Ground water is at similar levels as this time last year and is classed as 'normal' but surface water at the end of the year was noticeably lower with the Mill Stream through the village running much lower than normal and the lower part of the East Winterborne stream hardly running at all but with 98.4mm of rain falling at the end of January/beginning of February this year, the streams and rivers are now very full.

A letter from the Environment Agency printed in the *Reporter* in the autumn referred to the stream running through the village as the 'Bere' stream and people in this village can be forgiven for thinking it referred to another stream. The stream through this village has always been known as the 'Mill' stream, hence the names Milton and Milborne. There were five water mills operating on the 'Mill' stream at one time before it reaches Bere Regis after which it becomes the 'Bere' stream before running into the 'Piddle' and then on into Poole Harbour.



*Pluvius.*

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**“It’s all behind me now” said the Dame when she caught sight of herself in the dressing mirror . . .**



Jack and the Beanstalk – another fabulous show which brought colour, comedy and slapstick to the Village Hall and showed that you “yeah villagers of Milborne St Andrew” still like a bit of pantomime in early February. This script written by Bradford & Webster was traditional and gave us some larger than life characters. Dame Tilly Trot was a beauty to behold, played confidently by Gren E-Davis with his usual flair, Fairy Haricot Vert (Fairy Green Bean) Jon Riddle, delightfully dressed in retro lime and suitably French, Grotviler (Adrienne Rogers) the Queen of everything evil - hench-servant to the Giant “Blunderbore” played by mini giant William Bishop with a big voice! Outstanding

performances by the comedy duo Leggit and Grabbit (Rhianna Webb and Roy Sach), and Simple Simon (Larry Lagrue) “I was just about to say that”. Supporting roles played by the remainder of the cast including a smaller number of impressive young cast, with the finishing touch of Jack and Jill (Jo Coetzee and Lauren House) the love interest. Peter Riddle along with his “behind-kick” Roy Sach did a tremendous job of bringing our pretty cow “Buttercup” to life. The production was directed by Jess E -Davis, a very safe pair of hands. This was a most enjoyable run for the cast and crew in performance and rehearsal who are all eager to tread the boards with another next year - “oh yes they are . . .”





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## Lent 2017

Over the past few years, we have offered a number of opportunities for reflecting and praying together during Lent.

This year, again, there are several things on offer.

Our main event will be, as in the past few years, on **Sunday evenings at 6.00pm**. We will be watching a film one week and discussing its themes the following week. The films will be shown on 5th March, 19th March and 2nd April in the Church Room at Puddletown. The discussions will be shared around the churches in the other villages: on 12th March in Tolpuddle, 26th March in Milborne St Andrew and 9th April in Dewlish.

My hope is that not only those who attend church regularly will enjoy these evenings, but also anyone interested in the themes they raise. Coffee and cake should be available as well.

The first film is *Philomena* starring Judi Dench, which tells the story of a pregnant teenage girl in 1950s who was sent to a convent as a "fallen woman". Her baby was sent to America for adoption when it was still young. Many years later, Philomena meets cynical and jaded journalist Martin Sixsmith. Together they journey to find her lost child.

Second will be Ken Loach's *Daniel Blake*. Daniel Blake, 59, who has worked as a joiner most of his life in the North East of England, needs help from the state for the first time ever following an illness. He crosses paths with a single mother Katie and her two young children, Daisy and Dylan. Katie's only chance to escape a one roomed homeless hostel in London is to accept a flat some 300 miles away. Daniel and Katie find themselves in no-man's land caught on the barbed wire of welfare bureaucracy in modern-day Britain.

Third, Joseph Fiennes stars in *Risen*. This tells the story of Jesus's resurrection through the eyes of a non-believer, tasked with solving the problem of what happened to the body from the tomb. His detective work changes his life for ever.

There will be short **compline services** in Milborne church on Thursday evenings during Lent at 6.00pm.

There are two alternatives for those wishing for a daily journey through Lent. First the diocese has produced a small booklet *Praying Together Lent 2017*. For each day of Lent there is a Bible verse, an idea on which to reflect, a short prayer and an act – guidance is given in the booklet about how it might be used by individuals or small groups of friends who wish to walk through Lent together. The booklets are available in church or from Sarah.

And **40acts** (<https://40acts.org.uk/>), to which I have drawn your attention in previous years, continues in 2017. It gives a thought for each of the 40 days and a challenge of generosity to carry out.

You may, of course, have other plans for Lent, but may I encourage you to use this time to remember that at heart it is about setting aside space for God to continue transforming us into the likeness of Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit.

With all good wishes

*Sarah Hillman*

## Notes from St. Andrew's Church

IN February we were pleased to welcome Carole Fornachon who gave us a talk about the Bankes family at Kingston Lacy. We heard how the different generations added their different ideas to the estate, at considerable expense. The next event will be a Spanish Evening on Friday 7th April when we will be entertained by Mark Jennings on his guitar accompanied by sangria and tapas. Looking further ahead there will be our Easter Experience for adults and their children in church on Good Friday, 14th April, so make a note in your diaries and we look forward to seeing you there.

Lent this year starts at the beginning of March. There will be a series of films and discussions on Sunday evenings around the Benefice, and on Thursdays we will have the short evening service of Compline at 6.00pm at which everyone will be very welcome.

The arrival of spring means that the churchyard is beginning to grow again. The snowdrops have been lovely but the grass now needs regular cutting. Several people have expressed an interest in taking over the job that Maurice Fox did for us for many years so we hope that we can keep the churchyard looking tidy this summer.

A bigger cutting back job is the 'hedge' along the west boundary which has been left to grow to a height of about 50ft. As the lower level does not provide a suitable screen any

## CHURCH SERVICES March 2017

### 1st March – Ash Wednesday

7.30pm United Benefice Holy Communion with imposition of ashes Puddletown

### 5th March – Lent 1

9.30am Parish Communion Tolpuddle  
9.30 Celebrate . . . Milborne  
11.00 Parish Communion Puddletown  
11.00 1662 Morning Prayer Dewlish  
6.00pm United Benefice Lent film Puddletown Church Room

### 12th March – Lent 2

8.15am 1662 Said Communion Puddletown  
9.30 Methodist United Service Tolpuddle  
9.30 Parish Communion Milborne  
11.00 Puddletown Praise + APCM Puddletown  
11.00 Parish Communion Dewlish  
6.00pm United Benefice Discussion Tolpuddle

### Thursday 16th March

12 noon Lunch-time Communion Puddletown Church Room

### 19th March – Lent 3

9.30am Family Communion Tolpuddle  
9.30 1662 Morning Prayer Milborne  
11.00 Parish Communion Puddletown  
11.00 Family Service Dewlish  
6.00pm United Benefice Lent film Puddletown

### 26th March – Mothering Sunday

9.30am Go Fourth Tolpuddle  
9.30 Mothering Sunday Communion Milborne  
11.00 1662 Morning Prayer Puddletown  
11.00 Mothering Sunday Communion Dewlish  
6.00pm United Benefice Discussion Milborne

### LENT

During Lent there will also be Compline in Milborne at 6.00pm on Thursdays

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

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

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Pam Shults 837203

### Dewlish

Jim Burg 837466  
Sue Britton 837218

### Benefice Office

Emma Hughes  
puddletownbenefice@outlook.com  
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more we hope that with the help of Marc Frampton we can replace the overgrown trees with a new hedge.

On 20th April we will be holding our Annual Parochial Church Meeting at which all those who live in the parish can take part in the election of Churchwardens, and those on St Andrew's Electoral Roll can vote on other appointments. Those wishing and able to join the Electoral Roll should do so as soon as possible. Application forms are available in church. I believe that there are many challenges in the months and years ahead and we are going to need all the help and support we can get.

*John Wright*

### Easter Flowers for Remembrance



IF you would like loved ones to be remembered this Easter, please give your donation, in an envelope with name(s) to be remembered to John Wright, 5 Brooklands, Milton Rd. (839090). There will also be special envelopes available at Church.

Every name received will be displayed in the Book of Remembrance in St. Andrew's Church during the Easter period, and the donations will be used to fill the church with Lilies and Spring flowers.

