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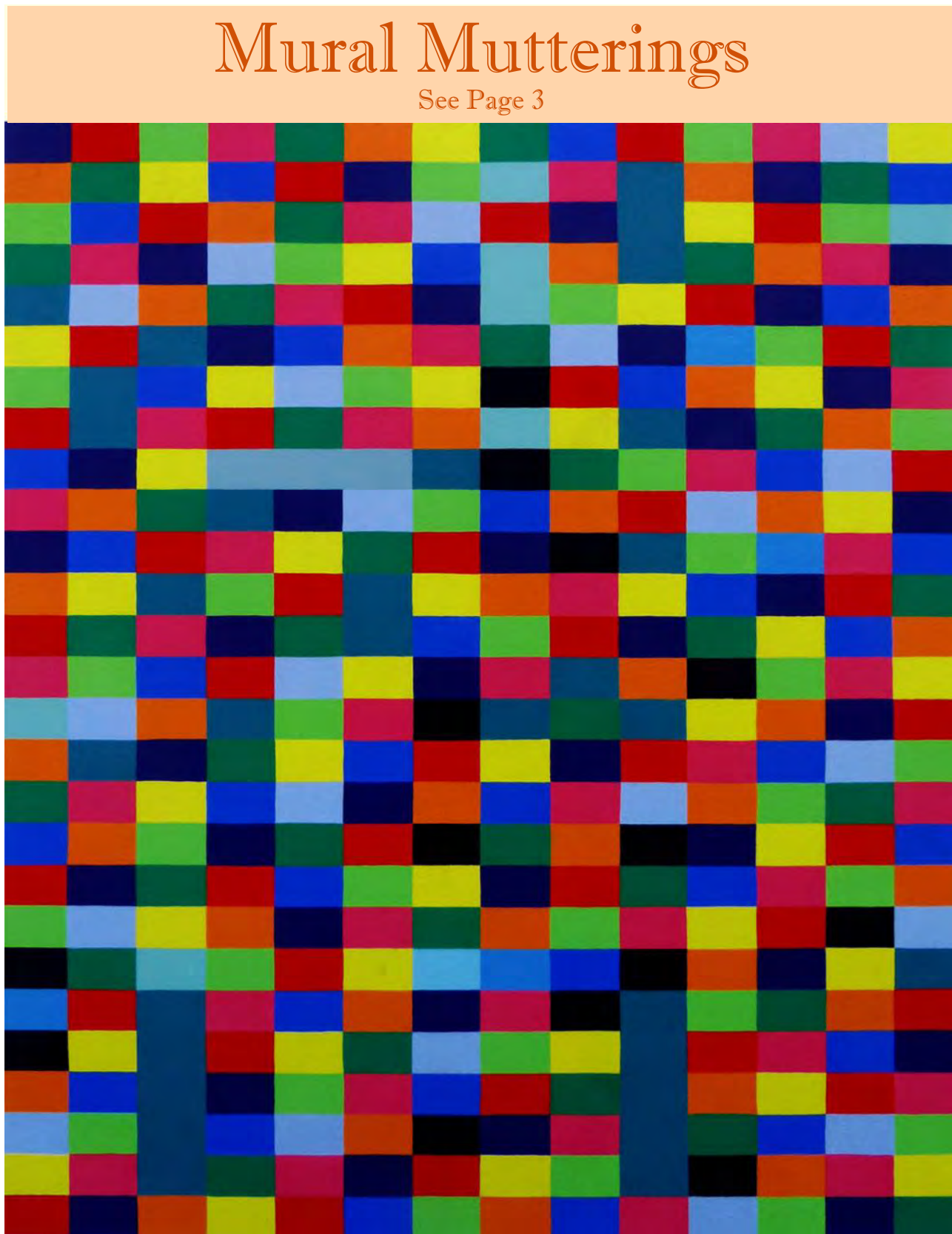


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“Awful mess” or colourful artwork?

LAST month's issue featured the mural that has been recently painted on the Village Hall by artist Emma Douglas. She is painting 21 of these murals mainly around the UK in a tribute to her son, Cato, who died at the age of 21. She has chosen locations that were significant in his life and Milborne was selected because he spent many happy times here with his cousins, children of Emma's sister, Tor Douglas. We have decided to give the mural the full colour treatment that it deserves and put it on our front cover this month. Our Facebook page saw a lot of activity when the mural photos and story appeared there, with readers giving the artwork and the thoughts behind it their support. There was also response to the two letters that appeared in the June edition about the painting – describing it as a “mess” and “desecration” of the Village Hall. Here's a flavour of the comments we received:

“I was so sad to see that letter – I think the artwork is a lovely addition to the front of the hall”.

“The letter was both rude and disrespectful, and the other letter he put in regarding the sports club was exactly the same”.

“I love it. I think he's missed the point completely. It shows the village is welcoming to 'outsiders' who visit, it's beautifully done – I think the plaque is also lovely”.

“When you read the key next to it and work out what that meant for a three year old it is really thought provoking”.

“I remember Tor Douglas and her sister Emma many years ago when I lived in the village. Tor has been part of Milborne for many years when her children were at the primary school with my children. It's lovely.”

If you'd like to see more of the Reporter, then 'like' our Facebook page – search for 'Milborne Reporter'.

Betty Alice Rogers nee Burt

27th November 1925–29th May 2017



MANY Milborne residents will know Betty who lived in Milborne all her life and worked in the village shop for many years.

She was born at what is now Garden Cottage in The Drawn, off Chapel Street on 27th November, 1925. Her father was the son of a shepherd who worked at Manor Farm and her mother was Eva, daughter of Mr Davis the hurdle maker. Betty went to school in Milborne, the head mistress at the time being Miss Frampton. Like many children at the time Betty used to take leftovers from her evening meal to school the next day and re-heat them on the coke stove for dinner. She regularly stopped to drink from the springs which bubbled up out

of the road – those springs are nothing new, it seems! Betty also used to walk to Dewlish for her piano lessons every week. She moved with her parents and three brothers to the old tin bungalow at Riverside, Milton Road.

After leaving school Betty worked for Mr and Mrs Gray at the stores, driving the delivery van and helping in the shop, as well as helping her father with his farm work. He was a veteran of the Great War who lied about his age to fight for his country. Her brother Lewis introduced her to one of his friends, George Rogers, and they were married on 12th February 1949. George was in the Royal Navy for a time, and had been stationed at Djidjelli in Algeria and had loved the place. They lived at 2 Chapel Street, next to Stag House, and their son Ian was born there.

In 1969 Betty's parents achieved permission to build a bungalow for their daughter's family on their vegetable garden. Sadly, in October of that year, when the bungalow was built up to roof height,

George died suddenly. They had planned to call the bungalow Djidjelli and Betty carried out that wish, moving in in April 1970. At this time she returned to work in the village shop, for Mrs Smith and later for Jane Walton. Because Betty had two speeds of walking – very fast and slow, Jane Walton used to call her 'Little Legs'.

After she retired, Betty enjoyed gardening, shopping trips with her brothers and their wives to nurseries and garden centres, and doting on her granddaughters, Nikki and Kim and their children, Courtney, Bethany, Ethan and Archie. One of her last outings was to the Christening of Kim's twin sons Ethan and Archie, another was to the party at the Village Hall celebrating the Queen's 90th Birthday.

Betty passed away on 29th May, peacefully at home and with her family at her side. She is buried in Milborne St. Andrew's churchyard with her late husband George, thus her two final wishes have been met.

Betty's family would like to thank the Doctors, Nurses and staff at the Milton Abbas Surgery for their care and support during her illness. They really appreciate the caring and supportive way Betty was looked after. They also thank Kaye Clements and her team at Colin Close the Funeral Directors for their sympathetic and helpful service. As Betty loved children, the collection taken up at her funeral service will be sent to Julia's House Hospice.

