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Calling all villagers

SOME ladies of the village would like to kill two birds with one stone. Our aim is to clear the paths of litter and dog poo whilst raising money for the third defibrillator and on-going maintenance costs.

We intend to do this one day mid June, when it's not raining, in the hope that all who appreciate the gesture and results will make a donation in one of the collection boxes situated in the post office, pub or Londis store.

Maybe, this will also provide the necessary impetus for the occupants of Milborne St. Andrew to maintain and take pride in our litter and poo free beautiful village.



Milborne St Andrew
PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

TWO vacancies have arisen on the Parish Council which will hopefully be filled by co-optation at the Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 14th June 2017.

For more information about the posts please contact the Clerk, Colin Hampton, Fairways, Streetway Lane, Cheselbourne, Dorchester DT2 7NU. Telephone: 01258 837011. email: msa.parish.clerk@gmail.com

Applications should be made in writing to the Clerk giving a brief description of your experience and why you would like to serve as a Parish Councillor.

Closing Date: Wednesday 7th June 2017.

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THE *Reporter* welcomes articles from all individuals and voluntary organisations in the village. Our editor David, works very hard to gather everything submitted to msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk, along with regular features and the advertisements from the lovely local businesses which support us. His work goes on throughout the month, assisted by Jo, our new assistant editor.

The deadline for articles is noon on **14th of the month**. This is so that the process of editing and correction, making up, proof reading, sending to the printer, checking the printer's draft, printing, distributing and delivering can all take place before you receive your *Reporter* in time for the first day of the month.

Please make sure that if you are sending material to the *Reporter*, you bear this deadline in mind. If your event is after 14th (as the Parish Council meetings often are), space can be left and the article dropped into the printer's draft, but the Editor needs to know in advance, and you need to send in the material as swiftly as possible. We don't guarantee to print everything submitted, because of space, legal matters, etc., but we cannot print articles submitted after noon on the 14th of the month for publication in the next month's *Reporter*.

Your understanding and help are appreciated very much by the Reporter Team.

Notice of structural work

NOTICE is given that there will be structural work carried out in and around St. Andrew's church starting on 10th July for approximately 15 weeks. Thanks to villagers who helped us fundraise and for grants from Dorset Historic Churches Trust, National Churches Trust, Erskine Muton Trust Fund and Viridor. For further information please contact Pam Shults, churchwarden on 01258 837203 or pamshults@btinternet.com

Gardening Club Plant Sale



THE Gardening Club's annual Plant Sale and Coffee Morning on Saturday 13th May was a very successful event this year. Members produced a large range of plants from seedlings to shrubs and including flowers, vegetables, herbs, fruit bushes and indoor plants. Our customers had a great deal of choice and much of the stock sold very quickly, especially perennial border plants.

The coffee morning part also proved very popular as there were a lot of delicious home made cakes available which were really appreciated by those who came as well as the helpers.

Altogether the sum raised was £320 – an excellent total. There were some plants left over and these were being taken to the School Fair on May 20th so the total may be a little more.

The Gardening Club would like to thank all those who supported the event and remind you that we welcome visitors to our monthly meetings. The next one, with a talk on Mediterranean Gardening, is on June 15th. See our monthly advert in the *Reporter*. *Sally Dyer*

St. Andrew celebrates St. George



A GROUP of 30 people from Milborne St. Andrew decided to get together and celebrate St. George's Day in style by having a slap-up meal at the Walnut Grove restaurant in

Dorchester on Saturday 22nd April. There was roast beef, toad in the hole and many other typically English dishes for all three courses.



The food was excellent, the wine and beer that flowed was also excellent, and everyone had a



very good evening.

I expect that we shall do it all again next year.

Brian Burton





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We are thrilled to announce that this year the Street Fair will be opened by the famous author and broadcaster Kate Adie, well known for her long service as the BBC's Chief News Correspondent. Kate Adie presents "From Our Own Correspondent" on BBC Radio 4 and is the author of several bestselling books. She became a familiar figure through her work on the BBC where she was one of the first British women to have been dispatched to war zones and dangerous situations around the world. Kate was awarded the OBE in 1993. You can read more about her achievements and the books she has written by visiting her website at <http://kateadie.co.uk>.



Katie Adie – picture taken by Ken Lennox

As in past years many residents and stall holders will enter into the spirit of the Street Fair and come in 18th Century costume; it would be lovely if as a visitor you also joined in the fun and dressed in costume. Don't forget there are prizes for the best dressed lady, man and child. You can buy or hire costumes from us for a small charge; just come along to the Reading Rooms (opposite St. James Church) on Saturday 17th June or Saturday 8th July between 10.00am and 12 o'clock when we



will have all the costumes available for you to try on.

Please take a look at our new dedicated Street Fair website at www.miltonabbasstreetfair.co.uk, where you can keep up to date with all the latest news, or "like" us on Facebook. We look forward to welcoming you to this fun filled day on Saturday 29th July.

Correction to Chairman's Annual Report

Please would you put a correction in next month's issue. In my Chairman's report I said that the flood warden could be seen riding his bicycle. Apparently this is incorrect and I would like an amendment published please.

Kind regards
Jenny Balcon

Reminder of road closure

The Causeway will be closed for a week some time in June. It is to replace several drain covers and reset them so they shouldn't make a noise.

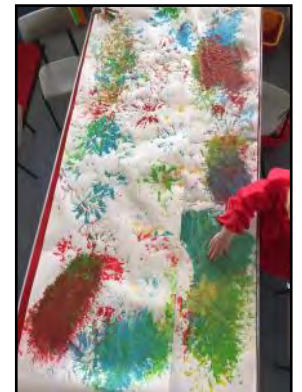


Busy Bees

HELLO from Busy Bees Milborne St. Andrew's parent and baby/toddler group. We just wanted to make sure everyone knows a little bit about us; we are a small and friendly local group and we would love to welcome any newcomers who wanted to come along and give us a try.

We run every Thursday in term time from 9.30-11.30am at the Sports Pavilion in Milborne St. Andrew. The session costs £2 per family and we provide tea/coffee and squash; we also have snack time for the children and cake for the adults which our group members help supply on a voluntary basis.

We have lots of different toys and books for the children and a lovely outside space for when it's warm and dry. We have different activities for the children such as crafts, play dough, painting and planting



seeds; as well as offering parents a space to catch up and chat. We celebrate all of the children's birthdays with a song and a small gift; and we have Christmas and Halloween parties, an Easter egg hunt



and an end of summer term trip out to a local attraction.

We are a charity and do various fundraising events in order to keep the group going. Many of the current children will soon be moving on to

preschool and school and we would love to meet some of the youngest members of our community to keep the group running. We look forward to meeting you soon. If you have any questions please feel free to give us a call Julianne 07846 256694 or Leanne Brown 07899 808185.

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This month we have a General Election, and clergy have been asked to share this slightly abridged letter from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York with their parishes.

Sarah Hillman

The season of Easter invites us to celebrate and to renew our love of God and our love of neighbour, our trust and hope in God and in each other. In the midst of an election campaign, our first obligation as Christians is to pray for those standing for office, and to continue to pray for those who are elected. We recognise the enormous responsibilities and the vast complexity of the issues that our political leaders face. We are constantly reminded of the personal costs and burdens carried by those in political life and by their families.

Our second obligation as Christians is to set aside apathy and cynicism, participate, and encourage others to do the same. Practically that could mean volunteering for a candidate, or simply making sure to vote on 8th June. The Christian virtues of love, trust and hope should guide and judge our actions, as well as the actions and policies of all those who are seeking election and to lead our country.

This election is being contested against the backdrop of deep and profound questions of identity. Opportunities to renew and reimagine our shared values as a country and a United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland only come around every few generations; we are in such a time. Our Christian heritage, our current choices and our obligations to future generations and to God's world will all play a shaping role. If our shared British values are to carry the weight of the challenges ahead of us, they must have at their core cohesion, courage and stability.

Cohesion is what holds us together. The United Kingdom at its best has been represented by a sense not only of living for ourselves, but by a concern for the weak, poor and marginalised, and for the common good. At home that includes education for all, the need for urgent and serious solutions to our housing challenges, the importance of creating communities as well as buildings, and a confident and flourishing health service that gives support to all – especially the vulnerable – not least at the beginning and end of life. Abroad it is seen in many ways, including the 0.7% Aid commitment, standing up for those suffering persecution on grounds of faith, and our current campaigns against slavery, trafficking, and sexual violence in conflicts.

Courage, which includes aspiration, competition and ambition, should guide us into effective and just trading agreements that will also reduce the drivers for mass movements of peoples. We must be an outward looking and generous country, with distinctive contributions to peacebuilding, development, the environment and welcoming the stranger in need. Our economic and financial systems at home and abroad should aim to be engines of innovation, not simply traders for their own account. The need for a just economy is clear, but there is also the relatively new and influential area of 'just finance', and there are dangers of an economy over-reliant on debt, which risks crushing those who take on too much. Courage also demands a radical approach to education, so that the historic failures of technical training and the over-emphasis on purely academic subjects are rebalanced, growing productivity and tackling with vigour the exclusion of the poorest groups from future economic life.

Stability, an ancient and Benedictine virtue, is about living well with change. Stable communities will be skilled in reconciliation, resilient in setbacks and diligent in sustainability, particularly in relation to the environment. They will be ones in which we can be collectively a nation of 'glad and generous

hearts'. To our concern for housing, health and education as foundations for a good society, we add marriage, the family and the household. These should be nurtured and supported as such, not just for the benefit of their members, but as a blessing for the whole of society.