### 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.

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## Reporting healthy balance sheet

The Milborne St. Andrew *Reporter* finished 2016 with a surplus of £154.74. There is approx. £1,800 of advanced payments in hand.

We again acknowledged the help of our distributors for the year with a fancy bag of chocolate gifts. We would also like to thank Jenny Balcon for examining our books again this year.

### Reporter Balance Sheet Year ending 31st January 2017

	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Payments</b>	
Advertising	£4,157.50	Printing	£3,772.93
Repaid (Queen's)	£38.63	Queen's Birthday	£50.00
Bank Interest	£27.14	Scouts	£50.00
Copies sold	42.40	Dog Show (still in hand)	£100.00
		Expenses	£138.00
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>£4,265.67</u></b>	<b>Total</b>	<b><u>£4,110.93</u></b>
<b>Receipts</b>	<b>£4,265.67</b>	<b>Payments</b>	<b>£4,110.93</b>
<b>B/F Cash</b>	<b>£44.86</b>	<b>C/F Cash</b>	<b>£44.06</b>
<b>B/F Bank</b>	<b><u>£7,875.64</u></b>	<b>C/F Bank</b>	<b><u>£8,031.18</u></b>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>£12,186.17</u></b>	<b>Total</b>	<b><u>£12,186.17</u></b>

Cash in Bank	£8,031.18
Cash in Hand	£44.06
<b>TOTAL IN HAND at 31st January 2017</b>	<b><u>£8,075.24</u></b>

<b>Gain for year ending 31st January 2017</b>	<b><u>£154.74</u></b>
Approx £1,800 advance payments in hand.	

## Report of Milborne St. Andrew Parish Council meeting held 18th January

PRESENT were Cllr Jenny Balcon (Chairman), Cllr Sarah Fox (Vice Chairman), Cllr Sue Cherry and Cllr Joy Robinson. In attendance were NDDC Cllr Jane Somper, Mr Colin Hampton (Parish Clerk) and seven members of the public. Apologies were received from NDDC Cllr Emma Parker, Cllr Karen Park and Cllr Philip Smith.

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 16th November 2016 were accepted and signed by the chairman. In matters arising from the Minutes the Clerk reported that he had received a positive response from Sovereign Housing to his letter expressing concerns raised by parishioners regarding the smoking related litter on the pavement outside of Crown Court. Sovereign undertook to clear the mess and remind residents of their civic responsibilities.

NDDC Cllr Somper gave a report to the meeting concerning the outcome of the Local Government Reorganisation consultation. The overwhelming response had been in favour of option 2B, which proposed the formation of two unitary authorities in Dorset by amalgamating North, West and East Dorset with Purbeck, Weymouth and Portland and the County services provided in these areas to form one unitary authority; Bournemouth, Christchurch, Poole and County services in these areas forming the other. This proposal now has to be voted on by all nine authorities before a recommendation is put to the Secretary of State.

The Chairman and Clerk gave verbal reports on the planning hearing they had attended at County Hall regarding an application from Eco Sustainable Solutions Ltd for variations to certain planning conditions attached to the original application for a waste storage lagoon on land to the south of the A354 just outside of the village. They both expressed frustration and dissatisfaction at the way the hearing was conducted, the lack of supervision of the project and the absence of any censure over the way the company had disregarded the conditions of the original approval. DCC Cllr Cox was warmly thanked for her support at the hearing.

Cllr Robinson reported on progress in providing a public access defibrillator (PAD) for the village. She was successful in applying to SSE's community resilience project for a fully funded PAD and storage case, supplied in association with the Community Heartbeat Trust (CHT) who will provide advice, training and support. Fundraising is now being organised by Cllrs Robinson and Fox to support ongoing costs and raise funds for a second PAD, which is considered necessary for a village of this size. The Clerk reported to the meeting that a response had been received from Highways to his request following the November meeting for them to look into the possibility of providing a pedestrian crossing in the village. Highways have investigated and found that the village does not meet the necessary criteria for a crossing. The format for the Annual Parish Meeting to be held 19th April 2017 was discussed. On completion a council meeting will be held with an agenda reduced to essentials, which will be open to members of the public as usual.

Before the proposed budget for 2017-18 was considered Mr Richard Lock, Chairman of the Sports Club, was invited to give a brief report on progress made by the club and his plans for the council grant approved at the November meeting. Following this the Clerk presented four budget options, updated from the November meeting, for members' consideration. During discussions it was agreed not to extend into the new financial year the Sports Club payment holiday requested by the club Chairman in his report to the November meeting. It was then agreed to increase the Parish Precept by 14.5%, which represents an increase over the year of £2.39 to the parish precept element of the Council Tax for a Band D property. The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

**Deadline for the next issue is mid-day 14th March**  
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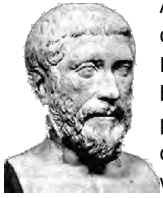
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# Vegetarian Moussaka



APPARENTLY vegetarianism has been around since the days of Pythagoras (580BC) (*left*) but when I was a child I didn't know anyone who was a vegetarian. As a baby boomer, I was encouraged to eat everything on my plate and being fussy or leaving any form of food was considered a "wicked waste" by my parents. Rationing was still around for some foods until 1954.

I remember at Sunday teatimes being told to eat up the generous layer of white fat covered in orange coloured breadcrumbs round the edge of slices of cold ham. I hated it and tried many times to hide the fat under a lettuce leaf and even on one occasion smuggled it into my pocket and later threw it on the fire when I thought no one was watching. I was betrayed by the sudden flare up of flames and sizzling noise. Luckily Fritz, our miniature dachshund, was small enough to be sometimes stealthily smuggled onto my lap at the dining table and he would obligingly snaffle up any unwanted scraps.

The first time I cooked a meal for a vegetarian was in the 1980's when a friend brought her new boyfriend to our house for Sunday lunch. I had made a cheese and mushroom quiche specially for him. Perhaps, in hindsight, my choice of main course for the rest of us could have been chosen with more sensitivity. I served a large joint of roast beef, cooked medium rare, and as it was being carved at the table our vegetarian friend grew paler and paler at the sight of the growing pool of bloody juices on the carving plate. After struggling for some time he abruptly left the table and we could faintly hear him retching in the downstairs lavvy. Although this happened over 30 years ago my two children still remember this incident and how our family and the other guests struggled between sympathy and laughter. The roast beef was delicious by the way.

This month's recipe is for a moussaka which contains no meat but which is rich, tasty and enjoyable for vegetarians and carnivores alike.



## Ingredients

- 1 large aubergine sliced (some people regard aubergines with the same revulsion I had for ham fat so if you don't like aubergines then substitute slices of cooked potatoes, leftovers are ideal)
- 3tsp/15ml olive oil for brushing over the aubergines
- 1tsp/5ml olive oil for oiling the baking sheet
- 1tsp/5ml olive oil for frying the onion etc
- 1 large onion chopped
- 2 cloves of garlic crushed
- 1 red pepper de-seeded and chopped
- Large tin/400g chopped tomatoes
- 2tbs/30ml tomato purée
- Large tin/400g red kidney beans, drained, rinsed and gently mashed with a fork so they are a half squashed but not too mushy
- ½tsp/2.5ml ground cinnamon
- 4tbs/60ml red wine
- 4tbs/60g cornflour
- 600ml milk
- 110g grated cheddar cheese
- 1 large egg
- Salt and pepper
- Grated nutmeg

To make the aubergine layers (no need to oil and bake the cooked potatoes)  
 Preheat the oven to 170°C/375°F/ gas 5  
 Grease baking sheet with 1tsp/5ml oil  
 Put sliced aubergine on greased sheet and brush with 3tsp/15ml oil  
 Bake in the oven for 20 minutes

## To make the bean layer

Heat the remaining 1tsp/5ml oil in a pan and gently fry the onion for five minutes. Add the garlic and red pepper and fry for another couple of minutes. Add the tomatoes, purée, crushed beans, cinnamon, red wine and seasoning. Bring to the boil and simmer uncovered for 10 minutes.

