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## You must be round the bend if you missed J B Priestley's "Dangerous Corner"

PERFORMED by the Milborne Players on the 23rd and 24th June here in Milborne, Mr Priestley I am sure would have been pleased to have seen it himself. A different genre of script for the group showed clearly that the Players can take on serious drama and pulled off a fabulous production which was well received by the audiences who were gripped from start to finish.

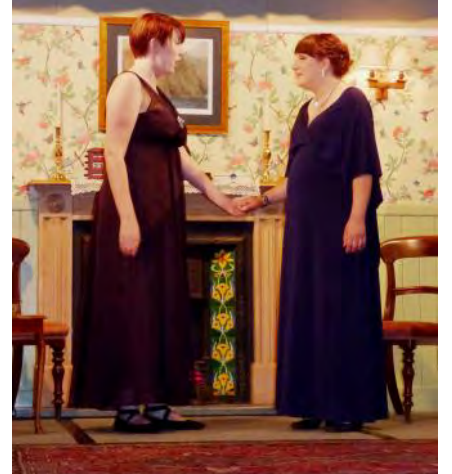
From the start of the rehearsal schedule it was clear that the cast were committed to giving their very best under the direction of Bill Preston. The set for the production was once again built by Andy Coetzee and was well designed and thought out for the era of the play which was set in the early 1930's. Keeping it in the family, Joanna Coetzee took charge of costumes with all the ladies looking stunning in their evening wear and the men looking dapper in their dinner suits.

It is hard to pick out any individual members of the cast, as they all did brilliantly, but a big "well done" should go to Gill Ireland who played Miss Mockeridge, the inquisitive novelist, invited to the dinner party. This was her first part in a play and she carried it off with class and ease.

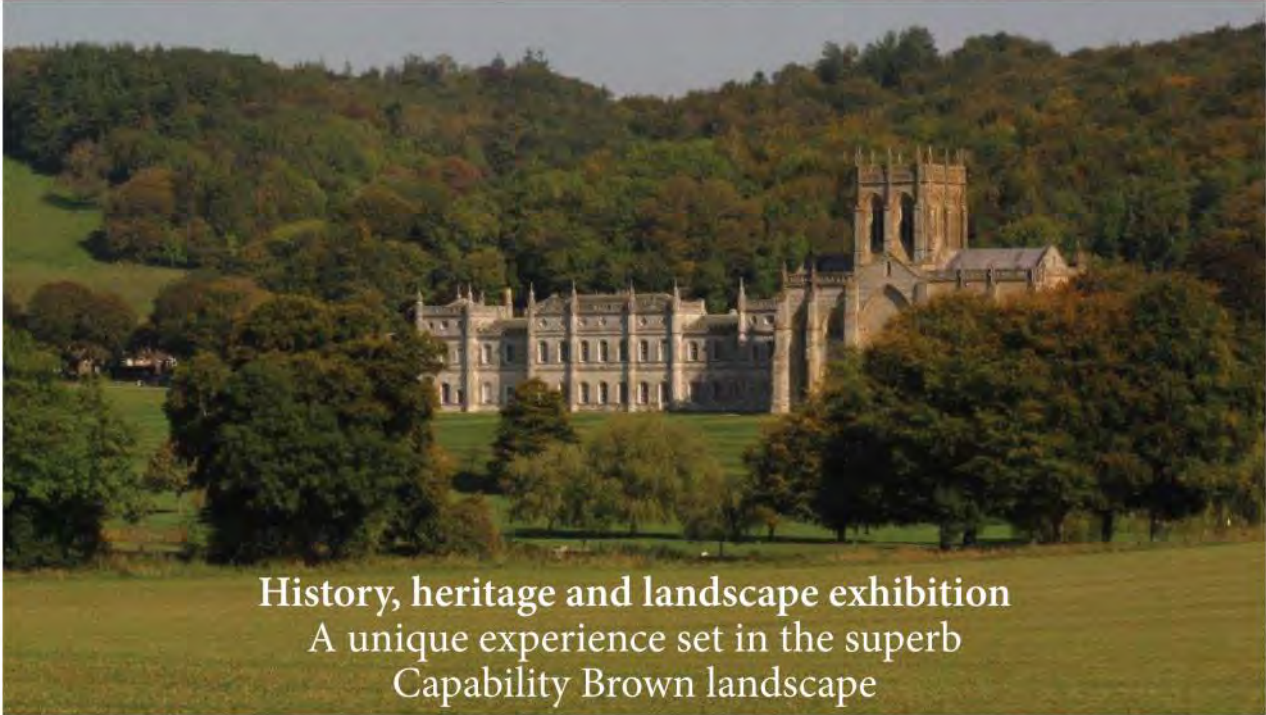
A degree of research needed to be made to dress the stage, cast, hair styling and make up (Lauren House) down to the use of appropriate music which concluded the play with the couples dancing as the lights went down.