Contemporary politics needs to re-evaluate the importance of religious belief. The assumptions of secularism are not a reliable guide to the way the world works, nor will they enable us to understand the place of faith in other people's lives. Parishes and Chaplaincies of the Church of England serve people of all faiths and none. Their contribution and that of other denominations and faiths to the well-being of the nation is immense – schools, food banks, social support, childcare among many others – and is freely offered. But the role of faith in society is not just measured in terms of service-delivery.

The new Parliament, if it is to take religious freedom seriously, must treat as an essential task the improvement of religious literacy. More immediately, if we aspire to a politics of maturity and generosity, then the religious faith of any election candidate should not be treated by opponents as a vulnerability to be exploited. We look forward to a media and political climate where all candidates can feel confident that they can be open about the impact of their faith on their vocation to public service.

Religious belief is the well-spring for the virtues and practices that make for good individuals, strong relationships and flourishing communities. In Britain, these embedded virtues are not unique to Christians, but they have their roots in the Christian history of our four nations. If treated as partners in the project of serving the country, the churches – and other faiths – have much to contribute to a deep understanding and outworking of the common good.

Political responses to the problems of religiously-motivated violence and extremism, at home and overseas, must recognise that solutions will not be found simply in further secularisation of the public realm. Mainstream religious communities have a central role to play; extremist narratives require compelling counter-narratives that have a strong theological and ideological foundation.

Cohesion, courage and stability are all needed in our response to the continuing national conversation about migration and refugees. Offering a generous and hospitable welcome to refugees and migrants is a vital expression of our common humanity, but it is not without cost and we should not be deaf to the legitimate concerns that have been expressed about the scale of population flows and the differential impact it has on different parts of society. The pressures of integration must be shared more equitably.

These deep virtues and practices of love, trust and hope, cohesion, courage and stability are not the preserve of any one political party or worldview, but go to the heart of who we are as a country in all of its diversity. We keep in our prayers all those who are standing in this election and are deeply grateful for their commitment to public service. All of us as Christians, in holding fast to the vision of abundant life, should be open to the call to renounce cynicism, to engage prayerfully with the candidates and issues in this election and by doing so to participate together fully in the life of our communities.

In the Name of our Risen Lord,

+Justin Cantuar

+Sentamu Eboracensis



Church Services

June 2017

Saturday 3rd June

1.00 pm Marriage of Vaughan Hall Puddletown
and Helen Blackford

4th June – Pentecost

Special arrangements are being made for today.
Please see separate notice for details.

11th June – Trinity Sunday

8.15am 1662 Said Communion Puddletown
9.30 Parish Communion Milborne
11.00 Puddletown Praise Puddletown
Church Room
11.00 Parish Communion Dewlish
3.00pm Anglican-Methodist Covenant Tolpuddle
Renewal followed by tea Chapel and
Church

Thursday 15th June

12noon Holy Communion Puddletown
Church Room

18th June – Trinity 1

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

25th June – Trinity 2

9.30am Go Fourth Tolpuddle
9.30 Parish Communion Milborne
11.00 1662 Morning Prayer Puddletown
11.00 Family Communion Dewlish
6.00pm Flower Festival Songs of 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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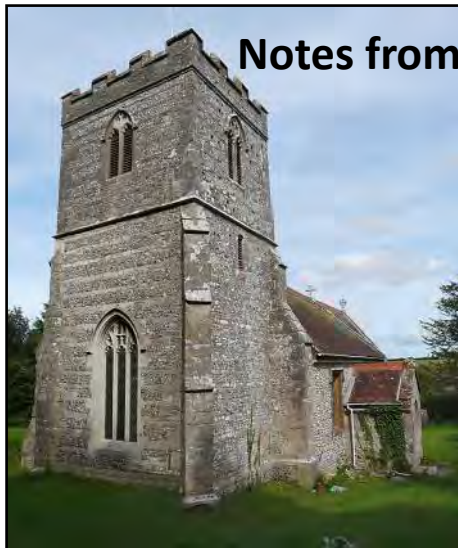
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Notes from St. Andrew's Church

IT'S all go for St. Andrew's church now that the new church year has started. On 4th June everyone is invited to join the planned walk from St. Andrew's Church to All Saints' Church in Dewlish to celebrate Pentecost. People will gather at 10.15am and after a short celebration service, those who can will walk to meet with others from the churches in Tolpuddle, Dewlish and Puddletown for a picnic in the fields at Dewlish church. Do think about coming along, even if you are not a regular church goer.

Work will be starting on repairs to the church at the beginning of July after we were awarded grants from Dorset Historic Churches Trust, National Churches Trust,

Erskin Muton Trust Fund and Viridor. The walls of the old graveyard along Church Lane will be recapped, there will be repairs to some walls, windows, the tower roof and the chancel roof. The work will continue until October or early November. However, we can't stop fund-raising as our old church building will continue to need attention and money spent on it.

We are pleased that a new contractor has been appointed to cut the grass in the graveyards. Thanks to those people who have been helping to keep the graves and surrounding areas neat and tidy. Special thanks to the Cubs who came to help, Ronald for all his regular mowing over the years and Marc who helped with the tree clearance. We are still holding monthly churchyard working parties on the first Saturday of the month at 10.00am as there is always so much to keep tidy. Please feel free to come along and support us.

At our last Annual Parochial Church Meeting we presented gifts to John who has been one of the churchwardens for five years and has decided that it is time that he retired from the post. His dedication and commitment have been greatly appreciated over the years; his knowledge and input will be missed. Unfortunately no-one else came forward to replace him so I will be the sole churchwarden until a replacement is found. Hopefully, people will come forward with offers to take on small duties that will lighten my load. *Pam Shults*

Jumble sale report

We had a successful jumble sale at the village hall on Saturday 6th. May. Can I take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped and also everyone who gave us jumble. Each time I was out there appeared bags or boxes of jumble on my doorstep. So I cannot thank individual people for their help but it appears that a lot of people were very generous in giving or helping which allowed us to give the treasurer £158 profit after paying for hire of village hall. With the leftovers we may do a car boot sale. We have saved some for Milton Abbas Street Fair in July, making more money for the church.

Thank you

Eva Stockley

Dewlish Church Notes

THE final figure for the amount raised at our Spring Sale and Coffee Morning was £405.20, for which we are very grateful. Many thanks to all who supported the event and gave so generously.

Our church looked beautiful for Easter with all the lovely flower arrangements. A big thank-you to all our talented ladies. About 30 people attended the service, which was led by Eileen Maclean.

The Lent Lunches raised £306, and this sum has been shared between Water Aid and the Bishop's Appeal for famine relief in the Sudan. The soups were delicious once again, and we are most grateful to our hostesses.

At the Church AGM all members were re-elected. Sadly, there were no new faces there but we are so thankful to all those who do help.

On Sunday 18th June we are holding our **Pet Service** at 11.00am in the churchyard. We shall be very pleased to see you and, of course, your pet(s). Please join us! *Daphne Burg*

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'The rich Regency era' – May WI

OUR new President, Angela Jones, presided, and welcomed a new member, Lesley Wreyford. We are asked to remember Camp Bestival in July at Lulworth Castle and the Dorset County Show in September at the showground, home-made cakes are needed for both. Coming up also is our own Summer Supper on Friday 16th June at Sheila Ryall's home, all welcome.

A successful coffee morning to raise funds for the Denman Appeal was hosted by Josie and raised £107. Jenny thanked everyone on Denman's behalf. Josie reported that Bookends members had held a lively discussion on their latest book set in Kabul, and were now moving on to 'The Savage Garden' by Mark Mills, this time set in Tuscany. Next month's Pub lunch is on Friday 9th June, 12.30pm for 1.00pm, at the Royal Oak.

2017 Annual Meeting Resolutions: Out of the short-listed selections received from members, the top two resolutions are to go forward to the annual meeting in Liverpool in June. Jenny read out each resolution and we were asked to vote. The first, Alleviating Loneliness, was passed by 20 (with two abstentions). The second, Plastic Soup: Keep Microplastic Fibres out of our Ocean, was passed by 21, with one against, discretion allowed in both cases. These votes will be passed to our delegate, who will listen to the debate and vote accordingly.

In keeping with the subject of her talk, Rachel Knowles arrived in full and splendid Regency costume. Like many of us, Rachel admits to falling in love with 'Pride and Prejudice'

and Mr Darcy at a young age, and this started her fascination for the Regency period. She is now the published author of a historical romance and a Regency history book.

Strictly, the Regency period lasted only 9 years, from 1811 to 1820. After George III became seriously ill, he was declared incapable of ruling due to mental incapacity, and the Prince Regent ruled in his stead. This was a time rich in literature - all the completed works of Jane Austen were published during this period - of the Romantic poets like Wordsworth and Byron, as well as painting, composing and architecture. It was a time of high fashion, when those who wished to see and be seen would attend Almack's Assembly Rooms, the Theatre at Drury Lane and Covent Garden, and the Pantheon masquerades.

Often overlooked, this period in our history has much to give. Responding to the question would she like to go back and live in that time, the answer was a negative: women had little independence and no control over their assets, this was very much a man's world!, Rachel said.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 8th June. This is a members' evening when we will talk informally about our first days at 'Big School'. Bring along any memorabilia. The competition will be for a centenary celebration card. We look forward to seeing you there.

Pat Bull

The Royal Oak last month

BUSY Busy Busy this month!! Tony has pulled out all the stops again for both a brilliant pie night and an amazing Italian theme evening. Our foodie nights are becoming increasingly popular so booking is essential!