To honour their Grandmother and to raise funds to support the care she was given, Nikki and Kim will be running the Bournemouth Half Marathon in October to raise money for the Alzheimers' Society and for Marie Curie Nursing.





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THE time is nearly upon us when, on Saturday 29th July The Street of Milton Abbas is closed to traffic, adorned with bunting and the lawns and Lake Field are given over to a colourful array of stalls, entertainers and thousands of people.

This year we have over 130 stalls booked, with a vast range of products from Italian and Thai clothing, to fudge and 'Goats Milk Soap'. In the street will be an extensive farmers market and a wide range of jewellery stalls, also many stalls displaying a variety of fine artwork oil and watercolour, abstract and graphic. Returning for a second year are the blacksmith, The Spitfire Forge and the wood turner, Bodrighy Wood who will both be giving eye catching demonstrations in the Lake Field.

We have over 30 entertainers, performing at five different venues throughout The Street and Lake Field. There is music to suit every taste ranging from Celtic Rock to Organ and Classical with a number of Folk bands, including our own popular local talented Milton Thatchers. There will be dancing in The Street with the ever popular Quayside Cloggies and Saurm Morris dancers, along with the junior folk dancers Steps in Time, who will also be performing Maypole dancing.

There is lots to entertain children with a fun fair, donkey rides, Punch and Judy and new for this year we have **JAMIE JIGSAW** – CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINER. Come and join Jamie at the Street Fair! It'll be fun for the whole family throughout the day. The Jamie Jigsaw Magic and Juggling Show features some amazing juggling and funny magic tricks suitable for both the children and adults. There will be a circus workshop on the Lake Field where you can try juggling, diabolo, plate spinning and many more circus skills. He'll also be walking high amongst the crowds on his stilts.

If you fancy dressing up (or down!), entering into the spirit of the Street Fair and joining in the fun, then it's not too late to still get your 18TH CENTURY COSTUME at our FITTING DAY on Saturday 8th July. Come and have great fun trying on some 18th Century costumes. If you would like to buy or hire costumes (for a small fee) from us then come along to the Reading Rooms (opposite St. James Church) on Saturday 8th July between 10.00am and 12 o'clock when we will have all the costumes for you to try on. Don't forget, on the day of the Street Fair there are prizes for the best dressed lady, man and child.

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.

Service of Prayer for Healing and Peace

5.00pm on 20th August 2017 at St. Andrew's Church, Milborne

To include quiet music and times for silent reflection.

Details: Rosie Coldwell 839214.

More cream teas for Wednesday Club

FORTUNATELY Wednesday 7th June was a bright and sunny if blustery day and nineteen members met at the village hall car park to arrange car sharing to take us to Moreton Walled Garden.

On arrival we went to our tables and enjoyed a delicious cream tea. We were then free to explore the lovely gardens which are really delightful and for which, amazingly, there is no charge.

Everyone agreed it was a most successful outing and many intend to return to visit the gardens later in the year.

Our next outing is on Wednesday 5th July, to Compton Abbas Airfield for a cream tea. We will meet in the village hall car park at 2.30pm to arrange car sharing. Please phone Sheila on 839033 if you would like to join us.

Looking ahead to August, on Wednesday 2nd, we will be visiting Arne Nature Reserve for a guided tour. Details to be provided next month. Visitors are welcome at all our meetings so do come along and join us.

Lis Watts

Food and Wine Club's Saturday Sortie

THIRTEEN intrepid members of the club struck out cross-country from Beaminster along increasingly narrow lanes to visit the Black Cow Vodka distillery on 13th May. No bad luck here, far from it!

Welcomed with a coffee as we assembled, we were then offered a vodka cocktail while we listened to an informative explanation about the origins of the vodka by the company's Marketing and Brand Manager. He answered our questions very succinctly and was very knowledgeable about his subject. Black Cow Vodka is the world's first pure milk vodka made entirely from the milk of grass fed cows. It has been developed using the whey left by a cheese making operation; no buying in of alcohol here.

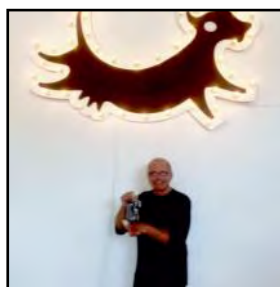


We had a tour of the beautiful copper still. The pipework for the journey the raw material makes looks rather like a cross between a Hoffnung musical instrument and a Heath Robinson invention! We inspected the bottling plant and saw the shelves of product waiting for dispatch. They were very excited by a very quick repeat order from Canada and were busy packing up the precious liquid. Black Cow Vodka is making its mark around the world.

Escorted back to their newly appointed bar area we had another chance to sample the spirit with a shot together with a nibble or two of their delicious Black Cow cheese which can be found on the shelves of Fortnum and Mason! The vodka is very smooth, without any uncomfortable



'bite', and a more than acceptable effect on the palate! The drivers amongst us having sipped, passed the remainder to their passengers! All agreed it was a very pleasant way to spend a Saturday morning and we dispersed happily to negotiate the narrow lanes back to our various destinations.



As well as the distillery tour it is possible to book a Black Cow distillery experience - a cocktail making class and a four course lunch of local seasonal fare with vodka involved of course. Possibly you might need someone to drive you home! Details can be found on their website www.blackcow.co.uk and under the 'Latest Moos' heading.

Thanks Alice – and Milborne Movies in autumn

AT the last film evening we all expressed our gratitude to Alice Harrall who has organised the films in Milborne for years, and who is now handing over to me and the trusty Artsreach team. There will be a break during the summer, and then we hope to start again at the beginning of October.

But it is a case of Use It Or Lose It – we just aren't getting enough people to pay for the licence fee at the moment. If you haven't yet been to one of the evenings, do give it a try. I love being able to see a good film, often in the company of friends, for very little money, AND with a drink and top-quality ice cream! I think you might too!

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Zippering along for the WI



TO celebrate 100 years of the WI in Dorset 100 members from across the county went "flying" on the zip wire on Bournemouth seafront.

Veronica Herridge and Linda Wright were the two brave ones from Milborne St. Andrew WI. Although the stepping off was a bit daunting both really enjoyed the experience and were cheered on from the pier by WI members and members of the public.

Village Hall clean up day

OUR next Clean Up Day is on Sunday 15th July. From 10.00am to 4.00pm some of us will be there, cleaning and sprucing. If the weather permits we shall also be outside, cutting back and strimming. Please come and give us an hour or two of your time and energy. It's much more fun cleaning and gardening with other people! You get to choose whether you work inside or out – if out, then bring along your favourite gardening tools and gloves.

Sarah Ryan

Too much clutter?

Garage need a tidy up?

Perhaps we can help

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.

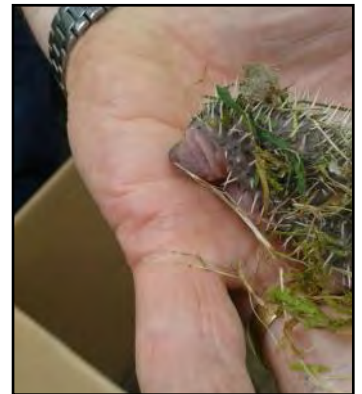
Ring Eva 01258 837468 or Pam 01258 837203 to book in your garage.

How are your hedgehogs doing?

There was a flurry (or maybe a prickle) of hedgehog activity about a month ago, but I have had little news come to me recently. Quite a number of people sent me messages from all round the village so they're evenly spread. It is also interesting to see how the village map has the same spread of sightings. The hedgehog we fed and hibernated through the winter decided our delightful hedgehog home in the garden was not for him and has left. The one I marked with a white patch on the rear right rump was reported as being seen in the causeway which is quite a way from Bladen View, where I marked him.