## To make the cheese sauce

Mix the cornflour with a little of the milk to make a paste then add the rest of the milk and bring to the boil stirring until thickened. Remove from the heat. Add half the cheese and the seasoning. Allow to cool slightly then beat in the egg.

## To finish the dish

Arrange half the aubergine/potato slices in a layer in an ovenproof dish. Top with half the bean mixture. Spoon over half the cheese sauce. Repeat the layers finishing with the remaining cheese sauce and a final layer of grated cheese. Bake for about an hour until golden and bubbling. Serve with a Greek salad and rosemary bread.

A final word from one of the 1960's "Mersey poets"

## VEGETARIANS

Vegetarians are cruel unthinking people.  
 Everybody knows that a carrot screams when grated.  
 That a peach bleeds when torn apart.  
 Do you believe an orange insensitive  
 To thumbs gouging out its flesh?  
 Those tomatoes spill their brains painlessly,  
 Potatoes skinned alive and boiled,  
 The soil's little lobsters.  
 Don't tell me it doesn't hurt  
 When peas are ripped from their overcoats,  
 The hide flayed off sprouts,  
 Cabbage shredded, onions beheaded.  
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## Artsreach events in jeopardy

FOR quite a few years Alice and Roger Harrall have, between them, organised the Artsreach events that we have had periodically in the village. Now they are giving up this activity . . . so firstly I want to thank them for all the time they have spent doing this. Because of them, we have been able to enjoy the very different productions that they have brought into our midst – poetry, dance, music, puppets, craft activities . . . and, of course, drama. Artsreach enables wonderful talent to go all over the place, even to village halls like ours. As well as what we saw on the stage, behind the scenes Roger and Alice were also active, welcoming actors, often feeding them and finding them beds for the night. (I have done this a few times: it's great fun, meeting fascinating people who are doing what they love and sharing it with others.)

If we don't find anyone to take over from them, we shall lose this periodic injection of arts and crafts, interest and variety, (and a little money for the Village Hall), into our community. I would be very happy to take on the responsibility, but only if I could share it with someone else. Even if you are only vaguely interested, do please think about it. Alice and Roger have written out a detailed timesheet and programme of all that is needed, so that you can see exactly what is involved. Please ring me and we can arrange a time for you to come and have some coffee/tea and we can discuss it – no strings attached!

*Sarah Ryan 01258 839230*

## Round Robin Ramblers

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**Sunday 5th March – 2.00pm**

**Nether Cerne and Bramble Bottom**

Meet outside St Mary's Church, Cerne Abbas

Grid reference: ST 666013 on OS Explorer Sheet 117 (approx. 4.5 miles)

**Wednesday 15th March – 11.00am**

**Sherborne, Haydon and Folke**

Meet near the church in Haydon, 2 miles south-east of Sherborne.

Grid reference: ST 670157 on Explorer Sheet 129 (approx. 6 miles)

Bring a packed lunch.

**Sunday 2nd April – 2.00pm**

**Tarrant Monkton and Chetterwood**

Meet at the church car park in Tarrant Monkton (shared with Langton Arms) off A354 after Pimperne.

Grid reference: ST 944088 on OS Explorer Sheet 118 (approx. 4.5 miles)

#### **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).

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

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## Raise a glass to Andy, Sarah and their oak!

YES it's true Andy and Sarah Fox are now the proud owners of the pub! After a very long three months the deal was completed on 30th January. As many of you know, there are four members of the Fox family but only Andy, Sarah and Ronnie are in the photo, Lily was otherwise engaged. The journey began some eight years ago when the Foxes first showed interest in the purchase of the pub. An interesting few months of negotiation followed including the brilliant villagers rallying round, writing letters and getting press coverage led us to opening the door (just) at 5.00pm on Friday 6th September 2009. In the last eight years we have seen many faces both customers and staff come and go. We have held all sorts of events, parties, motorbike rallies, fun days, music nights and BBQ's. We have celebrated christenings, birthdays, weddings and sadly said goodbye to some very special people. So much has happened and there is still so much to come. Andy and Sarah are planning on putting heating in the skittle alley for next winter and plans are afoot for a renovation of the sports bar.



Andy and Sarah said, "We love living in Milborne St. Andrew and are really glad that our children are growing up in such a wonderful community. For those of you who know what we went through eight years ago, you will appreciate how stressful this has all been! We are looking forward to continuing to improve the pub and to living here for many years to come."

And what other news: Yaz is back for how long we aren't sure? The kitchen team have made a few amendments to the menu and did a cracking French menu for theme night. We are very much looking forward to Tex-Mex next month when everyone is welcome unlike Mr Trump's Tex-Mex ideas!

Our skittle team the Woodmen are still top of the B section, the darts team are third in the league and no one mentions football here at the moment because Andy is a Liverpool supporter!!

Don't forget to book your table for Carvery on Mothers Day! *JoJo*

## “There is nothing wrong with me. Should I still consider making a Power of Attorney?”



**Jerome Dodge**

Principal - Wills and Estate Planning

Yes! Powers of Attorney are hugely useful documents in which you can appoint people you trust to make financial and healthcare decisions on your behalf if you lack the capacity to do so yourself at a later date.

The key point is that you can only make a Power of Attorney at a time when you can understand its nature and effect. The consequences for you and those close to you of you losing capacity without having suitable Powers of Attorney

in place can be far reaching. If you do not make suitable Powers of Attorney and you happen to lose the capacity to manage your financial affairs, there is no guarantee who the Court will appoint to act on your behalf. Even if it's the person whom you would want to act, it would likely be significantly more expensive and complicated than if you make a Power of Attorney in advance.

Likewise, in terms of health and social care decisions, if you do not have a suitable

Lasting Power of Attorney, your family do not have the final say where you lack the capacity to make decisions yourself. In summary, Powers of Attorney are like insurance policies. Just because you make them doesn't mean they will need to be used in the future. But not having made them could have repercussions for you and your family.

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## A joyful English character . . . at the February WI

AFTER a warm welcome from our President, Jenny Preston, there was some discussion about future events. These seem to be well in hand – the zip-wire in Bournemouth is still taking bookings, the planned Literary Lunch at Athelhampton is now fully booked; two coaches are planned for the trip to the Portsmouth historical dockyards, and the visit to Bournemouth Air Show is also very much on the horizon. Nelda gave the financial statement and reported that our membership was looking buoyant.

Our stall at the Milton Abbas Street Fair on Saturday 29th July, will be going 'back to basics', so a small sub-committee has been set up with this in mind. At next month's open meeting, when the speaker will be talking about 'The Mary Rose', we will provide refreshments and cakes for a small charge. This month's pub lunch attracted a record number of members and we are grateful to The Royal Oak for fitting us in at such short notice. The next lunch will be on Monday 6th March.

Trisha Lewis entertained us with her energetic, amusing and delightful take on one of our best loved entertainers, Joyce Grenfell. A comedian, singer and actress, Joyce was born to an American mother in 1910 and for over 30 years appeared in revues, on radio and in films.

A niece of Nancy Astor, she and her husband, Reggie, lived on the Astor's Cliveden Estate. Despite her American background, she always appeared typically English in character and one of her first impersonations was of a speaker she had seen at a local WI! Alongside her wonderful monologues and songs, Joyce was an accomplished actress and is remembered particularly for her part in the St Trinian films.

The details of Joyce Grenfell's career and background remain fascinating, and with each song and monologue we were taken back in time, ending with a rendition of 'stately as a galleon . . .'. On our behalf Shirley thanked Trisha for bringing Joyce so vividly to life. This was an evening for remembering.

As mentioned above, Thursday 9th March is an Open meeting at which David Childs will talk about 'The Mary Rose'. We look forward to welcoming anyone who is interested. Please come along and share our tea, cakes and company.

Pat Bull

## Climbing toward summer at the Village Hall

THE good news is that with the donation of £12,000 from Tesco bags and our own fundraising we have now scraped together enough money for a climbing frame for the middle of the playground. There is a drawing of it in the village hall. It is on order and so by the time we get some good weather it should be up. Of course there is always a downside and we do have to apply for planning permission, but hopefully that will not be a problem.