Bingo was a cracker again with the £115 going to the lovely Naomi Booth and once again the table top horse racing was a brilliant night raising £255 for the Under 12's Football Club. Big thanks to all who helped on the night. Keep an eye out for exciting events coming up!!

Life on the Fairground at the Wednesday Club

On Wednesday 3rd May, Kay Townsend came to talk to us about "Life on the Fairground". Her grandfather was born into a showman family and he married a young lady (Kay's grandmother) who was a vicar's daughter and so not used to the fairground life at all. Together they moved away from the family business and began their own fair at first starting with just one ride, in Weymouth.

We saw photographs of how the caravans have changed over the years from having beautifully etched or engraved windows to the large modern streamlined versions of today and also the development of the traction engines from steam power to diesel.

Kay has written a number of books about fairground life and is able to give talks on different aspects of the life. We thank her for an interesting afternoon.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 7th June when we will be visiting Morton Walled Garden and Tea Room for a cream tea. We will all meet in the Village Hall car park at 1.30pm to organise transport for everyone in our private cars. Please contact Sheila on 839033 if you would like to come with us.

Looking ahead to Wednesday 5th July we are going for tea at Compton Abbas Airfield, details to be announced nearer the time.

Lis Watts

It's just a stage we're going through

REHEARSALS are going great guns for the next production - Dangerous Corner (23rd and 24th June). I caught up with Director, Bill Preston, for a chat. Here's what he told me:

Dangerous corner is a wonderful play with a twist in the tail, which I think will keep the audience on the edge of their seats. As a play, it is different from many others in that it doesn't just tell a story but also challenges the audience to consider what is fact and what is fiction - what is truth and what is a lie.

"Rehearsals are going really well. The cast are well on top of their lines, and are going to produce a great performance.

This is the fourth play I've directed. Directing allows you to share your thoughts about how a play should develop - and it has the added bonus that you don't have to learn all those lines!

Many Reporter readers will have seen us produce excellent pantomimes and very funny comedies previously. This play is a serious drama, so it may surprise some of our audience, but I'm sure they will find it a great and thought-provoking piece of entertainment."

We hope to see you there - tickets are on sale at the Londis (thanks Glenn and team!) or via the box office - check the poster for details.

Adrienne Rogers

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

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

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

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

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

Homemade chicken and mushroom pie served with mashed potatoes and vegetables

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

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

Desserts

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The Original Superfood



WE are continually urged to follow a healthy diet and it is often difficult to choose what to eat, but as a result of our latest Gardening Club talk members have learned a great deal about one ideal item. Watercress has been known as a hugely nutritious food since the days of the Ancient Greeks and is used as such all over the world. It has, for example, more Vitamin C than an orange, more calcium than a glass of milk and is packed full of other vitamins and minerals.

Many will be familiar with the beds of the Watercress Company at Tincleton who provided the speaker for our April meeting. It was a most detailed talk covering the history and method of cultivation. Watercress used to be very widely grown all over England but is now concentrated in Dorset and Hampshire where the chalk downs provide very pure spring water which is essential for its cultivation. The company has grown since the 19th century by amalgamating small local businesses and now produces 80% of the cress sold in Britain. Speed of transport and cool conditions are necessary after harvesting and a fleet of refrigerated lorries continually set off from Dorset to distribute it across the country.

The greatest demand for cress however is in the winter when other salad crops are scarce. People who have over-indulged over Christmas are very keen to sample its healthy benefits in January but this is unfortunately not the best growing season here. The company therefore has farms in southern Spain and Florida which meet the demand in winter so if you buy it then you may be surprised to find that "British" cress is grown elsewhere.

The talk turned to using watercress and we were told it is regularly donated to Dorchester Hospital for inclusion in patients' diets. We were all given bunches of the freshest possible cress which was still growing that afternoon along with some delicious recipes. I can personally vouch for the excellence of the soup and pesto! We were also told it makes wonderful smoothies when combined with fruit so do have a go! Think of the good a superfood will do you!

There is no talk in May as we hold our Plant Sale. In **June** we will have a talk on **Mediterranean Gardening at Home and Abroad**. This may become very relevant with climate change so do come along. Visitors are always most welcome.

Sally Dyer

Too much clutter?

Garage need a tidy up?

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VILLAGE GARAGE SALE

We have had a few enquiries but we need more offers of open garages on Saturday 8th July from 10.00am to 4.00pm. The charge will be £20 to open your garage, much the same as a Table Top Sale. This would cover advertising and making a map available at the shop. The remainder would go to St. Andrew's church. We do need to know as soon as possible if you are interested so that we can go ahead and produce plans.

Ring Eva 01258 837468 or Pam 01258 837203 to book in your garage.

Learn salsa at Latin-inspired evening

A SALSA themed evening is taking place at the Village Hall in June, with Latin American inspired food and salsa dance tuition by Mal Cox of Mad About Latin. The event is taking place on Saturday 10th June with tickets only £15 which includes a drink on arrival, two hours of salsa dance tuition and food. You'll then be ready to dance the night away, practising your new found skills! Mal Cox of Dorchester-based Mad About Latin, is a qualified dance instructor who regularly teaches salsa and other Latin styles of dance across Dorset. Partners are welcome but not essential and no experience of salsa dancing is required! Doors open at 7.30pm and the dancing will start at 8.00pm. We look forward to seeing you!



There will be a fully licensed bar and tickets are only available to purchase in advance from Gray's Stores or by calling Fran on 07791 026251. All proceeds will go towards Friends of School and the development of the outdoor learning facilities at the first school.

Friends of School Committee

Blandford Area Development Trust - next public meeting

COMMUNITY and civic groups, local government and business representatives are invited to attend a public meeting to be held in the Blandford Parish Centre on Friday 2nd June 7.00pm-8.30pm.

The meeting will provide an update on progress so far and enable those attending to contribute to the formation of the Blandford Area Development Trust.

The Trust would take the recently closed DT11 Forum Community Partnership onto the next level by providing a representative and independent focus to attract investment and grant funding into the Blandford area (the DT11 postcode). The trusts objectives will include support for businesses, training, start-up funding and young people, projects to promote the town and the DT11 area, and collaboration with and support for community, civic and leisure group actives and local government community initiatives. Significantly, it will also aim to provide an essential bridge between re-organised local government and the Blandford area community.

Please come along to contribute to the discussion and register your support. RSVP to nicnicolnms@aol.com if you are attending. *Nic Nicol*

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Jerome Dodge

Principal - Wills and Estate Planning

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Cream tea and colourful mural at Village Hall

Artist Emma Douglas welcomed residents to a cream tea on a sunny Sunday afternoon at the mural she has painted at the Village Hall. The artwork is a memorial to her son, and is one of 21 that she intends to complete around the UK and some abroad, each to celebrate a year of Cato's life. Emma has chosen locations that have been significant in his life and Milborne was where her son enjoyed spending time with cousins during the first ten years of his life, whilst her sister, Tor Douglas (pictured, on right) lived in the village.

On first glance, the mural in Milborne is a colourful tapestry of small rectangles that make up a larger frame. It brings colour and life to the neutral façade of the village hall, with the blocks of vibrant colours seemingly random. But an explanatory panel by the mural's side tells you that this is much more than a cheering up of the magnolia wall of a public building. Each small, perfectly formed block represents a day of a year of Cato. The mural in Milborne details the third year of his life, starting on Christmas Day, 1990 and the key on the board explains that the blue palette refers to days

when Cato was receiving treatment; at hospital, or speech therapy, physiotherapy, hydrotherapy. She works from her diaries and his hospital records to document each day of a mural year. The other colours are "normal, happy days." After Emma's son was born, he "became ill very quickly", she says, with meningitis which began years of poor health until tragically he lost his life aged just 21. Emma had mostly fallen out of the art world during his life, but two years after his death she found comfort in the repetition of the work. Many people chatted with her whilst she was working on the Village Hall mural and she says she is delighted by all the positive comments she has received. It's not meant just as a personal statement though; she says that when people ask what her mural is about, she tells them her story. "They're prompted to share their own intimate story, often extremely sad. The mural becomes a place for them to remember too.", she says.



The Milborne mural is the fifth she has completed and her next location is Barra in the Outer Hebrides. *Ed Richards*

Fun at the 'Marvellous May Fair' at Milborne First School



Above: Teacher Veronica Bancroft with FoS Donna Howard and Joanne Miller on the cake stall. **Below:** Teacher Jenna Wittman toasts marshmallows with children at the school's new 'Castaway Camp'.



Above: Milborne Players dressed down in their weekend clothes to promote their new play, Dangerous Corner. **Left:** the giant bouncy slide kept children entertained. **Below:** A youngster takes a shot on the popular Nerf gun shooting gallery.



Photos: Caroline Richards

Using our five senses at Ladybirds

Each week this half term we have focussed on one of our five senses. The children have experienced feeling different materials, tried to identify what was in the feely box and use words to describe the texture. We've had lots of messy play and water play outside. Taste week was particularly popular when we tried different fruits, guessed the crisp flavours and tried toast with different toppings. Some of the older children learnt about our tongue having lots of taste buds. They tried something 'sweet', 'bitter', 'sour' and 'salty' - their resulting faces were very descriptive!

When writing this we have still the 'hearing' and 'smell' weeks to do. Plans for these weeks include walks to see how many different things we can hear, and identifying the aroma of our 'smelly socks'.



From the beautiful fabrics donated to us the children created a beautiful collage of a rainbow with sun and raincloud. The black and white picture doesn't show the beautiful colours – you can see the coloured version on line.

We're nearly half way through the final term of this school year and while busy ensuring our oldest children are ready for school there are several younger children starting with us at preschool. The plans are already underway for the next school year starting in September. If you have a child who would like to join us, it would help us greatly if you complete an enrolment form which can be picked up from the Village Hall during Ladybirds opening time or from our secretary Lucy – see advert.