Unfortunately, I have had too many reports of dead hedgehogs, some road kill, but also three, possibly four, that were eaten by badgers. One suggested reason for this was the dry weather throughout April meant that the preferred food of badgers and hedgehogs was in limited supply, so the badgers took to the hedgehogs. Hopefully, the much wetter time since has seen a proliferation of those juicy slugs that hedgehogs, and badgers prefer. Certainly my garden has seen more slugs!

I had an emergency request from a family outside the village to remove a hedgehog from the garden where the dog was annoying it. On further enquiry the hedgehog was female with six small babies. We had very little time as we were going away shortly, so I retrieved the family and put them into the home in the garden with the minimum of disturbance. They seemed settled, but were gone on our return. The possible good news is that there were no dead babies in the box, so I hope the mother moved them to a site she considered better. I can add that the food from the two feeding sites in the garden is still being taken.



I have now invested in a motion sensor camera in the hope that I can confirm who is taking the food.

On a slightly different note, I am pleased to say that the two nest boxes with cameras in the garden have already had two broods of young, only house sparrows, but fun to watch nevertheless. I am hoping that the artificial nestbox which I put up for house martins would attract them, but nothing so far.

Pip Howell

Dorset Volunteer Awards

Would you like to nominate someone you know for this award

- Young Volunteer of the Year (under 25yrs)
- Volunteer of the Year
- Team / Group of the Year
- Community Award for Volunteering (private

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Nomination forms available from msa.pariah.clerk@gmail.com

To be returned by 26th September 2017 awards

Volunteer Awards Evening which is taking place on Thursday 26th October at the Dorford Centre, Bridport Road, Dorchester, DT1 1RR between 6pm and 9pm.



Completing Circles

There have been many occasions recently when, sitting in my study, I have watched the homing pigeons circling round and round above the Hopsfield gardens in Milborne.

I wonder why they do this? To get a 'bird's eye view of the area and to map it out? Or maybe to ride the thermals? Perhaps someone can tell me?

The pigeons have helped me to reflect on journeys through life which sometimes, and you may or may not agree, appear to go round in circles. In July last year my husband Tony and I, with the help of our son and daughter, returned to our bungalow in Milborne, having spent nearly four years back in Tony's home village in Yorkshire. This was my third move here and my fourth to Dorset, having first arrived in Milborne with my parents in 1979. In fact, I have been circling from Yorkshire to Dorset for each new phase in life for over forty years!

It would also seem that, whatever our beliefs, we need to return to significant places sometimes to give thanks for special events that have happened there, to seek healing of the past, to bring closure, or to complete a circle. Although we as a family were given new and fulfilling tasks in Yorkshire in 2012, making new friends and reconnecting with old ones, for myself and my husband it was only for a time.

Sadly, two or three lifelong friends died while we were there. Their passing and Tony's illness brought closure; and we sensed that it was time to retire home to Dorset. Our son and daughter however, were just beginning their own independent journeys in life and they remained in Yorkshire.

Christians believe that we are called by God to embark on life's short or lengthy journeys. It sometimes involves taking a leap of faith as we set out; but that faith can be rewarded as God reveals his purpose for us in the place or places that He calls us to. We are also called, wherever we are placed and whatever is happening around us socially and politically, to build strong and loving relationships within our churches, with our neighbours, and with the refugees and immigrants amongst us (cf the bishop's letter in last month's magazine).

It was good to return to Yorkshire and to discover God's purposes for us there, but it is also good to return home to beautiful Dorset and to be able to serve as an 'active retired' priest in this benefice. We are discovering how many people are involved in building and in maintaining friendships and strong communities. Perhaps this is a good time for us all to remember and give thanks for past blessings, and then to move on together into the future as we, like the pigeons, continue each circle or journey. May God bless you all on your particular journeys.

Revd. Rosie Coldwell.

A busy summer at St. Andrew's

A SMALL group of people from St. Andrew's church joined the Pentecost Pilgrimage last month. They set off together, accompanied by Mia, the Staffordshire Terrier, following a brief service in church. The walk was along designated pathways through fields and track ways where we had to fight off the large weeds and overgrown hedges.

Halfway to Dewlish we were met by other pilgrims from Puddletown who joined us and led us the remainder of the way. At All Saints Church in Dewlish members from the four churches in the diocese joined together in a communion service before taking shelter, from the incoming rain, in the village hall for their picnic lunches. All those who took part found the whole experience enjoyable.

Thanks to those villagers who came and helped tidy up the graveyards on the first Saturday in June; we hope to see more for the next working group. The plan is that once we have got rid of all the very overgrown areas, including dangerous trees (yes more to come down in September) that it will be easy to maintain tidy churchyards. Feel free to come along on any first Saturday of the month from 10.00am.

The work on the church roof, walls and windows is due to start on the 10th July but the church will still be open for visitors and services. There will be a wedding in the afternoon of the 22nd July so we hope for good weather.

As always a big thank you to the flower arranging team. If anyone else is interested in helping with the displays get in touch and you will be welcomed with open arms.

Pam Shults Churchwarden

Church Services July 2017

2nd July – Trinity 3

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

9th July – Trinity 4

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

16th July – Trinity 5

9.30am	1662 Said Morning Prayer	Milborne
11.00	Martyrs' Festival Songs of Praise	Tolpuddle
11.00	Parish Communion	Puddletown
11.00	Family Service	Dewlish
5.00pm	Martyrs' Methodist Service	Tolpuddle Chapel

Thursday 20th July

12 noon	Holy Communion	Puddletown Church Room
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Saturday 22nd July

2.00pm	Marriage of Joseph Mudzwinga and Elisabeth Davies	Milborne
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23rd July – Trinity 6

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

Saturday 29th July

2.30pm	Marriage of Nicky Willshere and Kiri Roome	Puddletown
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30th July – Trinity 7

11.00am	United Benefice Farm Service followed by bring-and-share lunch	Parsonage Farm, Dewlish
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Morning Prayers (Monday–Thursday 8.15 am; Saturday 9.00am)

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

Essential building repairs to St. Andrew's church

Work will start on the church and graveyard boundary walls, the tower roof, the chancel roof and some windows beginning the 10th July and finishing sometime in October.

If you would like to know more or have concerns please call Pam Shults, Churchwarden on 01258 837203

Dewlish Church Notes

OUR Coffee Morning held to raise money for Christian Aid resulted in a sum of £187.25. We thank everyone who supported the event and especially Mrs Margaret Groves for arranging it.

What a beautiful morning we had for our Ascension Day Service! Even though we met at 6.30am it was already pleasantly warm. Eight people attended the service which was led by Sarah who had produced a new service sheet which we all enjoyed (along with the cattle in the opposite field!)

Our Farm Service will, once again, be held at Parsonage Farm, Dewlish, the home of Mrs Sue Britton. This benefice service, to be held at 11.00am on **Sunday 30th July**, will be followed by a bring-and-share lunch. The collection will be donated to Farm Africa. Do please join us. Sue's farm is halfway between Dewlish and Milborne St. Andrew.

Daphne Burg

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Gravad Lax Mousse

REGULAR readers of this cookery column will know that my childhood was, by today's standards, extremely politically incorrect. Not only was I allowed to eat as many sweets as I liked; both my parents smoked cigarettes heavily – in the house, in the car, in the cinema, in the pub, on the bus; everywhere in fact. It was quite normal and unremarkable to live our lives in a blue haze of smoke and to smell tobacco smoke everywhere. Even our teachers smelt of a mixture of pipe and cigarette smoke and coffee-breath. If you had to visit the staff room at playtime, you were almost bowled over by the clouds of smoke pouring out from the doorway.