We are delighted to welcome Linda Turner to the committee who is gradually taking over the work of our tireless outgoing treasurer Elizabeth Humphries. The next couple of months will see Linda completely taking the reins. To keep it in the family, Linda's husband Steve has agreed to be our maintenance man.

There should be colourful addition to the front of the hall as artist Emma Douglas would like to paint a mural in remembrance of her son who died age 21. More on this when we have a date when she will start.

Sadly, Roger Harrall has stepped down from the committee; he and Alice have been real stalwarts of the hall over many years. They are also stepping down as ArtsReach co-ordinators so we need someone from the village to take this on otherwise there won't be any more events. We wish Roger and Alice all the very best.

Linda Wright

## Rural broadband on Radio Solent

MILBORNE'S broadband woes were aired on Radio Solent last month, after residents had been in touch with the BBC. Laurence Herdman interviewed a number of villagers who had experienced poor broadband and service from BT, which was broadcast on the



breakfast news programme. The Butler family from Milborne had contacted the BBC since they felt they were getting nowhere with BT in resolving their poor broadband connection. Other residents were interviewed, along with me, to talk about what we all had been experiencing and how long the problem had been going on.

Mr Herdman broadcast live from the Village Hall car park, with the item going out after the main news bulletins and the topic of rural broadband being discussed on a phone-in afterwards. North Dorset MP, Simon Hoare, was interviewed and said that he was aware of the broadband problem here and he was working with BT and residents to try to get some progress on sorting out the issue. It was acknowledged that some internet users had seen an improvement, with speeds returning to a more acceptable level and the connection being more reliable.

But there is still work to be done. BT told Radio Solent that they did not believe there was a large issue in Milborne since they only had one live fault report on record. From Facebook correspondence with residents, we know that that is not the case; there are more than this. Mr Hoare has asked to be supplied with contact details of residents who still have unsatisfactory connections so he can pass on to BT so that they can investigate. If you do have slow internet, loss of connection, or a crackly phone line please pass on your details so I can send to Mr Hoare. If you haven't already done so, please send your name, address, telephone number and a very brief summary of the problem to [msabroadband@gmail.com](mailto:msabroadband@gmail.com) and I will add to the list. Please take a few minutes to do this as it will greatly help to getting this resolved if it is shown that it's not just a handful of residents.

Ed Richards

## Change of plan at Wednesday Club

THERE was a change of plan for the February meeting as it was felt that the visit to see the snowdrops at Kingston Lacy was too expensive for non National Trust members following National Trust's decision to end the £5 entry fee to the grounds and have a single charge of £12.50 (£14 with gift aid) to cover the house and garden. Instead we met at the Village Hall for a beetle drive which resulted in great hilarity.

Sadly, Ann Guy has decided to step down as chairman but we are pleased that she will remain as a member and would like to thank her for her past efforts. The committee will appoint a new chairman at their next committee meeting.

Our next meeting is in the Village Hall at 2.00pm on Wednesday 1st March when a representative from the Co-op will be giving a talk on Tax, Care and Toy Boys! All are welcome to attend.

Lis Watts

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## Complementary therapy for better health

ONCE upon a time I was studying Biomedical Science at university, destined for a career in medical research. That was before I contracted malaria and spent most of my twenties housebound with a debilitating chronic illness. Out of desperation and sheer determination to get well, I looked outside the conventional medicine box because the doctors had no answers for me. I began to educate myself about holistic therapies, food and nutrition. In my pursuit for health I have benefited from many treatments, including acupuncture, kinesiology, flower remedies and reflexology. All of these therapies helped in my healing, and these combined with a whole foods plant based diet and nutritional supplements, lead to my complete and full recovery.

My journey to wellness has so profoundly changed my view on health and food that I never returned to Biomedical Science. Instead I retrained in the field of complementary therapy to help others as it has done so for me. One thing that I have really learnt from this experience is that it is important to feel empowered to take responsibility for our own health and wellbeing especially because so many of our health problems today can be linked to, or directly caused by, stress (in its many guises), lifestyle choices and poor nutrition. Fortunately more and more of us are looking towards other healthcare systems for answers to our ailments where conventional pills and potions may be failing us, or where they are only part of the solution.



Complementary therapies are wide ranging and can be successfully used alongside conventional medicine. Being completely unique and holistic, treatments are tailored to the individual. The foundations of all natural and holistic treatments is to help restore and balance the body's own amazing healing mechanisms so the body is better able to heal itself naturally. Many chronic ailments usually take months and often years to manifest and whilst not necessarily a quick fix, many people find alleviation of

symptoms and achieve a better quality of life through these treatments.

I don't believe there is necessarily any one therapy or treatment that is the 'cure-all', or that it is a choice between either conventional or complementary. However, the way I found out how effective complementary therapies and a plant based diet were, was to try them out for myself. My personal experience was all the evidence I needed and I would suggest to anyone curious about how they can improve their symptoms and general health is to do your own research to see how holistic health care can help, and to always look for highly qualified practitioners who are associated with professional bodies. *Hollie Jeans*

### SPANISH EVENING

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## Flood Report (I am happy to report that there hasn't been one!!)

EVERYONE cannot have failed to notice that the river is very low. Contrary to some comments I have heard, the drains have not caused this or were responsible for the river to run dry in the summer. Being a 'winterbourne' (winter stream!) it is part of the natural cycle of flood and drought chalk streams encounter. However, some of you will have witnessed the sudden rush of water during this latest dry spell. This was not caused by someone releasing water from the lake (the sluices are in fact welded up) but by Wessex Water who were purging underground water bore holes at the top of Milton Road. This should be the last time such a discharge happens as the company have now installed new pumping arrangements that allow them to discharge to the stream at a much gentler pace but spread over a longer period of time. This will be monitored and if necessary the Environment Agency contacted again to chase the matter up.

We have had less than 50% of our normal winter rainfall (I am informed that many reservoirs in the Southwest are abnormally low) but other parts of Europe suffering floods and deluge and the Arctic having a 'heatwave'. It means the River Bere (Mill Stream) is well down, and thanks to most riparian owners keeping their stretch of river clear in September and the Environment Agency clearing the water vole area again (regrettably for the last time) it is running very free and clear. However, the photograph below shows some very rotten trees and branches that Mike Brown and I cleared from a small section of the river opposite the Village Hall. Even in our more gentler periods, had these fallen in to the river they could so easily have blocked any bridge or garden structure spanning the river. This



would have caused serious flooding and would be very dangerous to clear. Consequently I know for many this is stating the obvious but please

- monitor your stretch of river and remove any debris or rubbish floating through
- do not obstruct or place any restrictions in or around the river bank.
- Together we can keep the village dry!

If you are unsure please contact me or the EA for advice.

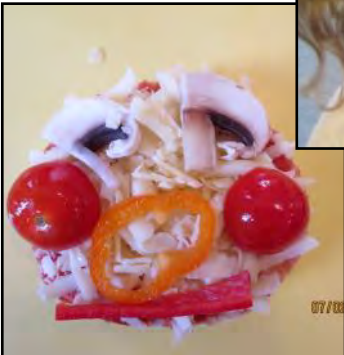
Finally for those of you who want more technical data the web link (<https://flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk/station/9049>) shows live data for the Delcombe Woods Borehole used by the EA for providing our flood warnings. It is interesting to look at and will be used by a small team of villagers to help the EA build up more reliable data to allow more accurate flood warnings in years to come. As a guide last year the readings peaked at about 139 metres and we didn't flood then despite the winter being as wet as when we did flood.

*Steve Lord*

# Three Little pigs at Ladybirds

"I'll huff and I'll puff and blow your house down"

Continuing with traditional stories Ladybirds has been reading the Three Little Pigs. We've talked about houses and made three large cardboard houses for the children to act out the story. The puppet theatre has been well used with shows



being performed although the story changed to include a puppy or princess. Of course we added some cooking - muffin pig pizza - the one in the picture has rosy cheeks!

We have also covered the Chinese New Year making lucky red money envelopes - with chocolate coins included.