Liz Dyer



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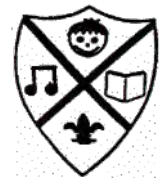
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MILBORNE ST ANDREW FIRST SCHOOL

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SCHOOL NEWS



THE Summer term is in full swing and our children at Milborne St. Andrew First School are getting outdoors and enjoying the warmer weather.

The school is currently working with a local environmental group ,Urban Heaths Project, an organisation who work to protect, enhance and educate about our beautiful Dorset heathlands. On May 5th, our Year 1 and Year 2 children went to Tadnoll Heath, near Winfrith and spent the morning investigating the wildlife and



learning how to protect these areas. (With special thanks to Milton Abbey who provided two minibuses.)

We are very lucky to have a young budding poet in our school. Tess Padwicke-Barrett in Year 4 recently won a poetry competition with All Terrain Karts, and won two fantastic scooters for the school! Children are beginning to prepare for the School Games Day, which will be held on the afternoon of 27th June. We also continue to have a wide choice of after school sporting activities; currently children have the opportunity to do cricket, fencing, basketball, tennis, tag rugby and athletics – but not all at once!

CONTACTS

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

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Flood Warden's Report 2016/7

Wessex Water Pumping

I am pleased to report that since the discharge of waste water in the summer of 2016 there have been no further incidents of massive river rises that occurred in the past. Although Wessex Water have not replied to the Parish Council's request to contact the flood warden before discharging, I have received no communication or witnessed any increase in water flows. It seems likely therefore that new pumping arrangements are working effectively. Residents are asked to keep vigilant about any increased discharge.

Water levels and shortage of rain

I am pleased to report that no-one has been flooded this year mainly because we have not had any rain. In fact, despite having at least three periods of heavy rain with rainfalls greater than one inch per twenty four hours, ground water levels within our catchment are approximately 30%–50% of normal. This has meant that the many springs within the village never came above the surface and the drains barely had any water showing. Consequently, the data collection proposed by the EA has not started this year and has been postponed until winter 2017/8. However, if rain levels do not increase it is quite likely we shall be in an actual drought rather than a technical one!

Drain performance and improvements

- Despite the three heavy rainfall periods, the drains were more than able to deal with the amounts of water. Whilst the Frome west of Dorchester and Stour in Blandford did burst their banks mainly and primarily because of their geology, our chalk geology allows rain water to seep rapidly in the type of fractured chalk and dissipate below ground and thus did not cause an immediate issue this year as the aquifers are very depleted. Consequently following on from the dry summer the River Bere did not in fact rise much at all.
- As a guide the Delcombe Wood bore hole never rose above 129 metres compared to the peak heights in 2013/4 of 144 metres.
- The recent drainage improvements have been as a result of responding to the wetter 2015 winter in which Cumbria suffered devastating floods. The rain fall here broke the record in a 24 hour period of 11 inches previously held by Martinstown by a massive three inches.
- With this in mind it was necessary to fine tune the work carried out in 2014. I have been in discussion with Highways since February 2015 and the recent work was to directly pick up the three major springs along Milton Road, that of Huntley Down, Stileham Bank and the bottom of Milton Road Close, and connect them directly to the improved drainage system. At Stileham Bank the road and gully were raised by 150mm which will have a major benefit to householders, pedestrians and motorists alike. The section opposite the shop now has a much improved capacity with the older drain now being connected properly to the improved drain at the corner of Milton Road and A35. The drainage capacity has therefore been increased by 75% and the lower sections of the village should now see a marked improvement of ground water levels. The work is now complete and represents the maximum capacity any civil engineering system can have **with no further enlargement possible**. As a guide, the drains are now capable of removing the equivalent of 5 feet of flood water along the whole length of Milton Road per day and every day without the need for any pump. In addition the use of the high capacity pump placed by March Bridge will theoretically increase the capacity by approximately 25% but this figure will only be proved in the event of any flooding.

Riparian Owners

I have had two incidents of difficulties this year of owners not clearing their stream (large tree trunks) or deliberately blocking the stream (gates or barriers). It is VITAL that everyone plays their part and removes any debris plant growth etc all year **but especially in September**. If anything falls in and blocks the culvert or jams under a low bridge the whole village could flood. It would cause massive long term disruption as it would be exceptionally dangerous to try to remove any blockage during spate. For this reason along with the Parish Council I have been investigating the long term maintenance of the water vole colony below the village with the EA and DWT. Initially there appeared to be the possibility that we could obtain expert guidance and practical help to clear this section in September as a community based approach. Unfortunately this plan fell through at the very last minute. Consequently, after expressing my views forcefully to the EA they have now agreed to provide financing to maintain this section of the Bere for another three years and have plans to start this with their contractors in September. However, they are asking that if anyone would like to observe this work, volunteers from the village are encouraged to come forward so that if future funding is no longer available for this professional work, the village in common with similar villages (eg Winterborne Stickland) would need to provide working parties to clear this section under expert guidance.

Steve Lord Flood Warden Milborne St. Andrew

The Velvet Lure

A cat, relaxed upon the lawn
Spied a Song Thrush in a tree
And purred in a voice as soft as silk,
'My love, come down to me'

'I long to hear the songs you sing
You have such a wonderful voice.
To hear just a morsel of a song
Would make my heart rejoice'

The Song Thrush was a cautious bird
Yet also a vain creature too.
And said, 'why thank you sir, how very kind
But I can sing from here to you'

The cat looked up, and yawned lazily
And said, as his tail hypnotically swayed
'But my love, the wind that blows up there
Will steal your sweet song away'

'Will you not come a little closer
So I may hear you sing so clear?
Your voice is just so beautiful
Won't you allow me this my dear?'

The honey of these feline words
Did all thoughts of danger drown
As vanity took over in the little bird's mind
And she fluttered three branches down.

'Here I am sir', said the Song Thrush
'From here my song will be clearer'
The cat looked up, with a smile and said,
'Oh, but you must come nearer'

'For now I see your feathers –
Oh what a beautiful creature you are!
How I long to gaze at your exquisiteness
But I cannot do it from this far'

Yet again was the Song Thrush bewitched by the
cat
And the arrogance swelled in her breast.
So enchanted was she, that immediately she knew
She just couldn't refuse this request.

So proud was the bird that she let out a song
As she strutted and flew to ground.
While the cat – as still as a statue
Watched her without making a sound.

The Song Thrush gracefully alighted on the lawn
As gently as a falling leaf.
But before she could move, she was grabbed by
the cat
Who showed her his many sharp teeth.

"Oh my pretty! my pretty! I'm so glad you are
here!"
Said the cat, who was now evilly grinning.
"With a voice so sweet, you'll be lovely to eat
But oh, how I will miss you singing!"

Laurence Lagrue

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Community Events Diary

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June 2017

- Friday 2nd June** **Blandford Area Development Trust public meeting** Blandford Parish Centre 7.00pm–8.30pm – see page 11.
- Saturday 3rd** **Round Robin Ramblers** walk from Turnworth 9.15am – see page 33.
- Wednesday 7th** **Round Robin Ramblers** Hilton and Dewlish 11.00am – see page 33.
Wednesday Club Moreton Walled Garden and Tea Room meet at the Village Hall carpark at 1.30pm.
- Thursday 8th** **General Election** Polling station at the Village Hall.
- Friday 9th** **WI Lunch** The Royal Oak 12.30pm for 1.00pm.
Milborne Movies 'The Man Who Knew Infinity' Village Hall tickets £3.50 7.30pm.
- Saturday 10th** **Neighbourhood Plan Working Group** Have your say where to build homes in the village. Village Hall 10.00am–3.00pm.
Salsa Themed Evening Village Hall tickets £15 includes a drink and 2 hours of salsa 7.30pm for 8.00pm start – see page 11.
- Wednesday 14th** **Cream Teas** Heathcote House 2.00pm–4.00pm.
100 Club Winners draw The Royal Oak 8.00pm.
Midday deadline for July's *Reporter*
- Thursday 15th** **Gardening Club** Village Hall talk on Mediterranean gardening at home by Ben Turner 7.30pm.
American Theme Night The Royal Oak £9.95 all you can eat.
- Saturday 17th** **Weatherby Singers Summer Concert 'Take a chance on me'** Buckland Newton Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 29.
- Sunday 18th** **Father's Day.**
- Thursday 22nd** **Quiz Night** The Royal Oak.
- Friday 23rd** **The Milborne Players 'Dangerous Corner'** Village Hall tickets £7 from Londis store 7.30pm.
Dorset Midsummer Music Festival Valley of Warren Farm, Bulbarrow 6.00pm – see page 35.
- Saturday 24th** **Village Lunch** £6.50 per head plus £1 per glass of wine Village Hall 12.15pm–2.00pm – see page 2 for menu.
The Milborne Players 'Dangerous Corner' Village Hall tickets £7 from Londis store 7.30pm.
Dorset Midsummer Music Festival Valley of Warren Farm, Bulbarrow 12.00pm–11.00pm – see page 35.
- Thursday 29th** **Pie Night** The Royal Oak £9.95 all you can eat.

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)

June at the Sports Club

- Table Tennis** Monday 7.00–9.00pm. Information from Pauline Pitfield 01258 839123
- The Busy Bees** Under 5 Group from 9.30am to 11.30am on Thursday term time only. Contact Leanne Brown on 07899808185.

Deadline for the July Reporter is mid-day 14th June. All copy must be sent via the Reporter e-mail at msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk

Too much clutter? Garage need a tidy up?