As quite a small child my mum sent me to the shop to buy her cigarettes. "20 DuMaurier tipped please" I would ask the shopkeeper, feeling very grown up and important. Cigarettes came in packets of 10 or 20 and could even be bought singly at certain tobacconists. At Christmas time they could be bought in boxes of 50 or 100 with a fancy festive sleeve to make them look like an attractive present.

My father smoked "Senior Service" which were untipped. He transferred them from the packet into his silver cigarette case which had been a present from his parents on his 21st birthday.

We had ashtrays in almost every room all over the house, including in our parents' bedroom, in the bathroom and even by the kitchen sink. A silver cigarette case was in pride of place in the sitting room and a carved wooden cigarette case, brought back by my father from India in 1945, in the dining room. Both my parents had cigarette lighters, which frequently didn't work because they needed refilling, so there were boxes of matches on standby everywhere. There were also small vases full of coloured spills which were kept on top of the mantelpieces and could be poked into the open fires to set alight and, of course, light a fresh cigarette.

Both matches and spills were great fun for us children to play with. Mum would tell us off for wasting them but I can't remember being warned that they could be dangerous in any way. It just seemed obvious to us children to take care with them in the same way we took care when lighting our fireworks or lighting the coal fire or the gas ring. A slightly singed finger was the best way of learning to be careful. These days our own grandchildren regard a box of matches as a terrifying and forbidden object, never to be touched. I don't think any of them have ever been allowed to strike a match.

My mother's younger brother, Uncle Harold, smoked a pipe all his adult life, it was never out of his mouth and was frequently re-lit with Swan Vestas – "the smokers match". I can remember asking my mum if his heavy pipe smoking was the cause of his constantly watering eyes. She told me how he had been blown up in his tank in Normandy during WW2 and had returned to the burning tank twice to rescue his comrades. Unfortunately the smoke and heat damaged his eyes and for a while he was completely blind.

Evacuated from Dunkirk, he was sent to Lulworth Camp for R&R and thankfully made a quick recovery, although his eyes watered for the rest of his life. When I asked him about his wartime exploits, in later life, he was most reluctant to talk about his military experiences. On pressing, he did tell me that finally recovering his eyesight, in the beautiful surroundings around Lulworth Cove, was one of his sweetest memories.

He could see well enough to take part in D-Day on 6th June 1944, four years after Dunkirk. Before that he also spent a little time in Tobruk and other places. At least his smoking habit didn't kill him; he died quietly and peacefully in his sleep at home aged 87.

This month's recipe is for smoked salmon and gravad lax mousse.

Smoking is used to preserve salmon against microorganism spoilage. During the process of smoking salmon the fish is cured and partially dehydrated and this slows the activity of bacteria. The smoking of food directly with wood smoke is claimed to contaminate the food with carcinogenic substances.

During the Middle Ages, gravlax or gravadlax or lox was made by fishermen, who salted the salmon and lightly fermented it by burying it in the sand above the high-tide line. The word *gravlax* comes from the Scandinavian word *gräva/grave* ("to dig"); modern sense "to cure (fish)" which goes back to the Proto-Germanic **grabq*, **grabō* ("hole in the



ground; ditch, trench; grave") and the Indo-European root **ghrebh-* "to dig, to scratch, to scrape" and *lax/laks*, "salmon".

Today fermentation is no longer used in the production process. Instead the salmon is "buried" in a dry marinade of salt, sugar, and dill, and cured for a few days.

INGREDIENTS

- 200g thinly sliced smoked salmon
- 300g gravad lax
- 300g crème fraîche
- 100g cream cheese
- 5 tbsp lemon juice
- 2 tsp finely chopped fennel (optional)
- 3 tbsp olive oil, plus extra for greasing
- 1 tsp caster sugar
- 1 cucumber, thinly sliced
- Finely chopped fresh dill, chopped, plus extra sprigs to garnish

METHOD

- In a food processor, whizz 200g of the salmon, then add the crème fraîche and cream cheese. Scoop into a bowl and fold in 2 tbsp lemon juice, a pinch of salt, pepper and the fennel, if using.
- Very lightly oil 8 x 100ml moulds or ramekins or one large mould and line with the slices of gravad lax, allowing them to hang over the edges. Spoon the pâté between the moulds or ramekins and fold the salmon over to cover. Cover with cling film and chill for two hours or overnight.
- Mix the remaining lemon juice, the olive oil and sugar together. Divide the cucumber between plates. Turn the terrines out on the cucumber and garnish each with a dill sprig. Sprinkle the cucumber with the chopped dill and spoon over the dressing.

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Martin Young

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Lunchtime treats for the MSA Food and Wine Club's May event

TWENTY-TWO members sat down to a delicious lunch at Rick Stein's Sandbanks restaurant. The menu looked good – and my word, it *was* good!

The restaurant is tastefully decorated with a gentle colour scheme and on entering there is an impressive, well stocked and stylish bar, of which of course our members took advantage. Our party was seated at two long tables on the ground floor which really was the only downside, as we missed out on the splendid views over Poole harbour from the upper part of the establishment. Due to the size of the party we could not all be accommodated on this level. However, the service was impeccable and the food quite wonderful. We had ordered our choices from our set menu prior (see picture) to our visit and our



ever efficient chairman had designed and printed our personal selections for each place setting. (Such a help, as personally I can never remember what I have ordered!)

Delicious bread and olives arrived first for us to nibble before the starters were served. The food,

a feast for the eyes, arrived piping hot and the taste did not disappoint. Everyone agreed that it was a very good way to spend a Wednesday lunchtime! The staff was charming, courteous and attentive and our palates were more than satisfied.

I think we could give the place a very highly starred rating and recommend it as not to be missed. The full menu will have you salivating from the getgo!
Susie Edwards

Milborne's got the Blues . . . 4!

YES, it's a little way away, but can you note in your diaries Saturday 23rd September, the return of Zoe Schwarz Blue Commotion to Milborne Village Hall (she asked to come back after the welcome extended to her before!).

Tickets will be priced at £10, profits going towards a new defibrillator and a small donation to Milton Abbas RDA, the members of which are great supporters of our nights.

Look out for more information nearer the time. *Clive Rawlings*

The wonderful people who volunteer at the village hall

WHERE would our village hall be without volunteers? The village hall committee are all volunteers as are many of the people who work 'behind the scenes'. We have teams who organise the films and the ArtsReach events, volunteers who do minor repairs, oversee the maintenance and inspections of appliances and equipment, the hall bookings, stock control such for items like the bar drinks, ordering and organising installation of equipment, monitoring health and safety, and so it goes on. A big THANK YOU to all the volunteers without whom the hall could not function. You can help as well, just contact one of the people whose names are advertised at the hall, you will be welcomed with open arms and know that you too can make a difference in our village.
Pam Shults

"It's just a stage we're going through"

BY the time you're reading this, our summer production will be over, the costumes and props all packed away, and normally there would be a break before we rev up again for Panto . . . NOT THIS YEAR!!!

From 24th July to 28th August we will be doing something totally new – a series of workshops on Mondays to give you the chance to "have a go". Whether its back stage or in front of the curtain, you can get involved.

There are separate workshops for children age 5–15 (6–8pm) and adults age 16+ (8–10pm), at the village hall, and it's only £1 per session.

The aim is for both the adults and kids groups to work on short productions over the summer which are performed for family and friends on the final evening. (Don't worry if you can't attend every session, we'd still love you to join in!).

It really doesn't matter whether you've been on stage before or not, whether young or more mature(!), these will be fun evenings with no pressure and a chance to try something new or dust off old skills.