We've changed the Ladybirds advert to include one of the children's large paintings in the background. The original is currently on the wall in the Village Hall - a picture of butterflies with smiling faces.

Liz Dyer

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**Reporter Magazine.**

A lot of people that live in the village when they receive the "Reporter" magazine through their letter box notice that there is a picture of the church on the cover and immediately think that it is a religious magazine and throw it into the litter bin.

The Reporter team take a long time writing and editing the magazine.

I would like to suggest the church on the front cover of the Reporter is omitted in future and see if this makes the magazine read by more people. If this does not happen then I am sure the magazine will be forced to close in the not too distant future. It is such a handy magazine if people require a local craftsman to come and carry out repairs in their houses. All the information that is required and the local telephone number is there, for the reader's use.

Robin Keller

**Dear concerned residents,**

In response to your letter in the February Reporter, we would like to bring your attention to several things. All villagers and general public are always welcome at parish council meetings, these are widely publicised but sadly very few people choose to attend. The Sports Club has undertaken a vigorous audit around spending and investment from the parish council. It was apparent to the parish councillors, even among those who maybe would have been reticent to offer funds, that those villagers who had taken the time to attend the meeting did genuinely feel this is a resource we as a council should be giving a chance to.

The current committee is very definitely making efforts to improve on previous committees lack lustre efforts and it was felt that a life belt should be thrown. It was also made patently clear by all council members that this was not to be viewed as a source of funding in the long term and it is now up to the Sports Club committee to make this work.

As a parish council member it is incredibly disheartening to read the sentence "We would like to see the village consulted properly regarding whether there is a need for the Sports Club and the uses to which villagers could put it" when we operate in an open and transparent way that people choose not to get involved in. There is no barrier other than lethargy.  
Councillor Fox and Councillor Robinson

**Milborne's Got The Blues – and we're not joking!**

EDITION number three of our great live Blues Nights will be on April 1st in the Village Hall, again raising funds for local children's charities. This time we're bringing you a newly formed band, Teed Up, hailing from the Southampton area, featuring talented blues musicians with impeccable pedigrees and extensive experience having played with some of the best and most famous in the industry. All the members of this four-piece band are very well known throughout the UK and beyond, having performed at festivals in many countries over the years.

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name? "Teed Up" is an old jazz slang term for being dressed up, suited, booted and ready to go . . . we are . . . are you?

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Scout Group (Secretary)	Brian Burton	01258 839033
Under 5's Group – The Busy Bees	Leanne Brown	07899 808185
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Village History Group	Pam Shults	01258 837203

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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

## March 2017

- Wednesday 1st** **Wednesday Club** a representative from the Co-op will talk on 'Tax, Care and Toy Boys' 2.00pm – see page 13.  
**Hedgehogs in Milborne Village Hall** 7.30pm – see below.
- Sunday 5th** **Philomena** film Church Hall Puddletown 6.00pm – see page 6.
- Monday 6th** **WI Pub Lunch** at The Royal Oak 12.30 for 1.00pm – see page 13.
- Wednesday 8th** **History Group** *Milborne Maps* The Royal Oak 7.30pm – see page 21.
- Thursday 9th** **Open WI meeting** David Childs 'The Mary Rose' Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 13.  
**100 Club Draw** The Royal Oak 8.00pm – see below.
- Wednesday 15th** **Parish Council Meeting** Village Hall 7.30 everyone welcome.
- Thursday 16th** **Gardening Club** *Plants for Samaritans* Village Hall 7.30pm.
- Friday 17th** **Milborne Movies** 'Our Kind of Traitor' Village Hall 7.30 everyone welcome – see pages 18 and 29.
- Sunday 19th** **Film** 'I Daniel Blake' Church Hall Puddletown 6.00pm – see page 6.
- Saturday 25th** **Village Lunch** Village Hall 12.15–2.30pm – see page 2 for menu.  
**Concert** at Blandford Forum's Parish Church, St. Peter and St. Paul 7.30 pm – see page 25.
- Sunday 26th** **St. Andrew's Church** discussion on 'I Daniel Blake' mentioned above—see page 6..

## 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 8–13 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 6.30–8.30pm (term time only)  
**Circuit training** Thursday 6.30–7.30pm (term time only)

## March 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.



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If you would like to find out more about this project in the meantime please take a look at [www.hedgehogstreet.org](http://www.hedgehogstreet.org) or [www.dorsetmammalgroup.org.uk](http://www.dorsetmammalgroup.org.uk)

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- energy companies
- telephone and internet companies
- furniture removers

There is also a Motor Ombudsman which covers the automotive industry. It can deal with complaints regarding vehicle sales – new and used, service, repair and vehicle warranties, provided the trader is a member. Most main dealers are members. Consumers can also 'rate' garages too.

Many trade associations also offer alternative dispute resolution as part of their services for their members. For instance, The Institute of Professional Willwriters offers a complaints service for complaints against willwriters and ABTA (The Travel Association) covers complaints involving leisure services such as package travel and travel agency services. The Federation of Master Builders covers complaints about the construction of new houses and house maintenance and improvement services, provided the trader is a member.

The Alternative Dispute Resolution Regulations 2015 require almost all businesses which sell directly to consumers to point the consumer to a certified ADR scheme – where they cannot resolve a dispute in-house, and declare whether or not they intend to use that scheme.

So if you have a complaint you can't resolve, always check to see whether your complaint is covered by an ombudsman scheme or other ADR scheme, before considering court action. Indeed, the courts will have expected you to have explored those routes first before bringing the matter to them.

If you would like advice about your consumer rights then please contact the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 03454 040506.

**Deadline for the next issue is mid-day 14th March**  
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## A diary, a purse and a bullet hole

THE history group this month looked at personal stories of World War One. People were asked to bring information about relatives who had served in the war. We heard about tragic deaths and amazing survivals. Not all served in France; there was Gallipoli and Mesopotamia not forgetting those who had served in the navy. There were photographs of young men in their uniforms and even artefacts. There was a small pocket diary written in fading pencil that stops abruptly in 1917; it was sent home to his young widow. The delicate silver topped purse that had hung on a soldier's belt, again returned to his family and a belt complete with bullet hole but this time the soldier amazingly survived.

Next month, on a more cheerful note, we are turning our attention to Milborne. We will be looking at old maps and comparing them to today. We want to gather information about original names of roads and areas and the old buildings in the village; do you know the history of your house? If so we would love to hear about it. Wednesday 8th March at 7.30 in The Royal Oak. *Linda Wright*

## This Month in History: March

### Births:

**March 9th, 1454:** In Florence, a man named Amerigo Vespucci was born. Now mostly forgotten by history, he was the first to prove that the West Indies and Brazil were not part of Asia's eastern outskirts – as initially conjectured from Columbus' voyages. Instead, he constituted an entirely separate landmass which was referred to as the "New World". This super continent was later given the name "America" by Vespucci, who voyaged there and recorded many notable local customs for the first time, not least cannibalism.

**March 22nd, 1869:** Emilio Aguinaldo was born in Kawait, Philippines. He played a leading role in the revolution against Spain (1896–1897) and against the United States during the Philippine-American War (1899–1901). In June 1898, he declared the Philippines independent from Spain. However, by February 1899 he was fighting the Philippine-American War (1899–1901), and when captured in 1901 swore an oath of allegiance to the US in the face of outstanding odds.

**March 27th, 1912:** James Callaghan was born in Portsmouth. Prime Minister of the UK from 1976 to 1979 and Labour leader from 1976 to 1980, he is largely remembered for the "Winter of Discontent" in 1978–79. During a very cold winter, his battle with trade unions led to massive strikes that seriously inconvenienced the public, and played a significant part in his defeat in the polls by Margaret Thatcher.

### Deaths:

**March 4th, 1193:** Saladin, First Sultan of Egypt and Syria, died of fever in Damascus. A Muslim of Kurdish origin, he led the Muslim opposition to the European Crusaders in the Levant – defeating Crusader forces and capturing Jerusalem; sparking the Third Crusade. Saladin eventually brought an end to the Third Crusade with a treaty signed by himself and Richard the Lionheart. At the height of his power, his sultanate included Egypt, Syria, Mesopotamia, Yemen, and other parts of North Africa.