I will leave you with a couple of very poignant lines from the play: "and life has a lot of dangerous corners, doesn't it Charles": "yes, if you don't choose your route well". A lesson for us all from the pen of Priestley himself.

*Caroline Nobbs*



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## Thank you for your support

THE pub quiz and raffle held on Thursday 22nd June was a great success raising £200.00 on the night and will go with funds from other events held in conjunction with my wing walk for Weldmar Hospicecare Trust.

The teams were fairly close during the mid-stage of the quiz and it wasn't until the final answers were revealed that many team positions shuffled and our winners were revealed.

First place – Table 10

Second place – Over the Hill

Third place – Hot off the Press

Well done everyone!

Thank you to everyone who came, The Royal Oak for having us and Jo for being a wonderful quizmaster.

Prizes were donated by Abbas Gas Services and Olives et al, Dorset Cereals, Melcombe Park Farm, Gould's, Poundbury Garden Centre, Wessex Royale Hotel and some kind local residents.



## Wing walk at Compton Abbas Airfield

I completed the wing walk on Sunday 2nd July, luckily it was a beautiful day and I was treated to some fabulous views of the Wiltshire countryside. My pilot must have known I was enjoying myself and during my 15 minute ride performed several tight turns, some long sweeping circles and a few quick climbs and dips.

It was an absolutely phenomenal experience and I enjoyed every minute of it!

My just giving page will remain open for a few months for anyone who would like to donate online – [www.justgiving.com/nicky-dyer2](http://www.justgiving.com/nicky-dyer2)



## Suspected cannabis factory in Milborne St. Andrew

IN late June, Dorset Police arrested a 44 year old man charged with producing a controlled Class B drug. He is of no fixed abode and will appear in Bournemouth Crown Court on Thursday 27th July 2017. A significant amount of cannabis was seized from the property in Milborne St. Andrew. The police are currently estimating the exact quantity and street value of this haul.

Sergeant Tambllyn of North Dorset police urged residents to 'be mindful of holiday lets or semi-vacant properties and to report any suspicious activity'.

If you have any information in relation to this, or any other suspected drug activity, then please contact Dorset Police on 101, by emailing [101@dorset.pnn.police.uk](mailto:101@dorset.pnn.police.uk) or by using the 'Do It Online' section on the website at [dorset.police.uk/do-it-online/](http://dorset.police.uk/do-it-online/)

## Village History Group

ALTHOUGH we were few in number at our July meeting, we did manage to identify more addresses which were mentioned in the 1911 Census on a modern map. This has been an interesting topic and we will continue to explore the hidden history of our village through ongoing research and conversations with residents who have lived here for decades. In future meetings we also hope to find out more about the Debenham estate including the factory and the Rings.