Being involved in amateur dramatics is a great confidence builder for children and adults alike, and making new friends is almost guaranteed.

We look forward to seeing you on Monday 24th July. Go on, you know you want to!

For more information please contact 07837 885934.

Adrienne Rogers

Mapping old Milborne

WE were delighted to welcome Liz Mott, Dusty and Ann Miller to our group this month. They all have a wealth of knowledge about the village as it was years ago some of which they shared with us. It was fascinating to hear their memories and how things have changed over the last 70 years or so. With their help we were able to identify old homes, farms, shops, business, etc. and where they were situated in the village.

Along with the factual information it was very interesting to hear about the people who lived here, especially well known characters such as Bill Cuff, who was proud to keep the roads, hedges and lighting up to standard, Mr Keen, a very tall big man who played football, Miss Oddie who made ice cream, Miss Lawrence who taught music, Mrs Brown who had cows and wore leather leggings and so many more interesting people. It was so fascinating to hear about life as it was in the mid 20th Century.

Next meeting will be on 12th July at 7.30pm in The Royal Oak. We hope to continue to 'map' older properties, whose whereabouts are no longer obvious in our 21st century village, so that we have an understanding of Milborne St. Andrew's history and development. Come along and share with us the discovery of our village's past.

Pam Shults

If you go down in the woods today . . .

ON General election day Ladybirds decided to take time away from the village hall and spend the day in the woods. With a small group of excited children and our enthusiastic adults we planned to explore, forage, make dens and have a camp fire lunch. Anyone could forgive us for expecting a dry warm day in June but no we hadn't long set up when the rain started. But not to be deterred the activities continued and the children suitably clothed in waterproofs busied themselves hunting for bugs with pots and magnifying jars. They then looked for leaves and sticks to make some creative artwork only to suffer another heavy downpour. When it eased up



again while an adult started the camp fire the children set about building dens. The covered den collected water on the tarpaulin roof which provided another activity of jumping to make the water pour off, much to the amusement of all.

By now the fire was blazing well and we all warmed up listening to a favourite story 'The Gruffalo', having our picnic lunch and toasting marshmallows. Then all too quickly it was time to home. A group of happy, tired children who had enjoyed the simple pleasure of spending time in our great outdoors - and looking forward to the next time.

Liz Dyer

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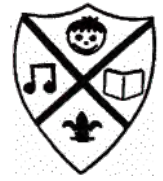
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SCHOOL NEWS

Transition Time for Milborne!

LAST month our new Reception children had their first visit to school. The children all brought an adult with them to visit Seahorses class.

First we needed to choose a story sack. Which story will it be? Now both adult and child head off into the classroom to build a 'book nook' den. Making the most of the environment, we had dens made with chairs and even pegged from the curtains! Great fun was had exploring the classroom and creating a cosy space in some very strange places. When the den was built, adult and child crawled in to share a story. "Knock, knock, is there room for Miss Wittman?" Well, it was a tight squeeze and we had lots of fun trying. In some dens, mum and dad had to leave so that Miss Wittman could fit! In no time at all, it was time to say "goodbye". But we get to continue the excitement at home because our sacks came home too.



Message from Miss Wittman:

It was lovely to see you all last month and lots of fun talking to you in your den. See you all soon - watch out for me as I will be popping in to your preschool!



Before ...

More pictures from the Castaway Camp, see page 21



... and after!

CONTACTS

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

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

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Under 5's Group – The Busy Bees	Leanne Brown	07899 808185
	Julianne Hall	07846 256694
Youth Club age 8 – 13 years	Joanne Miller	01258 881496

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SCHOOL

Milborne First School		
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July 2017

- Wednesday 5th** **Wednesday Club outing** Compton Abbas Airfield for cream tea meet at village hall 2.30pm.
- Wednesday 12th** **History Group** The Royal Oak 7.30pm all welcome – see page 13.
- Thursday 13th** **WI** talk by Linda Wright 'Climbing a family tree' Village Hall 7.30pm.
- Friday 14th** **Reporter** mid-day deadline for August/September issue.
- Saturday 15th** **Village Hall Clean Up Day** 10.00am to 4.00pm.
The Piddle Valley Players Present 'There's Talent in the Valley' Buckland Newton Village Hall Tickets £5 including a light buffet 7pm – see page 19.
'A Summer Soiree' Concert Moreton Village Hall Tickets £10 (£5 students/children) include refreshments and canapes – see page 14.
Parish Council meeting 7.30pm.
- Monday 24th to 28th August** **Milborne Players "have a go" workshops** Village hall, £1 per session – see page 13.
- Thursday 20th** **Gardening Club** talk by Martin Young 'Autumn and winter colour' Village Hall 7.30pm.
- Saturday 22nd** **Bagber Farm open day** Bagber Farm £10 adults £5 children under 5's free 11.00am to 5.00pm.
- Saturday 29th** **Village Lunch** Village Hall £6.50 per head 12.15pm to 2.00pm – see page 2.
Milton Abbas Street Fair – see page 13.

August 2017

- Tuesday 1st** **Fun for Toddlers** Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall (2–5 year olds) Advance booking is essential, Tickets £5 call Sarah Ryan 01258 839230.
- Wednesday 2nd** **Wednesday club outing** Guided tour of Arne Nature Reserve

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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)

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

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Parish Council 14th June 2017

DISTRICT Councillor Jane Somper gave her report. Co-option of two new councillors Ron Stevens and Richard McNair were approved and both will attend the next course for new councillors.

Matters arising last meeting: there has been a request for the possible landing site for the air ambulance and the Sports Field has been suggested.

The tree at March Bridge has received attention from a tree surgeon, and the Parish Council are not satisfied and there is to be a site meeting with the tree surgeon.

Report from the council's internal auditor was given. Final accounts 2016/2017 approved. Annual Return, approved. Asset Register was reviewed. Council Policies Review. Standing Orders unchanged. Complaints and Procedures unchanged. Habitual and Vexatious Complaints, unchanged.

Dorset Association Parish and Town Councils invite motions to be discussed at the next Annual General Meeting.

Further discussion about the Sport's Field is to go on the next agenda.

Defibrillators. An awareness training course will be held in the autumn.

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to the Reporter

Dear Editor and Team

It was nice to see various suggestions to be placed instead of the church on the cover of the Reporter. It was interesting that someone had thought to bring back photographs of the hidden history of the village as it used to be for everyone to look at. Most residents of the village have never seen these pictures. The Post Office which will not be here for much longer. We have already lost the market on Dorchester Hill. Most of the people would not know what an obelisk is. As for the obelisk on Weatherby Castle the majority of the villagers have never taken time to drag themselves that far away from their homes to look at it. I hope pictures of the Obelisk being repaired with the villagers in attendance, for the first time will appear one day, some of the villagers who appear in the photographs are still alive and live in the village. There is money held by the Parish Council for the repair of the Obelisk if required namely £2,426.19. This money was collected from villagers when they took a pride in their village.

Robin Keller

Dear sir

As a village mom who does have a child buried in the village graveyard, I was really touched to hear about the mural on the village hall. What a wonderful way to remember a beloved child whilst at the same time gifting a beautiful piece of artwork to the village. It may not be to everyone's taste, but I like both it, and the generous sentiment behind it.

Kind regards

Adrienne Rogers

Dear Editor,

I must say how sorry I was to have missed the opportunity of entering the Offensive Letter Competition, the winning entries of which appear to have been shown in last month's letters page.

I really don't envy the judges having to weigh up entries with such a wide range of targets . . . from immigrants, and people who "produce" children to people who enjoy playing sports and bereaved mothers. I can quite see how it ended up with a tie for first place between the two letters featured. It really must have been tricky to have picked one out as more offensive than the other. Happily both entries were from the same author so it wasn't a problem.