**March 10th, 1913:** Harriet Tubman dies of pneumonia in New York. Born into slavery in Maryland, Tubman escaped north in 1849 returning to rescue other slaves over a period of eight years. During this time, she used the secret Underground Railroad to free over 300 slaves and successfully evade capture. Employed by the Union army in the US Civil War, she was the first woman to lead a raid helping liberate hundreds of slaves during the Combahee River Raid. In later life she was a strong supporter of women's suffrage.

**March 14th, 1995:** John Peters Humphrey dies aged 89 in Montreal. A Canadian legal scholar and human rights activist, he was the Director of the United Nations Division of Human Rights, within the United Nations Secretariat. Humphrey was also a principal drafter of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. After consulting with the executive group of the Commission, chaired by Eleanor Roosevelt, Professor Humphrey published the first draft of what was to become the Universal Declaration of Human Right; in the words of Eleanor Roosevelt: "the magna carta for all mankind".

### Events:

**March 2nd, 1807:** US Congress bans the slave trade within the US, effective January 1st, 1808. The British would later ban the slave trade too, on March 25th. However, slavery itself was first banned by the British in 1833. The US would not ban slavery until 1865 – sparking the US Civil War.

**March 7th, 1530:** King Henry VIII's divorce request is denied by the Pope. Henry then declares that he, not the Pope, is supreme head of England's church. This later became known as the English Reformation, and Henry is later excommunicated for his actions – leading to yet more wars with France and Spain throughout his reign and the whole of the Tudor period.

**March 21st, 1975:** Ethiopia abolishes its monarchy after 3,000 years. The last monarch to rule Ethiopia was Amha Selassie, who was offered the throne by the Derg, the committee of lower-ranking military and police officials that had deposed his father Haile Selassie on September 12th, 1974. When Amha Selassie, understandably mistrustful of the Derg, refused to return to Ethiopia to rule, the Derg announced that the monarchy had ended. The 1995 Constitution of Ethiopia confirmed the abolition of the Emperorship. *Mark Ferguson*



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## Milborne St. Andrew Food and Wine Club – January

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The food was beautifully presented and superbly matched by the taste. There was much lip licking when the desserts arrived! Those members not partaking in a dry January also enjoyed some liquid refreshment! All this deliciousness certainly did not dent anyone's purse either. The chatter during the lunch from the 27 members attending was testament to everyone's satisfaction. The photograph is proof of our enjoyment – the plates not quite licked clean,



although I am sure many of us were tempted!

There were several new members attending and all remarked on the club's welcoming atmosphere. Our new idea to have a midweek event at lunchtime was a great success, although we

greatly missed those members who were precluded through work commitments.

We are planning a great variation of events for this year's programme and a few extra dates too, so there will be plenty of opportunities for all our members. We are also very happy to say that we have an increased membership for 2017. *Susie Edwards*

## Gardening questions

DO you have a gardening question for our expert Maureen Lock to answer? Send your questions to the *Reporter* at [msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk), our Facebook page or give to a *Reporter* team member whose details can be found on page 2.

## The Engagement

You were sat there on the wet pavement,  
Your blanket pulled up over your head, trying to keep off the rain.  
Ironically, it reminded me of an invisibility cloak  
But you we're already unseen by those who hurried past.

You were wearing all the clothes you had  
Apart from a woollen hat, lying sodden on the ground.  
A few coins lay inside it, as forlorn as you were  
Before you lay a cardboard sign that simply read "god bless you"

I watched as people turned their eyes towards you,  
And looked right through you.  
As if they were gawping at the last of an endangered species in a zoo.  
Their uncaring, judgemental curiosity enraged me.

Your head was down as I approached  
As you fumbled to peel a small orange with your trembling fingers.  
Stupidly I asked if you were okay – because seeing you huddled on the ground in the rain hadn't convinced me – and then I asked if you wanted a hot drink.

You smiled at me, thanked me and called me Sir, then asked for tea with two sugars.

So I got you a tea with two sugars.  
And a toasty, and a cookie.

I walked back to where you remained ignored.  
I handed the items over to you.  
Your gratitude spilled over, and you called me sir again, and an angel.  
I think I blushed.

I then walked away, back to my life.  
I left you there, on the cold ground  
Huddled beneath the wet blanket, invisible.  
I went back to my warm home, with its chairs and sofas and bed.

I wanted you to know that you are not invisible.  
I wanted you to know you are seen.  
And you are seen as a person, not just a shape to step over.  
And I want you to know that the gratitude and thankfulness you showed, shames and humbles me.

You who have so little  
Openly gave so much  
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## Backstage – Introducing The Players

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That's what it feels like, being part of a Milborne Players production. OK, so it is hard work – everything from choosing a good script and learning the lines, making the set and the props, planning the lighting, making the costumes, organising ticket sales, raffle, refreshments, and so much more. But it's true what they say that "many hands make light work" – everyone pulls together to make sure it all gets done.

And so, after all those months of preparation, we put on our show, the audience seem to like it – and we enjoy it too! Backstage, the atmosphere is brilliant, with lots of laughter and leg-pulling, encouraging each other, and basically being great friends.

Our final performance is always followed by a knees-up and a few libations – just to refresh our tired voices, you understand – well, who could possibly go straight to bed when you're on such a high?!

And the next day, we all head back to the hall for a mammoth clear-up (unfortunately for us, our Panto Fairy's magic seems to conk out at midnight!), followed by a bit more socialising in our excellent friendly local pub for a delicious Sunday lunch . . . and a lively discussion about how to make the next thing even bigger and better!

What can I say but "Watch this space" – we've got great plans for Milborne Players. We hope very much that you will be part of it too, either by joining the cast or being in the audience.

Milborne Players meets Monday nights at 7.45pm in the Village Hall.  
*Adrienne Rogers*

## GARDENING CLUB

### Gardening for climate change



THE first meeting of the year, in January, was well attended by members, though we had hoped that such a topical subject would also appeal to others. Never mind, you can all read the latest Ladybird book on the subject by Prince Charles instead!

Our talk was given by Mike Burke, Managing Director of the prize winning Gardens Group, who said that whatever your opinion on climate change, whether it is a natural phase or man-made, good results always depend on the quality of the soil. It matters little whether that soil is rocky, sandy, clay or chalk as we have in Milborne, it can always be improved.

To give plants the best chance, even in changing weather conditions, it helps to apply or dig in humus – compost of rotted down vegetable matter which can be produced at home in a compost heap or bin. This will break down heavy soil such as clay and enable sandy and chalk soils to retain water, helping to overcome too little or too much rain. On the other hand in times of drought it can be spread over soil as a mulch to gradually sink in over winter when it will deter weeds, and retain moisture in the soil. This can also be achieved with a layer of bark or similar material and will save the chore of watering, and indeed possibly scarce water.

Mike also brought along a selection of plants which were not dependent on special growing conditions and would therefore succeed in most places and weathers. He drew our attention to various new varieties of seeds being produced which are resistant to pests and diseases and difficult weather conditions such as tomato and potato varieties resistant to blight which has been very prevalent in recent years.

We all felt we had learned a lot from this talk and were also delighted to be given a half price voucher for any plant from the garden centres. Two people have already spent them on an apple tree and a camellia – very good value!

Our talk in March will be quite different. It is to be given by a lady who raises funds for the Samaritans charity locally who will also speak about how they have been encouraged to use an old walled garden in Weymouth to grow plants to support their work. There will be vegetables for sale too.

Do please come along.

*Sally Dyer*

### Concert in Blandford

MAKE a note in your diaries to join us for our forthcoming Concert at Blandford Forum's Parish Church, St. Peter and St. Paul on Saturday, 25th March 2017 at 7.30 pm.

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# Reports of a 'purple patch' at the Sports Club are true!



IN a world of qualified truths and alternative facts there are some that are more believable than others.

Lurking under the grass either side of the Lane End gates are 300 purple crocus. As we speak they are doggedly (sneakily) making their way to the surface and have been specially trained to avoid being trampled on by passing foot sloggers and the occasional dog walkers who gaze longingly and lovingly at all that expanse of grass going to dog walking waste (or not!!)