There will be no meeting in August hence the next one is scheduled for the 13th September. All are welcome to join, no membership is needed as they are open meetings. *Pam Shults*

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## A big thank you and some etceteras

THE members of the Sports & Social Club and indeed the whole community owe a huge debt of gratitude to John and Charlotte Martin and also to John Martin jnr. They are our unsung heroes, always ready to help both practically or with some good sensible advice.

The family have had a long association with the Sports Club, in fact it goes right back to those early 'heady days' before the pavilion was built when a squash court and a cricket pitch were also on the cards. In those days, the current John (snr) was then John (jnr) and the other John (snr) was actively involved in 'everything'. They really make things happen with everything they do and in respect of the Sports Club, they say that they like helping others that do the same. Nevertheless, they deserve a BIG THANK YOU from the community. For our part, we even allow them to win the 100 club draw!!! But as someone else said: "You've got to be in it to win it".

The family is certainly 'in it' when it comes to positive involvement with the community:



Apart from me no one correctly spotted Malcolm in last month's alternative to 'spot the ball' picture competition, but he was there as you can see. How I will spend my winnings I do not know, but I don't expect any lifestyle changes as a result. Next time we will

make it a bit easier with a spot the avid supporter hiding in the bushes competition.

The meditation group is finding its feet and certainly making a difference to those that attend. It might be that it moves to a Thursday evening session to follow on after the yoga, so watch out for any details.

Saira is organising some Community summer yoga classes at the Pavilion, Thursdays 6.00–7.30pm beginners Vinyasa Flow. You are invited to come along and try a yoga class.

Oh yes, and we are calling ourselves the Sports & Social Club, because that is what we do.

*Richard Lock*

## Interested in flower arranging?

IS anyone in the village interested in doing a few lessons in flower arranging in the autumn?

If so please get in touch: susie.edwards.flowers@gmail.com (not the one printed in last month's Reporter) or by phone 01258 837933.

Please indicate your experience, i.e. Novice/beginner, some experience, etc., so I can design a programme to suit, your preferred day of the week and whether morning, afternoon or evening is best for you.

## Car Accident in Milborne St. Andrew

A MAN has suffered life-changing injuries after a car crashed into a wall. Police, firefighters and paramedics were called to the pavement off the A354 at Milborne St. Andrew shortly after 11.35pm on Thursday night 22nd June 2017.

A Ford Fiesta Finesse registered to a man from Blandford was in a crash. No other vehicles were involved.

One person was seriously injured. He was flown to Southampton General Hospital by helicopter with "potentially life-changing injuries".

A spokesperson from Dorset Police said the Fiesta was being driven by a 21-year-old man. There were three other men in the car at the time. The passengers are aged 20, 47 and 53.

The National Police Air Service helicopter was also called to the scene after the crash as pilots were needed to track down injured passengers who had gone for help.

## Milton Abbas Surgery News

I WOULD like to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience while we have been short staffed in the dispensary. You will be pleased to know that we have made two appointments to the team: Tracey who has already started working with us, and Cheryl who plans to join us in September.

This means we are now able to revert to our usual turn-around times for your repeat prescriptions which are:

Day ordered	Ready to collect
Monday	Thursday
Tuesday	Friday
Wednesday	Monday
Thursday	Tuesday
Friday	Wednesday
Saturday	Thursday
Sunday	Thursday

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Also, a reminder that we are changing our clinical system in September. If you order your medication on line, we will have to issue you with a new password, although we won't need to see your identification if you have already shown this to us. Please contact us after 18th September if this applies to you.

*Gillian Brindle*  
MBA, MSc Adv HCP, B.Ed (Hons), Cert QSB  
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Becoming a Mail Marshal can be very rewarding and fulfilling. You will be asked to sign a confidentiality agreement, agreeing to collect the mail. You will then be asked either to record all details of the mail received, and then place it all into pre-paid addressed envelopes which will be provided, and send it to the National Trading Standards Scams Team or, if there is too much to record, you can simply just sent it to them as it is. Mail Marshals will be issued with a certificate detailing their role.