Please do advertise more widely when running your next competition so that more residents can be given a soapbox to air their own offensive views.

Best regards

A concerned Immigrant with the audacity to have moved to Milborne.

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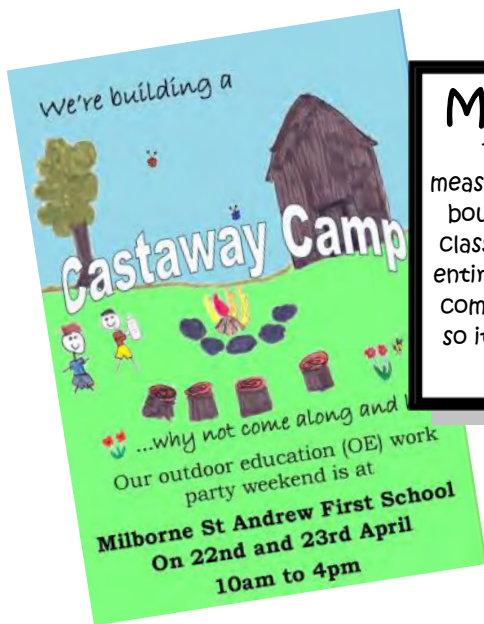
Milborne's Castaway Camp with Miss Wittman

When I arrived at Milborne St. Andrew First School I started Outdoor Education (OE), when I would go outside with a class for the afternoon. We would spend the afternoon making dens, pond dipping and exploring the wildlife area and the children were incredibly enthusiastic! I always felt very privileged to be able to contribute to the children's learning in a hands-on way while out and about.

I'm sure you'll agree with me when I say "fire is not just warm and comforting, it's completely mesmerizing...". This is why I wanted to develop an inviting, relaxing outdoor space at Milborne with fire central to it. So I teamed up with our Friends of School (FoS) to create an action plan – with the first action to be to construct a fire pit!

Step 1 - Recruitment

Samuel Richards, in Year 3, created a poster for us to get as many helping hands as possible. We made the most of our Easter by working together in our craft to build a fire pit.



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made quick work of scraping back the slope to create a level



surface. We could then cover the ground with weed control membrane. After two long days of hard work - wow! What a fantastic job! This will be a place where we can gather to explore

changing materials when the fire is lit and when the fire is not in use, it will be used as an outdoor classroom.

A big thank you to all the adults who came in their holiday to lend a hand, with a special thank you to Emma Bratley, Caroline and Ed Richards, who spent the whole weekend with me at the site. Also, Shawn and Clare Pavey who acquired and operated the digger, which proved essential, and Trish Padwicke for bringing some logs and lengths of wood. We used these to create some seating around our pit.

Step 2 - Work!

- Prepping and clearing the construction areas
- Digging and scraping to level the ground
- Measuring and marking out
- Delivering and distributing supplies: lots of heavy lifting!
- Assisting arrival with equipment, of storage
- Assembling seating
- Sourcing and securing sleepers



Step 3 - Enjoy!

All in all, we're very pleased with our work, and we now have a working firepit with seating and a container to store all of our fire accessories, den building and other equipment.

We really enjoyed making the most of the Castaway Camp at the Marvellous May Fair, showing parents and visitors our new OE area. The children enjoyed toasting marshmallows at the opening of the camp.



Of course I had the responsibility of overseeing the whole project, no pressure then! Lots of parents helped us to complete our fire pit over the Easter weekend. The digger was a massive help and

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Travels with Rosie

I knew something was going on when I saw stuff disappearing into the big tin box outside the back door, more and more stuff, what was afoot? This went on for days as life continued as normal, or sort of normal. First of all Dad had his hair shaved off and then it was my turn, yikes, off I trotted to the garage at the bottom of the road, now known as the Dorset Dog Groomer, room of torture more like. I was brushed, scrubbed, blow dried and snipped to within an inch of my life, all witnessed by a gaggle of dog grooming students! Everyone fussed over me and there was lots of tasty treats but I was having none of it, oh the indignity! I crept under the chair until Mum came to collect me. She came in, all smiles and said how smart I looked, smart, I didn't think so! I felt naked, not like my loveable shaggy self at all.

Monday 15th May

Finally we were off, the tin box on wheels was loaded to the hilt and at last my cosy bed was squeezed into the back so that I knew I was going too, yipee! I had a good view out the window and could see the fields and houses whizzing by as we went on our way. I had a little doze but kept one eye open all the way just in case (in case of what I wasn't sure but you never know when you need to be alert for interesting events occurring).

Eventually we pulled to halt in a huge Tarmac car park and there in front of us was an enormous floating tin box, the adventure had begun!

Tuesday 16th May 2017

Call this a holiday! I've been stuck in a car for 6 hours today, lucky I was still sleepy from the tablet they gave me yesterday to relax me on that huge floating tin box! Relax, how could anyone relax with all that clanking and banging going on! The pair of them looked at me guiltily and then went off leaving me behind by myself... I must have dropped off because next time I woke up they were back!

Then we were off again in the tin box on wheels, it was past my dinner time and I was getting peckish, still it wasn't far to the next stop. This looked more hopeful, grass and trees, I was let out of the tin box at last, fed and then Mum took me for a nice walk along the river (even though it was nearly dark). After a little bit of fuss and a sit on their laps it was time for bed, as if I hadn't slept enough.

Anyway, back to today, the six hours in the tin box on wheels wasn't too bad, we did listen to some good music but there was problem with the system and if I have to hear the song about a Hotel in California ever again I might howl!

When we did get to the next stop it was quite sunny and I was taken for a lovely walk around a lake, I would have liked to have chased the big white birds on the bank but of course mum said 'NO' so I didn't. Mum and Dad left me outside on my own while they went for a swim in the big pool, they said the water was cold but refreshing (I'll have to take their word for it as dogs weren't allowed). Then we all sat outside the big tin box and had a drink, I just got water but they had glasses of red stuff, I think they called it 'wine' (I thought that's what I did when I didn't get my own way).

We all had our dinner outside, it was lovely and sunny. I even got another walk around the lake and the site before bed, great!

Wednesday 17th May

We were all up early, I got taken for a good walk by Dad, then it was breakfast and back in the tin box on wheels. Boring, yawn, lucky I'm a good traveller, I just sit in the back and look at the cows (lots of big white ones, mum said they are called 'Charolais Cows').

We stopped for lunch in a nice lay-by, they tried to get me to eat some crusty stuff, I just sniffed it and left it, they can keep their French bread, I only like English stuff.

After a quick wee it was back in the box and lots more miles along the grey road, I just dozed for most of it. Dad got a bit anxious (I could tell by his voice) he said the petrol tank was less than half full, must find some soon, dear me, I thought the world was coming to an end! Luckily mum managed to find a garage in a supermarket in a little village so panic over.

Thursday 18th May

It seemed like this thing called a 'holiday' is a miserable time spent sitting in the blinking tin box on wheels going from one place to another with a quick stop for lunch and a wee wee.

This time when we got to the 'place' I was told this is it, no more sitting in the box for a while, great, I was getting really cheesed off and was beginning to wish they had left me behind with Nan and Grandad!

This place is called Italy and they say 'si' not 'wee' which is good as I was getting confused. It is very sunny and there are lots of trees and other people to make a fuss of me which is nice. The Dutch people next door asked what kind of dog I was and had the cheek to laugh when Mum said 'Cockapoo', I thought they were a bit rude!

Dad took me off for a walk while Mum got dinner ready, we went to a little river and I had a paddle to cool off; this is more like it. We all had dinner outside and they had more of the red stuff to drink and seemed relaxed, perhaps the real holiday has begun.