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Instead of Open Gardens we think you might like a

Village Garage Sale

We have had a few enquiries but we need more offers of open garages on Saturday 8th July from 10.00am to 4.00pm. The charge will be £20 to open your garage,

much the same as a Table Top Sale. This would cover advertising and making a map available at the shop.

The remainder would go to St. Andrew's church.

We do need to know as soon as possible if you are interested so that we can go ahead and produce plans.

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BT says village broadband 'fit for purpose' after MP contact

Below is the email response from BT I have received, via our MP, Simon Hoare. Following a meeting with another resident, Mr Hoare had given us an assurance that any outstanding broadband issues within Milborne would be addressed by BT. Although broadband users in the village had seen an improvement following work at the exchange, a number of residents were still experiencing poor service, and they supplied their details for Mr Hoare to pass to his contact at BT for assistance. In summary, BT's reply was to say that after investigation they found that there were no outstanding problems and that the local network is 'fit for purpose; those living a long distance from the exchange should expect a drop in speed (although that's defined in kilometres); and that for the best service, customers should switch to fibre rather than copper cabling.

I have already replied to Mr Hoare's office with my disappointment with BT's 'action' on a number of counts, but any residents who would like to express their views about their personal case are welcome to do so, to sarah.manley@parliament.uk (assuming Mr Hoare will still be our MP)

This is an edited version of the response from BT.

*Dear Sarah [Parliamentary Assistant to Simon Hoare MP],
I do appreciate the residents need for a reliable broadband service that meets their needs. I've looked into the matter further.*

Current broadband service

I checked the lines for the examples that your office kindly provided that are supplied via BT Wholesale and I can confirm that these are generally performing within the expected speed range that the individual lines can support.

The lines here are a mixture of both ADSL Copper Broadband and Fibre Broadband (Fibre to the Cabinet - FTTC technology). They are also varied in length meaning they offer differing broadband speeds - both for ADSL and FTTC.

It may help if I explain that for ADSL copper broadband, the further away the premises are from the exchange, the slower the speed will be. Anything over 6km is classed as a long line. On extremely long lines, the ADSL signal will either be very weak or

is non-existent. This means that a reliable ADSL service cannot be provided. Also, in the case of FTTC, the distance of the copper cable is measured from the premises to the fibre cabinet. The permitted distance for FTTC is up to 1.5km. Anything over this the signal will gradually get weaker before failing altogether.

Given the residents concern, I also contacted our suppliers, Openreach and asked them to look for any network issues. They have advised me that thorough checks were completed by their local area engineering manager who confirmed that there are no known network issues in the Milborne St Andrew exchange area that would impact on broadband performance. Also, the fault levels are not abnormally high. All this suggests that the local network is fit for purpose.

Fibre broadband

We do recognise the significant benefits that high-speed broadband brings to local businesses and communities. In an effort to help, I contacted Openreach to confirm the current position. All of the examples here are connected to Milborne St. Andrew exchange via cabinet's 2 and 3. Both have been upgraded to deliver fibre broadband.

The fibre technology that has been largely installed in this exchange area is FTTC. As I said earlier, some of the residents already have a working FTTC service. For those that do not, my advice is to talk to their own SP who can tell them the expected speed they are likely to get. I feel it's important to add though that all fibre broadband orders are subject to suitable tests.

Finally

I hope you find my find comments helpful to assure you that there are no network issues affecting broadband performance in the Milborne St Andrew area and of our ambition to bring fibre broadband to as many communities as we can. If you require anything further, please get back to me, quoting HLC 1032857.

Kind regards,

Charlotte Hannan

BT Wholesale and Ventures High Level Escalations Team

Midsummer music festival at Bulbarrow Friday night free for locals

Set in a stunning location in a natural amphitheatre on Bulbarrow Hill, the fourth year of the Midsummer Music Festival is set to take place. We've been lucky enough to have an amazing line up of artists, children's entertainment, food and drink. The music is key and we've been so overwhelmed by the interest that we've decided to open the festival on **Friday night (23rd June)** for campers and locals to come and enjoy a great evening of **FREE** entertainment with The Threetles and DD Allen! The bar will also be in full swing serving delicious beer from Cerne Abbas Brewery, along with food from the BBQ and fish & chips, so why not start the weekend early by joining us on the Friday night? The Saturday (24th June) line up gets even



stronger. We're delighted to welcome **Lionstar**. There's also new blood and this year we're delighted to announce **Ben**

Waters and his six-piece band will perform. Ben's a local musician with a global reputation working with legends like The Rolling Stones, Chuck Berry, Jerry Lee Lewis and many more. We pride ourselves on being a family friendly event. There's **FREE** children's entertainment from Bugfest, Jamie Jigsaw and Hoop On - you can take part in their workshops to work off some of the great food and drink you may have enjoyed on the day!

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Sweet memories and Caramac buns

GROWING up in the 1950's and 60's and living opposite a sweet shop meant that I have many happy memories of the sweets and chocolates available at that time. The sweet shop was next door to an abandoned brick built air raid shelter, which we children were strictly forbidden to enter or climb on; of course it was our favourite playground. Wartime rationing of sweets finally ended in September 1953, partly as a result of pressure from sweet manufacturers, and finally all rationing ended when meat was taken off the ration books in July 1954.

The de-rationing of sweets had a dramatic effect on the confectionery market. Spending on sweets and chocolate jumped by about £100m in the first year to £250m – a year which, according to the confectionery industry, was “as dynamic as any in the industry's history”.

Consumers in the UK now spend in excess of £5.5bn on confectionery each year.

On most Saturday afternoons we had a steady supply of elderly widowed aunties come to visit us for tea at our house. After the obligatory farewell kiss on a slightly whiskery cheek they would dig out their metal-clasped purses from the depths of their ancient cracked leather handbags and if we were lucky, auntie would dispense a silver sixpence to my brother and me. Sometimes, disappointingly, it was a thruppenny bit or even a penny but we were excellent actors and never let our disappointment show on our faces. We were quite sure mum would have had something to say about bad manners if we were half hearted in our thanks. No sooner had we dutifully waved auntie off on the trolley bus, we were dashing across the road to spend our ‘tanner’ on ‘spice’.

Decisions, decisions! 4d (four old pennies) would buy a fairly small Fry's 5 centre chocolate bar leaving 2d left over for a tube of Fruit Polos to suck, thus prolonging the pleasure. Most chocolate bars were 6d, my favourite for a while was Turkish Delight, I thought the TV advert of a girl in flimsy oriental costume was the height of sophistication – “exotic, delicious, full of eastern promise.”

Another way of spending sixpence was to buy a packet of old fashioned flavoured Spangles and a tube of Fruit Gums or Fruit Pastilles. So much choice! One of the adverts in the sweet shop window was for Fry's 5 Boys Chocolate desperation, pacification, expectation, acclamation, realisation, “It's Fry's”. The meaning of the words puzzled me but I found them fascinating, along with the different expressions on the boys' faces.

Caramac was first introduced in 1959 and has been popular ever since. I love the caramel flavour, but the texture always seems to be a bit ‘gritty’ to me. It is now also available as Caramac buttons, which are used as a decoration in this month's recipe.



Buy some buttons, jolly, jolly buttons,
Buy some buttons, they'll last you all the day.
When you've sixpence to spend
You'll have buttons to lend,
And buttons to last you while you play!



For the buns:

250g self-raising flour
100g light soft brown sugar
1 tablespoon baking powder
2 eggs
150ml milk
75ml vegetable oil
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
12 paper muffin cases
397g can Carnation Caramel

Preheat the oven to 190°C, 375°F or Gas Mark 5.

Place the flour, sugar and baking powder into a bowl and mix well.

In a separate bowl, beat together the eggs, milk, oil and vanilla.

Add the wet mixture to the dry ingredients and stir until just combined, without beating.

Drop spoonfuls of the caramel into the mixture, gently swirl through, but don't mix it in – it's nice to see little pockets of caramel bubbles in the finished buns.

Place 12 muffin cases in the tin. Spoon the mixture equally into the 12 cases until they are about three quarters full. Bake in the preheated oven for 20–25 minutes. These buns are quite gooey in texture because of the caramel, but taste delicious.

For the icing:

125g unsalted butter, softened
250g icing sugar
150g Caramac, melted
2–4 tablespoons milk
Caramac buttons

Cream together the butter and icing sugar, add the melted Caramac and enough milk to give a piping or spreading consistency.

Ice the tops of the buns when cool and add a Caramac button to decorate.



Don't forget to vote on 8th June

THE General Election is on 8th June. It's a great event for the United Kingdom and also for Dorset! The polling station is at the Village Hall, and there are plenty of people to help you get there if you can't manage alone. We should not forget that we are fortunate in the UK that anyone aged 18 or over is entitled to vote.

Make sure you use your vote – even if you spoil your ballot paper because none of the candidates is deserving of your vote!

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“This is rubbish” Why do we need to build in our village?

YES, I know you may think this village is fine as it is and we don't need any more houses, but what if we are told by the authorities or developers that we must/should allow expansion – wouldn't you want to have some say of where it is, what it is, and how it's built? That's what the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group is about, covering our backs – making sure that it is controlled . . .

How have we come to this point now? Every site put forward has been assessed: Is it flat? Is it visible? Is it close to the shop and other amenities? Are there any interesting features that we need to protect? What is its existing use? We also measured the size of the sites and the walking distance from site to the centre points of the village. Some were very large so had to be assessed as if part developed, usually by surmising part development nearest the road/village centre.