If you would like more information about the Mail Marshal scheme, if you respond to scam mail, or if you would like to help someone who does, please contact the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 03454 040506 who will take this seriously. This helpline is the first point of contact for consumers seeking advice or wishing to report a problem to trading standards.



## Grateful Living

I wonder whether you have a favourite shop. One of mine is the stationery chain *Paperchase*. It's probably a good thing there isn't a branch in Dorchester, as it's one of those shops I cannot pass by without going in, and I never come out without having bought something. It could all get a bit expensive.

Back in February I was in Salisbury killing time when I found myself outside the said shop. I went in and browsed, and was surprised to discover on the shelves a new kind of notebook – a thankful journal. Each page has the heading: "Today I am thankful for . . ."; underneath are four lined spaces for users to fill in the rest of the sentence.

A review of the day at bedtime has long been part of Christian tradition, and in times past I have kept my own notebooks with a similar aim to this one. So I was interested to find the same kind of thing in a secular shop.

It is something I think is much needed in our busy world today. Those of us with faith will obviously want to aim our gratitude at God, but being thankful is something that can enhance the lives of all people, believers or not.

In our over-busy world, it is so easy to pass each day without any time or space for reflection and taking stock of our lives. There is so much we take for granted.

I have been reminded of this since I began to use my thankful journal. There are some days when I can think of lots of things to be thankful for: time with friends, phone conversations with family, a day off, walks with Toby my spaniel, meetings that have been productive, a wedding or funeral that has gone well, a pastoral conversation, an unexpected gift, and so on.

There are other days, though, when I really struggle to find anything much to be grateful for. In some ways, these are almost more important, because they are the days when I start thinking about the things we take for granted the rest of the time: water that comes out of a tap, shelter, food in the cupboards, the diversity of nature, living in a peaceful nation.

The more grateful we are for what we have the more content we become. Even in the darkest days, there are things to be thankful for. Sometimes we need reminding of that, which is why having the daily discipline of a thankful journal can be so helpful. It doesn't take long each evening to fill it in, and it means the day ends well on a positive note, as I am reminded of the many and varied blessings that God has given to each one of us.

With best wishes

*Sarah Hillman*

## Dewlish Church notes

WE were blessed with a lovely day for our Pet Service and it was good to hold it under the yew trees. Our dogs (only three this year) behaved really well, and it was lovely to see the chicks which were only two weeks old. Many thanks to the owners for bringing them, to Jim for leading the service and to the people who helped on the day.

Don't forget the **Athelhampton Five Churches Fete** on Monday 28th August. This is in aid of benefice expenses. We on the Dewlish stall would be very pleased to receive donations of jams, marmalades and chutneys and for any surplus garden produce. Fliers will be delivered round the village closer to the time.

An advance notice now. Our **Harvest Thanksgiving Service** will be held on Sunday 1st October at 6.00pm, and the **Harvest Supper** is in the Village Hall on Monday 2nd October at 7.00pm. *Daphne Burg*

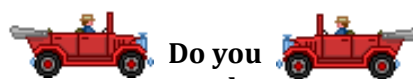
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### Essential building repairs to St. Andrew's church

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

If you would like to know more or have concerns please call

Pam Shults, Churchwarden on 01258 837203



### Do you need a lift to church?

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

## Church Services

### August/September 2017

#### 6th August – Transfiguration of our Lord

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

#### Saturday 12th August

2.00pm	Marriage of James Cozon and Karen Berry	Puddletown
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#### 13th August – Trinity 9

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

11.00	Parish Communion	Church Room Dewlish
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#### Thursday 17th August

12 noon	Lunch-time Communion	Puddletown
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#### Saturday 19th August

2.00pm	Marriage of Darren Heath and Jodie Jeffery	Milborne
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#### 20th August – Trinity 10

9.30am	Family Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30	1662 Said Morning Prayer (said)	Milborne
11.00	Parish Communion	Puddletown
11.00	Family Service	Dewlish