Friday 19th May

Some of that wet stuff fell from the sky last night but it had stopped by the time we got up so Dad took me out for a decent walk before breakfast. After breakfast they went out in the tin box on wheels to get 'shopping', peace and quiet at last. As soon as they'd gone I jumped up on the seat and then on the ledge so I could see out, I even moved the curtain for a better view! They weren't too long and I had to jump down quick but I think they may have seen me, oops.

Saturday 20th May

I was woken up at the crack of dawn by Mum and Dad doing their ablutions and packing the rucksack, looked promising. Off we went in big tin box on wheels but only for a few minutes thank goodness!

Out of the box and straight into a lovely wood, there was a bit of huffing and puffing from Mum as it was a steep climb up and up (even Dad was puffing a bit near the top). In the wood I could smell lots of interesting scents, I couldn't make out what they were but

Dad said there were wild boar there (I thought it was a bore in the tin box so I was confused). There was lots of rustling in the bushes and funny little creatures that rushed away when they saw me, lizards I think.

At the end of the walk we arrived in a pretty village that went down to the sea down a million steps, we had lunch (at least Mum and Dad did) in a little bar by the harbour. Then it was off for the next adventure, a roaring tin snake that opened up for us to climb in, then someone switched the sky off and it all went dark for ages, suddenly it came back on and the tin snake stopped to let us out, what a relief, I wasn't scared though (I was too tired, so I just had a snooze).

We all enjoyed the day and I'm looking forward to more walks tomorrow.

Sunday 21st May

Another sunny day so we were all up early to catch the tin box on wheels to the station where we waited for the roaring tin snake to come along. I got to sit on Dad's lap so I could see out (they didn't switch the sky off this time). It soon stopped and we got out in a pretty village call Moneglia where we started our hike. I dragged Dad through the town to get to the river where I could be let off; it was nice to run around sniffing every tree and blade of grass.

Just like yesterday we were soon climbing up through a path in the woods, mum was a bit slow (she said her legs were aching from the last walk, mine were fine, don't know what her problem is, must be her age)! Dad was marching on in front so I stuck with him, I didn't like to go too far in front in case those pesky lizards popped out to scare me.

When we got to the top we had a nice picnic with a Swiss lady who was walking the whole Riviera on her own, (brave or stupid, mum wasn't sure). Dad thought his rucksack was heavy but hers was enormous. Just to make things interesting there had been a rock fall so part of the path had been closed and the detour took us up hill again, Mum was NOT pleased!!! I didn't care, I've got four legs so up or down, it doesn't matter to me.

We got back to our town, Delvia Marina and found a Bar, Mum and Dad had glasses of brown stuff, I just had water but I didn't mind, I'd had a good day.

That's it for now but there's more to come

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Riding returns to Luccombe Farm

MILBORNE'S Terri Cook is set to open her own riding school in Milton Abbas at Luccombe Farm very soon. It has always been her dream to have her own yard and the stable doors will open in July after the riding centre has undergone extensive refurbishment.

Terri has over 20 years of experience with horses and started competing in showjumping aged nine – the same age her daughter, Ashleigh is now, who also enjoys competing and cross-country. Terri says, "I want to have a fun, friendly yard that everyone can enjoy. I'll

be offering lessons, countryside hacks and a kids club where children of all abilities can gain experience in horse care and riding. Children will have the chance of earning certificates and badges as well as having lots of fun meeting new friends."



Above left: *Bailey in the New Forest.* right: *India with daughter Ashleigh*

Terri will also be accommodating the Milton Abbas Riding for the Disabled group, as well as there being therapy sessions on offer throughout the year. She has a number of horses, including Bailey, a 15 year old New Forest pony who she has owned since a foal and Leya, a four year old she bred herself. There's also Beano, a bay warmblood, who she has competed on for ten years, but he is "as fit as he was as a five year old, with an attitude to match", she says.

Life is a bowl of cherries

BAGBER FARM is having an open day in their cherry orchards in July, with a barbecue, refreshments, music and



children's entertainments – and, of course, lots of cherry picking! Guests will enjoy a tractor ride to and from the orchards, where the farm has five thousand trees which produce the fruit, juice and cherry brandy that they supply nationwide.

The event is happening on Saturday 22nd July, 11.00am to 5.00pm and tickets cost £10 for adults, £5 for children – under 5's are free.

The farm is giving a donation from the day to the charity, Weldmar Hospicecare.

Each adult will be allowed to take away up to 5kg of cherries they have picked themselves. There will also be a demonstration of a mechanical cherry harvester at work.

There will be a children's entertainer and refreshments of a barbecue, local food, cherry bar with alcoholic and soft drinks.

Latest winner of the school writing competition The lost puppy – by Brooke Howells

(Advertised in the back of my Holly Webb book)

It was early in the morning and I woke up really excited to ride my new bike so I rushed outside to the garage to unlock the door. Strangely, the door was a little bit open so I crept in whilst rubbing my bravery button mummy had sewn into my top in case I ever got scared.

I found my beautiful pink bike where I had left it and was just about to move it when I heard a noise and one of the boxes in the garage move, it made me jump!

Then a little German Shepard puppy appeared and ran to me. I said "hello little puppy, where have you come from?", he rubbed his face against me and he had large blue eyes. I picked him up and ran back into the house to find mummy, she was very surprised to see me holding a puppy. She said we should check his collar for his name and a telephone number of his owner but he wasn't wearing one.

"Can we keep him please?!" I said but Mummy said we had to take him to the vets to see if anyone had lost him.

So we drove to town and the vets checked him over and he didn't have a microchip so they took a photo of him and put it on their notice board and we took him home.

I'm going to call him Bear mummy like my favourite explorer Bear Grylls. I still wanted to ride my bike so Mummy suggested we made some posters to put around the village and then we went on our bikes to stick them up. We left Bear at home.

On the poster I put a photo and our telephone number. I really wanted to keep him. I hoped we could however, two days later a lady from the farm rang to say she had seen our poster and that the puppy was hers, he had got lost on his first walk out in the woods which are right by our house.

Daddy has the garage open at night when he his unloading his tools so maybe that's how the puppy got in. The puppy's name was Oscar and he was so happy when he saw the lady from the farm, but I was quite sad as I really liked him.

Kindly, the lady said I could visit the farm on my bike at the weekends to see Oscar and play with him if I wanted and so I said "yes please" so now it's only three more sleeps until I see him again.

The end.



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Mediterranean gardening comes to Milborne



The Gardening Club had a most interesting and unusual talk in June about plants which grow in a Mediterranean climate. Apart from the sea which lends its name, the climate is also found in California, Chile, Western Australia and South Africa. The last of these has the greatest variety of plants on the planet including many that are found nowhere else. The talk was illustrated with many slides of beautiful and curious plants often growing in extreme conditions.

What all these zones have in common is hot dry summers, warm wet winters, gritty, sandy or rocky soils, bright light and wind. They also are in maritime positions. If we want to grow their often exotic plants outside in this country we must have at least some of these conditions, though the heat is often not present. It is still surprising how many can be successful in the south – we are all used to seeing palm trees, Mediterranean pines, aloes and yuccas in places like Bournemouth and Torquay. East Anglia, with drier and warmer weather has various gravel gardens with the sort of tough shrubs and succulents which do well there. Our speaker came from Poole where he grows a huge variety of unusual and demanding plants in his garden.

Various well-known places can be visited to see this kind of planting: the Eden Project has a large Mediterranean biome, and Tresco in the Scilly Islands has very lush plants. Much nearer to home the Abbotsbury estate with its micro climate and sea air is full of interest and yes – even in Milborne St. Andrew there are yuccas growing!