The crocuses were paid for by the local Dorchester Rotary Club and the money will be used to help fund the final push to eradicate Polio worldwide. So now you know and if they do

make it to the surface it should be a good show.

Things are moving on apace the other side of the hedge (have you spotted our brand spanking new signs all c/o the Football Foundation and the Department for Culture, Media and Sport?).

The Sports Club committee are intent on delivering the original objectives of the Sports Club constitution namely:

*"To provide sports facilities for recreational and leisure time occupation in the interests of social welfare with the object of improving the conditions of life of the inhabitants of Milborne St. Andrew and surrounding area".*

At the January Parish Council 'precept setting meeting' we were disappointingly not considered to be a community facility on the same footing as the Church, the Village Hall and other community groups. As a result we thought that it might be a good idea to test the water and carry out our own "quick and dirty" poll and to hold a snap open morning on Feb 11th.

## Exciting times ahead!

The Facebook poll, with all its limitations of the audience it hit and the seven day timespan has certainly provided us with some food for thought and an open door for anyone willing to develop these aspirations into real activities. The drop in craft club/café is a definite maybe.

Despite the recent attempts of some "concerned residents" to sow seeds of doubt about the 100 Club we can confirm here that the 100 Club has been revamped and relaunched and will be a success. The £100 per month 1st prize is not to be sniffed at and a bit of a 'no-brainer'.

The so called 'now defunct Football Club' (go tell that to the U12's) has never been responsible for the 100 Club. The truth is that when the Sports Club started the 100 Club it invited the Church to share in the proceeds as a gesture of inclusiveness and goodwill. When members of the Church community made a grab for it in September 2016 the following note was obtained from NDDC Licensing: *"Dear Mr Lock, as far as the Council is concerned the Lottery Registration is for the Sports Club. I hope that helps, Kind regards Aileen"*

The Sports Club remains deeply committed to the sporting element and wish the U12s, soon to be the U13s no doubt, all the success they deserve and just to add that the outside training lights will be repaired and available soon.

The Parish Council deferred rather than rejected the Centenary Field proposal.

IT IS NOT TRUE to say that the upkeep of the Centenary site will be a burden on future generations. I refer to the note from Fields in Trust, the co organisers along with the Royal British Legion that was also sent to Parish Councillors.

*"Hi Richard, The Deed places an expectation that the landowner/managers will ensure it is maintained and available for use as a recreation space, but it certainly does not mean there will be a burden of keeping it in pristine condition.*

*We protect a whole range of sites from parks and playing fields to village greens; play areas to bike trails and other general open space. Kind regards, Terry"*

Once again history has a habit of repeating itself; during the WW1 conflict 20 members of the total population of 434 lost their lives and apparently Milborne has one of the dubious honours of being recorded as being one of the few villages in Dorset where you will not find a 20th Century War memorial.

We at the Sports Club remain committed to this project.

We also have the support of the Surgery and many members of the community in the development of the facilities into a "wellbeing" centre for all ages and we look forward to any outcomes that flow from the Neighbourhood Planning Group, from the FACEBOOK poll and our own questionnaire that was launched at the open morning and will be hitting your doormat in the near future.

What was really interesting at the open meeting was the widely held view that the locked gates mean "KEEP OUT" and that is not the message that we want to convey. The locked gates are to deter any indiscriminate caravan parking. Anyone can use the facilities whenever they like for whatever (within reason) so a safe running area is just one of many.

Our bottom line in all of this: "We're here for you"

# Benefit Advice Sessions

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## Dorchester

Sessions normally operate on the fourth Thursday in each month, between 9.00am and 12.30pm at Age UK Dorchester. To make an appointment, please contact Age UK Dorchester on 01305 269444 or at Rowan Cottage, 4 Prince of Wales Road, Dorchester DT1 1PW [www.ageuk.org.uk/dorchester](http://www.ageuk.org.uk/dorchester)

**Next session 16th March**

## Weymouth

Sessions will operate on the second Thursday in each month, between 9.30am and 11.30am at Weymouth Community Safety Centre (new fire station), Radipole Lane, Weymouth, DT4 0QF, and will be by appointment only.

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**Next session 9th March**

## Sherborne

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# Our Kind of Traitor (15)

shown by 'Milborne Movies'

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on Friday 17th March 2017 at 7.30pm

THIS film is about an ordinary English couple, Perry (Ewan McGregor) and Gail (Naomie Harris), who while on holiday in Marrakech are befriended by a flamboyant and charismatic Russian, Dima (Stellan Skarsgård). Unbeknownst to them, Dima is a kingpin money launderer for the Russian mafia and the couple find themselves lured into the Russian oligarch's plans to defect. They are soon positioned between the Russian Mafia and the British Secret Service, neither of whom they can trust. Dima wants Perry to transport a memory stick to London. As the man who launders Russian mob money, Dima says he'll name prominent Brits who are in cahoots with Russian crime czars. In return, he wants asylum for himself and his family. Once Perry agrees to transport the memory stick, he's in over his head.

As played by Skarsgård, Dima is a wonderful creation: a tattooed, garrulous bear of a man who regards sex and violence with nonchalance but perks up at any demonstration of honour or bravery. You can tell this crook has seen some shit and that the rarest thing in his world right now is an honest man. Perry doesn't captivate quite so much. He's a typical spy-story protagonist: the wrong man in the wrong place at the right time. But McGregor brings depth to the role. This adaptation is a good example of spymaster John Le Carré's work with veteran British director Susanna White who does a dutiful job delivering a taut espionage thriller soundly grounded in human drama.

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

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## Road works, sometime

The A354 at Basan Hill is currently programmed for extensive patching at the start of June this year. At the moment it looks like this work will take two weeks and will be carried out with off-peak traffic management of stop/go and some road closures. More detail will be available nearer the time and provided to local councillors.

## Can you identify where this is in Milborne?



Be the first to send your answer to [msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk](mailto: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 April Reporter.

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



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## Motoring along into spring

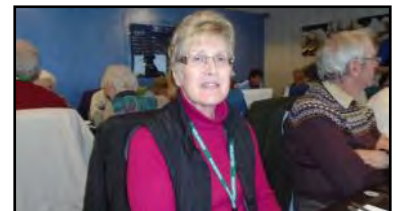
OUR first outing of the New Year got off to a flying start despite the fog! We had 45 passengers and three DCT buses as we headed off to our 'mystery' destination to the Anglebury Arms, Wareham. Everyone had a great time as we drew the raffle for our Grand Draw. Lots of prizes kindly donated from the businesses of Blandford and our passengers too. With so many attending, one of our passengers suggested that we have a New Year Party and as it was Burns Night, our volunteers got busy making heather corsages for everyone. To add to the party atmosphere we had Scottish music playing in the background.

Our first outing of February was popular too as we headed off to Turbury Business Park, Poole for shopping and lunch at Lakeside. For some, it was the first opportunity of the year to catch up with friends. Please see photos below

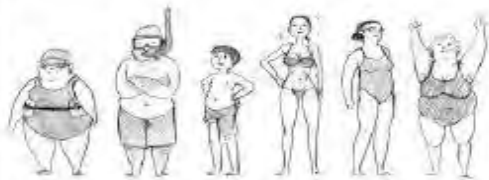


**SATURDAY 4th March** is the start of Dementia Week and we are off to Sandringham Court, Dorchester to support their Dementia Fundraising: Craft and Coffee Morning – please see March poster for details.

Forward dates for the diary are a Horse Drawn Barge Trip, a visit to a National Trust Property and a cruise along the Jurassic Coast – further details to be included later or visit our website – On Board Volunteers are always welcome as we progress into new areas and help reduce social isolation. For an informal chat in the first instance, please contact us by phone on 01258 837749 or 079717298321



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## Did you identify this?



The photograph in the February Reporter was taken from The Causeway. Robin Keller again came up with the correct answer.

Try your luck this month on page 29.