5.00pm	Service of Prayer for Healing and Peace	Milborne
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#### 27th August – Trinity 11

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

#### 3rd September – Trinity 12

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

#### 10th September – Trinity 13

8.15am	1662 Said Communion	Puddletown
9.30	United Methodist Service	Tolpuddle Chapel

9.30	Parish Communion	Milborne
11.00	Puddletown Praise	Puddletown

11.00	Parish Communion	Church Room Dewlish
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#### 17th September – Trinity 14

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

#### Thursday 21st September

12 noon	Lunch-time Communion	Puddletown Church Room
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#### Saturday 23rd September

1.00pm	Marriage of Liam Hurrell and Emma Ricketts	Tolpuddle
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#### 24th September – Trinity 15

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

#### Morning Prayers (Monday – Thursday 8.15am Saturday 9.00am)

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



## A typical day in the life of the St. Andrew's solo Church Warden

AWAKE at my usual early morning time, I find an email from our usual organist who apologised because he can't play for us, as booked on the coming Sunday, and that two other standby organists can't help either. Just after breakfast I took a phone call from a resident, who lives near to the church, complaining about smoke from bonfire in the churchyard and a lot of noise. After confessing that I knew nothing about it I raced up to church in a panic. On arrival I was relieved to find that that the offensive smoke and noises were coming from an adjacent garden and not the churchyard. At 10.30am I travelled to Puddletown Church Room to collect the pew sheets and other paperwork supposedly done the day before but as it wasn't there. I had to make a return journey. I returned home, after dropping the paper work in our church, and made some calls and emails to find 'actors' for our next Open the Book story time in the First School. After which I phoned the builder to check if he will be starting the repairs to the church on the agreed date and left a message on his phone. I emailed the vicar (away on a conference) to let her know some information to which she replied in the early evening. Whilst at the computer I circulated, by email, the reading necessary for our Celebrate Team's planning meeting

next week. I also printed off a poster which was an email attachment then in the afternoon took it up to the church for the notice board. Later that day I answered a phone call from the architect to discuss the proposed church quinquennial repairs. After supper, I turned on the computer to find names and contact details of other organists but decided it was too late to phone them. Instead I replied to an email thread, from a 'bride to be', about making arrangements to meet me in church some time to make arrangements. At 9.00pm I decided that I had done enough for one day so sat down with a G&T and turned on the TV.

Of course some of the things mentioned are not necessarily a CWs job but for some reason I seem to be the one who ends up doing them! Of course being a weekday this 'typical day' doesn't describe the churchwarden's responsibilities and duties carried out on a Sunday that are obvious nor does it describe the things that I do as a committed Christian.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank those people who have relieved me of some of the non-churchwarden's jobs that I used to do so that I can give more time to being the solo churchwarden.

*Pam Shults*

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## Bag Ladies clean up

AS promised, all areas of the village were visited and cleared of litter and dog poo by our early morning bag ladies during the month of June. The photo shows the fruits of their labour.



Although there was not much evidence of dog poo on the collection days, one episode clearly illustrates the frustration of villagers with this nuisance.

Early one morning, whilst homeward bound, one of our intrepid bag ladies found a pile of fresh dog poo on the pavement which had obviously been recently deposited as the path was clear on the way out.

With a few minor exceptions, the residential areas were all found to be relatively litter free. The conclusion arrived at by our collectors is that the majority of the litter bagged up appears to originate from passing traffic.

The bag ladies intend repeating the exercise from time to time, especially if this encourages everybody to drop a few coins in the Defibrillator collection boxes and pick up the odd item of litter.

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## Mrs Betty Rogers – Acknowledgement

Mrs Rogers' family would like to thank everyone for their support during their recent loss. Thanks to the generosity of friends and neighbours they have sent a donation of £500 to Julia's House Hospice in her memory.