Sally Dyer

Can you identify where this is in Milborne?

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Reporter team members can be found on page two.

No prize, just a bit of fun. Answer in the August/September *Reporter*.

Last month's answer can be found on page 30



Sports Club wheel falls off

WITH exquisite timing the wheel has fallen off our barrow just as we took delivery of tons of road planings scrapped off the A354 at Basan Hill ready for filling the potholes and improving the Sports Club drive.

Q: does anyone have a bucket and spade they can lend us so that we can continue to lay the stuff on the drive or do we have to revert to Plan B?

Q: rather like spot the ball, can anyone spot our intrepid groundsman Malcolm, marking out the pitch for the U13's new season. No prizes, just designed to take your mind off more important things.

And now for some other news.

Did you know that four out of three people struggle with maths? Perhaps that is why people struggle with the Parish Precept and the so-called gifts given to the Sports Club! A group of volunteers formed a Sports Club following a plea for help by the Parish Council in the year 2000. The Parish Council had taken out a loan costing £1,400 per annum in 1995 to purchase the land at Lane End for the enjoyment of sports. By the year 2000 they needed people to step up to the mark and to help level the site and turn it into a playable surface. The 'gift' the Council were given is what you see today, a fantastic community resource.

Since the lease was signed, rather than being a burden on the ratepayers with annual grant approvals and precept setting, the Sports Club has actually been paying about 35% of this loan in rent to the Council. Not a bad deal when one considers the original (first) terms of the lease. The Council proposed setting the rent at £1 per annum. This was presumably in recognition that the Sports Club committee would maintain the site and the facilities for sporting use on behalf of the Council. (The Pavilion was a £375,000 bonus achieved by the Sports Club committee).

Back to the Future: At the next meeting of the Parish Council we will be resubmitting our request for the Parish Council as landlord of the site to join with us and submit an application for Centenary Field Status. (remember the poppies at the Tower of London, that was the first of many centenary initiatives being planned until 2018). We have been assured by Fields in Trust that there is absolutely no burden on maintaining the site in a pristine condition. It could be a field, a village green, a bike trail whatever and so long as it is fit and safe to use as an open space there would not be any concerns raised by Fields in Trust on the Council, just so long as it is made available for recreational use.

On another tack we are slightly concerned that no one has answered the call to help oversee the running of the Busy Bees Group and it would be truly sad to see it close. To the uninformed this is a small group of parents/guardians who meet with their children (and supposedly grandparents would not be excluded) and enjoy sharing experiences, a chat, refreshments whilst the children play. This is surely worth keeping!

Along with Yoga, a meditation group has started and they currently meet on a Tuesday evening. These are early days but it certainly created a great deal of interest when it was first suggested on the Village Facebook page.

Last but by no means least, we are preparing for the next season of Football. We have two Ladies football teams from Poole signed up for Sunday matches within the South West Region league, so some high quality games likely. Corfe Mullen are back with us again and so are the local youth team or the U13's to be more precise. If you look closely at the picture you can spot Malcolm taking time out from painting and refurbishing the new larger goalposts required to marking out the new U13's pitch. The setting up of the Milborne Veterans team was too late to secure a pitch slot on the main pitch. However we have helped them by allowing them to be affiliated to the Sports Club for registration purposes and although they will be lodging Stickland as their home venue, whenever possible we will slot them in to our schedule.

Now, must go a speak to Dave at DCM tyres and get that wheel fixed. Volunteers willing to join in the fun of being on the committee still being accepted.

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A GREAT SUCCESS! - The Consultation Day

First of all – a very big thank you to all the villagers who came to see us on Saturday 10th June.

We had underestimated the time to set everything up, so apologies for being in such a tizz-wozz for all the early birds, I started welcoming folk with an comprehensive explanation of where everything was, by the time 2 hours had passed, it was “that’s there, they are over there, at the back is that, over that corner is research, with the footpath map over there” – no complaints so it must have sufficed!

LEARNING ON THE JOB

Thank you to the person who saw the spelling mistake in the questionnaire, and also the person who pointed out we have used different terms for the less preferred sites’. There were areas where we now realise we should have a bit more of an explanation! We definitely needed more display space as there was a bit of a log jam inside the door, but unbelievably everyone was so...well...nice! Yes we had some hard discussions with some people, but they were all relevant, none were aimed at us personally, and I hope we managed to explain what we have been required to do, and also our



determination to be impartial, transparent, and as accurate as we can be.

HOW WE DID IT

We started with a plea – we are NOT a planning group! General information, how we assessed the

sites, what a Neighbourhood Plan is – and so on (the log jam area – see below left). We displayed a lot of information, maps and photos for each site. We also had resumes of the results from each of the questionnaire areas, including the original open day feedback and research, and finally, as you told us how important the green areas are to you, we asked you to think about where the footpaths are in the village, if you used them, and if we could move redundant paths to create more of a network of paths. The questionnaire covered all these areas and the feedback from these will help us work out which sites are the most preferred and should be included in the plan, and also progress on the other research areas.

Finally, the count, this came in at 136 attendees, wow! We’ve been contacted by a few residents who feel a 2nd day would be beneficial as they couldn’t attend, we are looking at trying to set these up. Please go to our facebook page and tell us if you agree. This is a lot of work and effort to put together, so we need a good number to make it worthwhile, keep an eye on our Facebook site for more news and dates.

WHAT NEXT?

We plan to let you have feedback on the results of this consultation after the summer holidays, and may need your opinions on a few more detailed points through a further consultation, before we draft the neighbourhood plan for its consultation this coming winter. It is your plan, so we want your help to get it right!



MISSED THE OPEN DAY? The consultation will remain open until 7 July, and you can still respond by looking at the information we displayed and the questionnaire which are all available on the Neighbourhood Plan website (<https://www.hugofox.com/community/milborne-st-andrew-parish-council-7786/documents/>). Also - let us know if we should run 2nd open day (or evening) in early July.

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Cream teas at Heathcote House.

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The committee were kept very busy serving the visitors and a good social afternoon was enjoyed by everyone.

We have to thank Sue for the use of her kitchen and garden, I also have to thank

Sue and the committee for their generous work in providing scones, jam, cream and raffle prizes

The afternoon raised £160 for St. Andrew's church.



Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall:

Fun for Toddlers

(2-5 year olds)

Tuesday 1st August

THIS summer we shall be hosting three workshops for children organised by Artsreach.

The first of these will be on Tuesday 1st August: Music and Activities for Toddlers, led by Kathy Kelly of Fiddlesticks.

Come with your toddler on Tuesday 1st August from 10am-12pm. Parents and toddlers can enjoy a fun-filled session of singing, music making, story-telling, baking bread and sharing food together.

Fiddlesticks sessions give parents and children the opportunity to get hands on together and to create exciting works of art, using clay, paints, sheep's fleece and other natural resources. Advance booking is essential, tickets cost £5. To book a place, please phone Sarah Ryan 01258 839230.

'Summer Soiree' Concert

A 'Summer Soiree' Concert at Moreton Village Hall, near Dorchester on Saturday 15th July at 7:30pm or at Merley House, Wimborne on Monday 17th July 2017 at 7:30pm

Come and enjoy a compilation of Madrigals, Sacred and Folk music with Dorset Chamber Choir at Moreton Village Hall, DT2 8RE or at Merley House, Wimborne BH21 3AA. The choir will be accompanied by Colin Petheram and will be directed by John Watkins.

Tickets for the concert, which cost £10 (£5 students/children) and include refreshments and canapes, can be purchased on the door, or in advance from Square Records or reserved by calling 07557 448080.

Further information about the Choir and forthcoming events can be found on www.dorsetchamberchoir.com. Registered Charity No.1156772

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