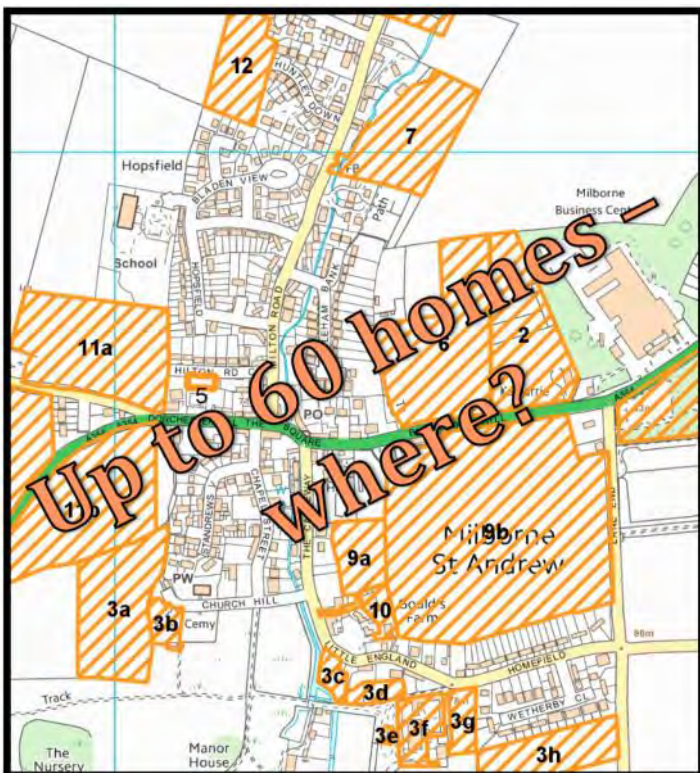
We used these agreed seven statements of what the village needs (based on the questionnaire and research) to score each site, covering:

- A working, active village (supporting community facilities)
- A walkable village (within 400m of amenities)
- Retaining green spaces (no loss of important views etc.)
- Strengthening a form and character of the village (within existing development)
- Being an attractive village (no issues of overlooking or disturbing)
- Minimizing flood risk (from run off or known flood risk areas)
- and avoiding traffic problems (not create or exacerbate congestion or parking)

The scores have been ranked, with a decision based on the rankings on those sites/part sites the team chose those more suitable for the limited amount of new dwellings (up to 60 over 20 years, that's an average of three a year), with the last few issues around those sites still being researched.

On 10th June it will be time for the village residents to come along to the Village Hall and tell us if we have made the right decision or not,

This is important! We need as many of you as possible to come and see us, as we will be basing the draft plan on what YOU say.



The sun always shines behind a dark cloud

THANKS to Amy's article in the last *Reporter* about the fire and ruined benches, two people were so upset that they have donated a picnic table and a bench. The benchseat was originally Pat Tribe's, and Bev, who now lives in the cottage, believes that Pat would have wanted the bench to be used as a community asset. Thanks Bev, the village will benefit from the donation and I agree Pat would have been pleased. Thanks also to the other generous person who bought a new picnic table with bench seats, it is greatly appreciated by the committee and we notice that it is already being frequently used.

The mural painted by Emma Douglas and her nephew has brightened up the front of the hall but behind the colourful blocks there is a sadness about the reason that she painted it. See more about it on page 13.

Following a survey of the building carried out by Richard Cleverton, a few actions were agreed and the committee are dealing with them. The hall committee have agreed to engage a professional decorator to paint the outside of the building so that it is kept in good order.

Our new young explorers' multi play structure is proving to be a big success with ongoing thanks to the Tesco Bags of Life grant. The play park and equipment have just had their annual safety inspection and we are pleased that nothing of concern was identified. Our plan is to raise more funds to repair the swings and to install another new piece of equipment, please pass on your thoughts as to what we should consider buying. If anyone can also help with fundraising it would be really appreciated.

Although the winter has curtailed the use of the QEll field it's great to see it being used more often especially for 'walking football' but just a gentle reminder to try not to kick balls too high so that they go over the fence into The Causeway or into residents gardens. Hopefully field users will not leave too much litter around either.

Don't forget to explore the Sensory Meadows area. As long as dogs are on a lead they can accompany their owners on a wander around the perimeter of the top field. The Postcode Lottery Trust provided funds to create this area as the suggestion of developing the land came from many villagers when we held consultations. Please use it and if able come along and help us to maintain it when we next have a working party day.

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SafeWise Bournemouth	Monday 2nd October	1.30pm
SafeWise Weymouth	Tuesday 14th November	10.00am
SafeWise Bournemouth	Thursday 7th December	1.30pm

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Milton Abbey News



THEY say that good things are worth waiting for and this is certainly true of Milton Abbey Church. It has been more than 150 years since in 1865 Sir Gilbert Scott last restored the Church at the expense of the late Charles Joachim, Baron Hambro.

Yes, the fine edifice is still set like a gem in the stunning Capability Brown landscape but sadly the intervening years have not been kind to Milton Abbey. The elements, in particular rainwater, have taken a costly toll, resulting in damage to the roofs and ceilings, water running down the internal walls and, due to poor drainage, lifting water raising the tiled floors.

Now, with the aid of the Viridor Landfill Communities Fund and a successful Heritage lottery grant to the newly formed Milton Abbey Heritage Trust (MAHT) we are beginning to see the benefit of a major investment in this wonderful place. MAHT brings together three parties to share in this project, Salisbury Diocese, Milton Abbey School and The Forestry Commission.

One way in which many people have been involved in the past is via stewarding and acting as Abbey guides. Current and former stewards are invited to an evening reception at The Abbey Church, this year on Thursday 1st June at 6.00pm for 6.30pm, but this is open to all.

During the evening the programme of refurbishment will be explained. There will also be a brief outline of the ways in which local residents can be involved in events, programmes and development of The "Abbey community". In the immediate future, this will focus on the forthcoming Summer Exhibition. On this evening it is planned to provide refreshments and Brian would be grateful if you would let him know by email to brian.larcher@maht.org.uk if you plan to attend.

This year the Summer Exhibition featuring the Landscape, History and Heritage of the place will be open at The Abbey from 7th July until August 30th. Abbey visitor parking will be at Damer Green, just inside the school gates.

Chris Jervis has been appointed as Provost to The Abbey. Chris and Carolyn Jervis are not new to Dorset, having spent more than thirty years in the county. Although Chris has recently spent four years as the Vicar of St. Helier, Jersey, prior to that he served for 27 years as the Chaplain and Head of Theology/Philosophy at Canford School near Wimborne.

Chris' first degree was from Loughborough in Sports Science and Mathematics. This aptly fitted his gifts and interests as a keen sportsman – in his first year in the county he played rugby for Dorset and won the county high jump championship. That was many years ago!

After further studies at Cambridge and Oxford Chris was ordained as an Anglican clergyman, with parish and sector ministries in London, Essex, Switzerland, Dorset and Jersey. Now back in the wonderful county of Dorset, Chris and Carolyn are enthusiastic about the new work and the new project centred on the Abbey at Milton.

As Provost, Chris will seek to serve the local community, the deanery and the wider church.

There will be plenty of new initiatives emerging from this project, all of which will be designed to build up people and communities in the Christian faith and with a sense of belonging to the Abbey life. The historic Church and the glorious landscape in which the Abbey and St. Catherine's Chapel are set will be familiar to many, but not all. Chris looks forward to welcoming many new visitors and to receiving interested parties into a closer affiliation to the Abbey community.

In the Abbey on July 11th Chris will lead a 'Celebration of St. Benedict' Day at 7.00pm. This event will also provide an introduction to new ways in which you can enjoy a closer relationship with us through becoming a Member of the Abbey Community.

Mobility Scooter Training



SAFEWISE are working in partnership with the Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group to deliver safety awareness courses for mobility scooter users in Dorset. The sessions are designed for those already using a mobility scooter or those that are looking to buy a mobility scooter.

The sessions cost £10 per person. All sessions must be pre-booked due to limited places available. The next ScootWise dates are:

Wednesday 21st June	10.30am–1.00pm
Wednesday 9th August	10.30am–1.00pm
Friday 13th October	10.30am–1.00pm

For more information, including booking instructions, please look at the ScootWise webpage safewise.org/education/scootwise.

Lost/mislaid

ON the evening of the Village History Group meeting on 12th April an envelope containing eight 5" x 3" photos of a very run-down Little England Cottage and its subsequent restoration were lost/mislaid. The envelope was not addressed in any way and the only writing on the envelope was words to the effect that the photos were taken circa 1983–87.

The envelope was last seen in The Royal Oak in Milborne St. Andrew that evening. If anyone has any knowledge of the whereabouts of these irreplaceable photos please contact Sue or Laurie Benn on 01258 837720.

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Staying out of trouble online!

IN mid-May we witnessed a coordinated global cyberattack known as WannaCry. It was one of the biggest cyberattacks ever seen impacting over 150 countries and infecting more than 250,000 machines. WannaCry is a type of malicious software (malware) known as ransomware. It encrypts essential files on your Windows device and requires you to pay a ransom to unlock them. Although primarily targeting organisational or business networks - as was the case with WannaCry - it can appear on home computers. You can do your part to stop catching or spreading ransomware by:

1. Making sure you subscribe to and use good Antivirus software such as McAfee, AVG, etc. Many are available which allow you to license all your devices, adding new ones as you buy. As new variants of malware appear they update to protect you.
2. Make sure you apply any Microsoft Windows security patches that Microsoft sends you. If you are using an older version of Microsoft's operating systems, such as Windows XP or Windows 8, download emergency security patches from Microsoft. Be aware that XP has not been fully supported for some years and Microsoft has been withdrawing the ability to pay extra for security patches. Upgrade as soon as you can!
3. Be careful what you click on. This malware was distributed by phishing emails. More about that later in the article but to be safe you should only click on emails that you are sure came from a trusted source. Even at work, phishers email you to ask for contact details for others in your company - be on your guard.
4. Be sure to back up all your computing devices. Regularly backing up your devices helps you recover your information should your computer become infected with ransomware or other harmful software.