# In your Garden

Seasonal notes and tips from Maureen Lock of *designerGardens*

## Potting Compost

### I was asked two questions this month:

*How often should I renew the compost in the pots in our garden which are usually planted with annuals?*

*And we have two large pots with small shrubs in them, should they be repotted with fresh compost as for the annuals?*



### Growing annuals in pots:

If your pots are small, then I would recommend changing the compost completely each year; however if they are large containers you can renew about a third to a half of the old compost each year and replace with new. Compost only holds its nutrients for a few weeks so whether you replace all or part of your compost, it is essential that you add some slow-

release fertiliser which usually lasts for six months. Something like Osmocote would do the trick. You will need to change the compost every year in hanging baskets to speed up active growth, but I think that most people do that anyway.

You can generally tell if the compost has come to the end of its life when it slumps inside the pot and becomes heavy and horrible. This is because the compost starts to decompose and this fills up the air spaces needed for healthy growth.

You can put the old compost on the garden as long as there are no



pests or diseases in it, or add it to the compost heap where the active heat will kill off any nasties.

### Permanent containers with shrubs:

Firstly – plant your shrubs using a compost specifically for shrubs and add some soil based John Innes formula to ensure the structure stays open and airy. Some composts will already have this added to them.



As your plants grow in size, you may want to repot them into a larger container – using new fresh compost (containing John Innes) as you repot. You **MUST** check the roots and ensure that there are no 'nasties' buried

inside – vine weevil, ants and woodlice.

However, if you don't want a bigger pot, you can topdress by removing 5cm (2") of the old compost and replace with new. You do

not need to repot each year with fresh compost as you might for annuals.

**Feeding – all containers:** Feed from April to the end of August using a general purpose feed or fork in some slow release fertilizer. Always feed when the compost is moist for best results. We don't tend to feed plants after the end of August, because feeding them promotes new soft growth which can be damaged when the weather turns cold and frosty.



**COMPOST:** To clear up any confusion: where compost is mentioned in this article, I don't mean garden compost i.e. the sort you dig into the borders; I mean 'potting compost' i.e. the sort you put into pots. John Innes formula is a soil-based compost and there are John Innes 1, 2 and 3 each containing progressively more feed to suit larger plants in bigger pots. Note that John Innes based compost is no good for hanging baskets as it is too heavy.

Ensure that you use Ericaceous compost for acid loving plants (ie camellias, azaleas, rhododendrons and skimmias).

Maureen Lock





The Players are looking to bring you a play in June which will be announced shortly but don't forget we always need new faces to share the stage and mix things up. So if you think you fancy a go, come on down. Contact Gren our Chairman on 01258 839056. Caroline Nobbs .....  
For the Milborne Players  
Photos by Heather V Hogg





# Singapore – Success built on Equality and Tolerance

MANY people have heard of Singapore as the place where thousands of British and Australian Soldiers were held prisoners by the Japanese in ghastly conditions during World War 2, and the poor military campaign which led to the ‘impregnable’ island falling to the Japanese very quickly.

Fewer may have heard of the great success the island has become since self-rule and later independence from British rule. After a brief period of being federated with Malaya, Singapore, an island roughly the size of the Isle of Wight, has become an independent nation, a

powerhouse of trade and shipping, a hub of movement of goods around the world and a successful, peaceful society with minimal unemployment, an excellent education system, and housing for everyone.

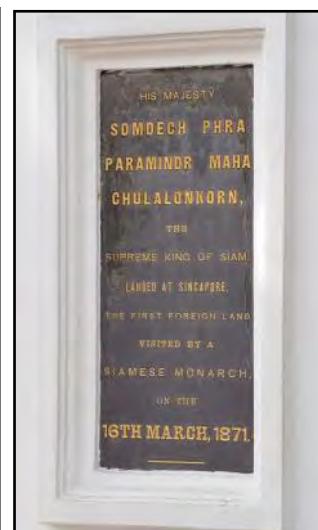
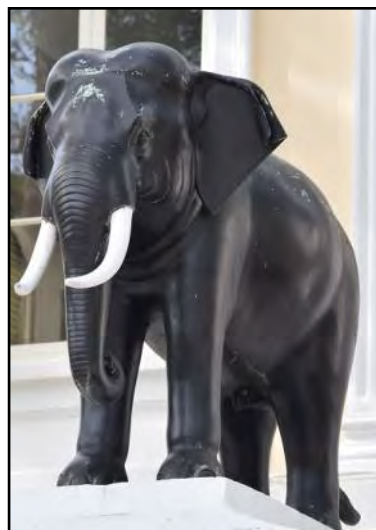
The population may have Malay, Chinese, British or Singaporean backgrounds, but all are Singaporeans first. Everyone is equal before the law, has equal opportunity to succeed in the Civil Service and Politics, and the numerous religions co-exist and tolerate one another. In



Singapore City there is a pub next to the mosque, two doors down is the temple, and across the road is a Methodist church. We arrived as the Chinese New Year (14 nights of partying and fun) was getting into full swing, and large parts of the city were decorated with fiery roosters, red lanterns, and fortune trees. The mosque, church and temple had large signs outside wishing their Chinese neighbours

the compliments of the season. All the Singaporeans we spoke to stressed how important this religious tolerance has been to the safety and stability of their nation, which celebrated its 50th birthday recently. They are proud to have avoided the troubles which have hit Indonesia and Malaya since those countries became independent.

We spent a morning in the company of Denis, an ‘original Singaporean’. This means that he was born before 1949. Everyone in this category has special privileges, cheaper housing and extra social help if they need it. They are also allowed free into the many museums and attractions such as the Flowers by the Bay (more of that in the next instalment). He felt very lucky that every month, he is visited by an



official to check that he is ok, and has everything he needs. We were astounded at this level of social care. Apparently companies pay a lot of tax to fund this! Denis took us for a long walk around the city, showing us old and new buildings, which we could not have found by ourselves, and giving us a deal of history about them. For example there is a statue of an elephant which was raised when the King of Siam (yes, the one from ‘The King and I’) visited Singapore – his first visit to any foreign country.

We finished our tour in the Chinese Market – a vast array of vegetables, fruits, fish, chickens



and frogs for sale, much of it still alive and killed freshly as the customer paid. It is now the law that people must not kill food at home, but they still prefer the meat and fish to be as fresh as possible. I haven’t included pictures of this for a family magazine, but it was very refreshing to see that children saw

and understood that food does not all come shrink wrapped from a supermarket.

More about the sights and history of Singapore in next month’s issue!

Susan Wilson





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## Timeline

of our hopes to complete the village's own Neighbourhood Plan – which we all feel is desperately needed to control styles and places of development!



As promised, a few more results from the Questionnaire and the Research of the group.

## Parking

The questionnaire responses highlighted that there is a problem with on road parking in certain areas of the village, although many felt that their own parking was sufficient. Due to the poor public transport, a lot of people depend on their vehicles. But it is clear that a parking policy is needed for any new development. This policy will include the minimum required level of car parking required for new developments (of all sizes) within the Parish of Milborne. The draft policy for discussions suggests that Garages, car ports or car barns must be designed so that they can be used for the parking of cars (rather than for storage), reducing the demand for on-street parking.

The draft policy requires a minimum allocated allowance of 2 spaces for a one bedroom dwelling, (flat or house), 2 spaces for a two bed, 3 spaces for a three bed, 3 for a four bed and 4 for a five bed dwelling.

Where a dwelling has a garage which is big enough to be deemed to be one of the allocated space, there is a requirement to provide an extra ½ an unallocated space per garage for that dwelling (rounded up per development) this is due to the chances of the garage not being used for its designed purpose. This requirement does not apply to car ports or car barns due to them not being suitable to be used for alternative purposes.

### Business And Employment

A draft policy for this area has been constructed for further discussion:

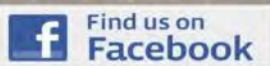
*"The Neighbourhood Plan (NP) will endeavour to support the creation of additional small units. It will resist change of use of existing stock from commercial to domestic. The NP will attempt to identify suitable employment sites for small units (reflecting results from the questionnaire). And the NP will establish a definition of criteria for 'sympathetic', a term used in many of the guidelines for style of building."* Do you agree with this, or should it be challenged? Let us know.

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