Once safely online, many of us find that Facebook, Chat Rooms and other online places can be a great deal of use and a great deal of fun. However they can also be responsible for a lot of misery and unhappiness. Here are a few guidelines for staying safe online and for avoiding the arrival of a writ for libel on your doorstep or unpleasant malware on your device!

1. When posting, think very hard about what you are writing. Is it true? Is it fair? Would you like to read it about yourself? If not, however angry you are, don't post.
2. Are you making a snap judgement based on a post by someone about an event, without knowing all the facts or circumstances? Have you read other communications on the subject? Checked that sources are reliable? If you post hastily will you feel silly when more facts appear? In the case of Milborne St. Andrew, the *Reporter* is a good place to check what's going on as most local organisations use it to communicate with the village, along with the website. And don't forget, the Parish Council Minutes and Finances are open to the public so facts can be checked there too.
3. Have you thought about a positive way to say what you feel, without making personal attacks on individuals or companies? Why not sleep on it, and overnight a more gentle way of making your point may come to you? If you can make your point heard without upsetting someone, both you and they will be on the way to sorting out whatever it is!
4. Remember that the internet is not anonymous. Anything you post can be traced back to you. Just like writing letters or news articles, if you post libellous, racist or other actionable material you should not be surprised to find the police or lawyers contacting you. The Internet is just like the real world. If you wouldn't say something directly to a person, then don't post it about them!
5. Remember also that when you receive those heartrending items on your Facebook feed asking you to copy and paste, not share, the article, the persons who initiated it can track everyone who copies and pastes. This allows them to send you more material, some of it possibly containing malware. Share by all means, but avoid copy and paste unless you are absolutely sure of the original source of the item.

And the most important advice for those who use email, online banking, interconnected gas and electricity and other wonders of technology:

Never, ever, ever give your bank details, mother's maiden name, birth date or telephone number to anyone unless you know exactly who they are. They could be phishing! They may have phoned you to say that your computer has problems or emailed you to say your account has been suspended. They may be very plausible indeed, but DO NOT BE FOOLED. Links in emails will take you to fake sites where the details you enter will be harvested and your accounts emptied. The 'man from Microsoft' who rings you will either lock your machine and charge you a fortune to unlock it, or again, harvest your bank details and rob you that way. Just say NO. Talk to someone else and take their advice. Put the phone down (or keep them hanging on talking rubbish and stopping them calling anyone else) but do not give them your details.

Olly Online

Victoria Crosses on the Western Front 1917 to Third Ypres by Paul Oldfield

THIS book is one of a series by the author, who became interested in the VC actions during his army career, and covers the period January to July 1917. In the first half of the book, each VC action is described in detail with trench maps current at the time, photographs of the sites today, old photographs, and detailed descriptions of where to park if you are visiting the battlefield. The actions are set in the context of overall strategy for the day/week in question and I found this very useful.

It is a comprehensively researched volume and I learned a lot about the actions, the men and their bravery. It's also interesting that some sites are preserved and others are now lost or buried under industrial sites. Without this book as a companion it would be difficult to find those.

The second half of the book is a biography of each of the VC winners, with information about where they were born, their families, occupations and a little of their military history. I found this fascinating, and was amazed that quite a few of the VCs had relatives who also won gallantry medals - is it genetic? It also increased my understanding of why so many of our colonial soldiers volunteered to serve Great Britain, as they or their parents had emigrated from here, and it was still close to their hearts. I was interested that several of them had been 'bad boys' in their military career, including one who was docked two day's pay for taking a mule without consent!

I liked that the author had taken the time to find out what happened to the survivors after the event, so many just went back into their former life quietly as if they hadn't done anything out of the ordinary. In an age where some people can earn lifelong fame and massive fortunes by kicking a football and hiring a PR company, this is unusual.

I would recommend this book to anyone planning to visit the Western Front battlefields, and to anyone with an interest in ordinary people doing extraordinary things.

Susan Wilson



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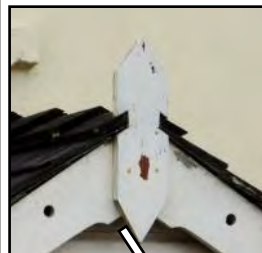
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**Deadline for the July Reporter is mid-day
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Did you identify this?



The photograph in the May Reporter was
taken of 1 The Square.

Robin Keller again came up with the
correct answer.

Try your luck this month
on page 33.



Sports Club Bar Volunteers

STILL haven't had time to digest all the responses from our recent local survey but we are working on it and a lot of other mundane things besides. So as part of our general duty of care, we now have a sanitary unit rental service in place for the ladies toilets!

Some say that we have been a bit "cheeky" with our Grant Funding bid of £49,500 to Viridor which just creeps under the maximum grant cap of £50,000. OK we might be sunk without a trace this time around but if the latest letter of support is anything to go by we have been noticed and established some really important 'markers' for the future. Better to go down with all guns blazing anyway.

Quote:

"Dear Mr Lock,

I am delighted to support your application for grant funding to develop the proposed all age, fitness and wellbeing centre in Milborne St. Andrew. As I'm sure you're aware this is exactly the sort of community led initiative that will really benefit residents, and is fully in line with our strategic vision for a healthier Dorset.

The County Council is fully supportive of encouraging people of all ages and walks of life to be as physically active as possible, recognising the huge benefits that it brings to individuals and communities.

I wish you the best of luck with the application.

Yours sincerely

Debbie Ward, Chief Executive, Dorset County Council"

Hopefully you will have read elsewhere that the Milborne U12s have achieved a great result by winning their league and we wish them all the very best for the future. The Sports Club will now be investing in some bigger goalposts and associated equipment so that they can meet the standards expected in their new league tier.

Saira, the organiser of the Mellulah Yoga group is still generating a great deal of interest locally but one of the sessions is likely to be dropped as she develops a second centre near Hazelbury Bryan. Saira has said that she is definitely impressed with everything we are trying to do to help her but that she needs to develop the two centres to reduce the travel requirements of her clients.

The weekend of the 16th and 17th June promises to be a stonking good (full-on) event. The Wessex Hash Harriers will be celebrating their 50 years of walking either side of some merriment, games and drinking activities. The site will be crammed full of campers, walkers, followers, etc bomb bursting occasionally around the local footpaths, so if you see any lost souls that weekend point them in the direction of Lane End.

HELPERS REQUIRED, and that leads me back to the headline

The Sports Club has been invited to run the main bar at the Milton Abbas Street Fair to be held on the 29th July 11.00am - 5.00pm and will receive a worthy donation for doing so. To run the bar we need to provide sufficient volunteers to maintain five persons to do the necessary. If you are interested in helping, please let us know. I am sure that you can take time off to visit the rest of the fair, knowing that you have helped the Sports Club to bolster its funds and continue to grow and serve the needs of the Community.

Finally we are still interested in enticing volunteers to join our Committee with the aim of making things happen - big time.

Richard Lock



Have you something that you
would like printed in the Reporter?

If so send it by email via msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk



LETTERS to the Reporter

Dear Editor,

I was very interested to read the letter from Concerned Residents (February issue) with regard to all the figures that were given and the suggestion that there was a risk that our Council Precept would have to rise to fund these gifts of money to the Sports Club.

Due to all the immigrants being allowed into this country and the increasing number of children being produced by people already here. The thought of wasting an area of ground for various clowns to kick bags of wind around of which the majority do not come from Milborne and having the audacity to call it the Milborne Sports and Social Club is quite beyond my comprehension. Very shortly we will need all this area to grow food for the increasing population. The only thing that area of the village should be used for is allotments. The hut up there should be demolished to allow for accommodation to be erected for the increasing population. The erected houses could then be sold to help pay off the loan.

Very concerned

Robin Keller

The Village Hall

I would like voice my opinion on that awful mess on the wall at the front of the village hall. When did the hall become a memorial hall. I think is out of place and open to graffiti. Name and address supplied

Dear Editor,

This painting on the wall of the village hall is disgusting. If it had been done by the children or adolescents of the village during the hours of darkness it would have been called vandalism. But because it was done by two grownups during day light hours it seems to be acceptable. I understand it was in memory of a person who did not even live in the village. Whoever gave these two grownups' permission to desecrate the village hall and make it look like something from a funfair? People have stopped me as I have been walking around the village and said had I seen the desecration that was taking place on the village hall. I went and looked and could not believe what I was looking at. This has never been mentioned at any Parish Council meeting. Maybe people should start painting their house walls with the same size and colour of bricks to see how beautiful that would look! There are some lady residents of the village whose children have died young and they have never asked for bricks to be painted on the village hall. As residents they are quite content to have their offspring buried in the churchyard.

Robin Keller

Did you spot it? Last month's Reporter asked for suggestions

Bring Back the Church

Warm Regards

Richard and Maureen

Others suggestions included: St Andrew's flag, Londis Stores, The Post Office, The Royal Oak. the Village Hall, the obelisk on Weatherby Castle, the wall in Fairfield, Dewlish Road, sign post, the stream/river, the stag and road names around the village.

Public Transport in the Antipodes and the UK

We were surprised and delighted on arrival in Perth, Western Australia to find that all bus transport in the central district is free. There are three circular Central Area Transit routes, known as CATS. They have massive cat silhouettes on their sides, colour coded for the route they take. We used all three to see the whole city in overview, and used them



again to get to places we wanted to visit. All absolutely free. In addition transport

is free on bus routes within the Central Area, so having decided to visit a place, a bus will take you all or part of the way for no fee! We were most impressed and used it a lot to get around, particularly as the drivers were helpful and informative about which bus to take, where to find stops, good places to go, etc.

Two stages further on our journey we arrived in Melbourne, which has both buses and trams. Public transport here is controlled by a smart card, the 'Myki', which can be bought at any newsagent for six dollars and charged with any amount of cash for fares. Again, travel within the central area is free, so you only pay once your transport leaves that area. There are signs on the bus and tram stops showing where payment starts and ends. This made life so easy again for us to move about the city and see the sights.

Our last stop was Sydney, which had the best public transport system I have encountered. Here the card is the 'Opal' available at a small cost from newsagents. Buses and trains use the same system and the prices are very low. Our hour long journey by bus and train from our relatives'

house to the city centre never cost more than three dollars and often cost less than one dollar because when tapping off one type of transport and onto another immediately, a credit is given! The technology works, is easy to use for everyone from small children to elderly people and business folk, and whilst there is still a lot of traffic in the city, there are thousands of people of all ages using the buses and trains.

In all three cities buses, trams and trains were clean, regular and frequent. Stations and stops were also clean, well-staffed and pleasant places to be with good disabled access and always a shop where travelcards can be topped up. They were well used at all times of day, and ran well into the night for those eating, drinking and attending events in the city centres.

We couldn't help but compare all this, obviously subsidized but well liked and used transport infrastructure to the situation in London and in Dorset. Our last experience of London Underground was being charged £19 each for a four stop journey due to making the mistake of believing notices that said using debit cards to avoid the queues at the ticket machines would cost no more than the peak fare. To acquire an Oyster Card involves buying it online before travel, giving your bank details and address information to yet another private 'service provider' and paying exorbitant fares. Despite the intentions, and various failed initiatives, there is no link between it and the various overground rail companies. Our capital city has a way to go before it can compete with Australian state capitals for clean, safe, reliable and cheap mass transportation systems.

As to public transport in Dorset, it's pretty much invisible in the rural areas, and what is there is constantly under threat from councils in their spending decisions. It would be lovely if someone with a little imagination could understand that spending on public transport could save money in other parts of their budget, including school transport, outpatient transport and provision of car parks.

Susan Wilson

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Saturday 3rd June – 9.15 am (Please note Saturday!)

Walk

Meet at the church in Turnworth for a stunning walk Turnworth-Houghton-Stickland-Whitechurch-Milton Abbas.

Grid reference: ST 822075 on OS Explorer Sheet 117 (total distance 11 miles although smaller sections can be done and return transport to Turnworth is available). Refreshments en route but bring a packed lunch.

Phone Richard D'Silva 01258 880118 or Ian Bromilow 01258 880044 for more details.

Wednesday 7th June – 11.00am (arrive at 10.30am for coffee and cake)

Hilton and Dewlish

Meet at the Old School in Hilton.

Grid reference: ST 780031 on Explorer Sheet 117 (approx. 7 miles)
Bring a packed lunch.

** This is the last walk of the season until early September. There will be an evening walk in July and August – contact Ian Bromilow 01258 880044 for more details. **

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.

Can you identify where this is in Milborne?



Be the first to send your answer to m.s.a.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 July Reporter.

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

People don't really change but systems do

AT the May meeting of the History Group Linda shared her research about illegitimacy over the last 500 years in England. Using baptismal records from Milborne St. Andrew's church and other papers such as newspaper reports she fascinated us by describing how mothers, who had given birth to illegitimate children, were judged and how they were treated. It made the group realise how things have changed over the years so that 'single' or unmarried mothers are not uncommon nowadays and are not socially shunned as they were in the past. Many of the group shared case studies about women they knew who had to hand over their new born baby for adoption and the pain that they endured because of it. Some shared information about people they knew that had been adopted and the traumas that they suffered not knowing their natural parents or siblings.

At the next meeting we are going to continue to look into the history of Milborne St. Andrew identifying where people lived, their occupations and activities. It will be a very interesting, time consuming project and hopefully we may be able to publish the findings in the future.

All are welcome to come along on the 14th June at 7.30pm in The Royal Oak.

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The Man Who Knew Infinity (PG-13)

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on Friday 9th June 2017 at 7.30pm

THIS is the story of Srinivasan Ramanujan (Dev Patel), a man of boundless intelligence that even the abject poverty of his home in Madras, India, cannot crush. He frantically scribbles theorems on slate before sending samples of his work to intellectuals in Cambridge. Within an instant of receiving the latter's theories, Cambridge academic G. H. Hardy is not only astounded, but invites Ramanujan to study in England – both as his protégé and the missing link since Isaac Newton. Srinivasan Ramanujan is forced to leave behind his young wife (Devika Bhise) with his mother, but not before going on to make profound discoveries in his field of study. Consider the fact that almost a century after his death intellectuals using modern day computers are still baffled by Ramanujan's integrals and integers. And only as recent as 2012 have scientists confirmed Ramanujan's incredible intuition that suggests the existence of black holes in deep space – a concept that was virtually unknown during his time. In many ways, Hardy is a more interesting character than Ramanujan because he is constantly being forced to reckon with the disjunction between his prejudices and the reality of the young man in front of him whom he finally acknowledges as the Mozart of mathematics – a man who could penetrate to the heart of a math puzzle and solve it as easily as Mozart could write a sonata. "Great knowledge often comes from the humblest of beings," John Littlewood (Toby Jones) Hardy's colleague reminds him in a fine performance. Thus it touches on the prejudice of early 1900s English society, scorning Ramanujan simply because of his skin colour and heritage (though India was under the rule of the British crown at the time). It's a sympathetic and poignant film. An emotional roller coaster but also an extraordinary story told almost a century after Ramanujan's early and tragic death in 1920.

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

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Other counterfeit items recently found have been life jackets stuffed with packaging instead of buoyancy aids, sunglasses with no UV protection causing lasting damage to the eyes, and perfume found to contain cyanide and, in some cases, human urine and toxic levels of chemicals.

So how do you spot a fake? The chances are that if it seems to be too good to be true then it probably is, always shop from reputable traders.

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Relieve hayfever symptoms naturally

ITCHY, streaming eyes, runny nose, blocked and inflamed sinuses? Hayfever symptoms can cause misery to the many that are affected but there are a vast number of things that can bring relief to sufferers that are both natural and effective, and without the drowsy side effects! Here are just a handful of natural approaches...

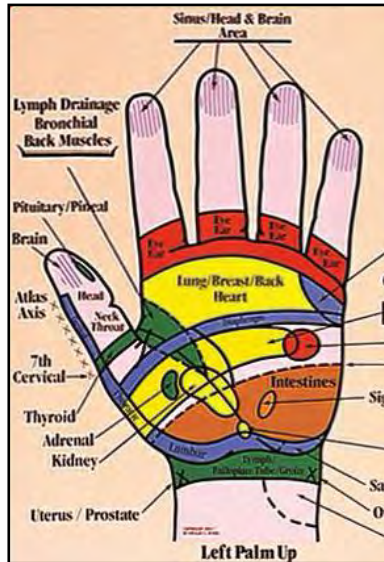
Reflexology

Complementary treatments such as reflexology can be helpful for many hayfever sufferers find relief from symptoms. It is recommended the course starts before your symptoms begin for best results.

Try giving yourself some hand reflexology for 10-15 minutes a day.

Using a caterpillar style action with the thumb, apply this forward creeping pressure to the following areas on both hands for a quick self-help session:

- The tips of each finger and thumb to work the sinuses and head.
- Next work across the base of the fingers which are the eye and ear reflexes.
- Then up in between the metacarpals and across the top half of the palm within the chest and lung reflex area.
- and finally work into the adrenal reflex area.



Healing from the hive

A daily spoonful of honey is a well-known remedy for alleviating

hayfever symptoms and it is recommended to start taking it before the hayfever starts to de-sensitise the body to the pollens and develop immunity. Local honey is thought to give best results because of the local pollens it will contain.

Next up is bee pollen. Known as the caviar of the plant world because of its richness in vitamins and minerals – it is considered by nutritionists to be the most complete food found in nature. It is naturally antihistamine. Dr. Leo Conway reported that 94 percent of his patients were completely free from allergy symptoms after supplementing their diet with the bee pollen. Everything from asthma to allergies to sinus problems were improved or cleared, suggesting that bee pollen is wonderfully effective against a wide range of respiratory diseases.

Propolis is a wondrous natural antibiotic. It has been treasured for centuries for its immune boosting properties and now is being proven with contemporary studies. It is a powerful anti-inflammatory and antiseptic. It is very easy to make your own tincture or you can usually get it from independent health shops.

Ginger shots!

Ginger is considered the king of anti-inflammatory foods and a natural antihistamine. If you have a juicer, here is a highly recommended recipe for a ginger shot. These are what juice master Jason Vale used daily (just before and during the main onset of symptoms) to alleviate his hayfever by about 80%! Not for the faint hearted, it can be very strong and warming so best to down in one!

- 1 inch chunk raw ginger
 - 1 apple (varieties such as Gala are best)
- Serve in a shot glass.

Vitamin C

Vitamin C is a natural antihistamine and necessary for a strong immune system. Top nutrition expert Patrick Holford recommends supplementing 1000mg - 3000mg a day as optimal for the majority of people, the equivalent of at least 22 oranges!

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