Her Granddaughters Nikki and Kim will be running the Bournemouth Half Marathon in October to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society and for Marie Curie Nursing. Please consider sponsoring them if you can.

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## Afternoon Tea in the Sunshine

36 MEMBERS of the Food & Wine Club had a sumptuous tea in the lovely garden of Linda and Alan Caldwell in Broadmayne on Sunday 2nd July. There was no doubt that all the members must have been down on their knees all week praying for good weather – because it was an absolutely perfect day, in every possible way!

The Committee got together early in the morning to erect the marquees, set up the tables and chairs and make sure all the pretty cups, saucers, plates and tea pots (not a paper plate in sight!) were set at the individual tables. (These were all on loan from various members of the Committee.)

At 2pm all the guests arrived – the ladies looking resplendent in summer dresses, accompanied by the men wearing Panama hats and lovely linen shirts. All the lovely delicate sandwiches; scones with clotted cream and jam; and numerous yummy cakes were made by the Committee and were devoured by all. The whole spread put our visit to Moonfleet Manor last year to shame (this was a comment I received from one of our members!).



And if this was not enough, we were delighted to have Nina Garcia entertain us for the afternoon. A marquee was set up for her and all the tables and chairs were placed to enable everyone to see and hear her. It was not long before many people got up and danced and really embraced the whole atmosphere of a lovely sunny afternoon in an English country garden.

*Julie Johannsen*

## Fashionable breeds fund crime Beware of illegal puppy imports

BRITAIN is known as a nation of animal lovers but our love of dogs has seen an increase in illegally imported puppies from Eastern Europe.

There is a growing demand for certain breeds (pugs, French bulldogs and daschunds to name a few), and illegally imported dogs are being trafficked by criminals as part of a lucrative illegal industry thought to involve many thousands of dogs each year.

Illegal importers tend to advertise on the internet or in small newspaper adverts. The puppies are frequently supplied with incomplete, false or forged documents. They are often reared in poor conditions and are more likely to suffer from disease and behaviour problems.

Strict rules on animal imports are in place to protect the UK from Rabies. This means dogs coming from Europe have to be vaccinated against rabies at a minimum age of 12 weeks and wait a further 21 days before they can enter the UK without the need for quarantine. They must also have a PET Passport which records their microchip number and vaccinations.

If a puppy is illegally imported, the new owner could face additional vet fees, quarantine costs as well as enduring the ordeal of having their dog taken away from them.

So how can you avoid buying an illegal dog?

- Get as much information about where the puppy has come from
- Look for Kennel Club Assured breeders and be prepared to be put on a waiting list
- If you are unable to see the puppy with its mother and litter mates, be suspicious
- Watch out for breeders selling several varieties of breeds
- Imported puppies must be at least 15 weeks old and have a valid PET Passport
- Never buy a puppy from a car park or service station

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

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## Gardening Club on Hot Trip



THE Gardening Club's Annual Outing took place on 20th June which was also the hottest day of the year so far – not an ideal situation for an activity which included quite a lot of walking around.

We went to East Lambrook Manor Garden, a delightful spot in a village a few miles the other side of Yeovil and well known in gardening circles as an outstanding cottage garden which is Grade 1 listed. On our arrival we had an interesting and amusing talk from the present owner on the garden and its development.

As the name implies it adjoins a beautiful medieval manor house built of that warm golden hamstone, famous in that part of Somerset. It was created by an owner, Marjory Fish, who initially knew nothing about gardening but came to be recognised as an authority on cottage style gardens which are crammed with plants (allowing little room for weeds to flourish – a good idea that!) and informal in lay-out.

The garden is composed almost as a series of 'rooms' divided by old stone walls, hedges or screens of plants. Each had a different aspect, or planting scheme, so that the character of the garden seemed to change with every turn. Better still, it was extremely well provided with seats of all sorts, usually in the shade, where we could thankfully sit down and recover from the heat while contemplating the many unusual plants. In spite of the heat it was a most interesting and worthwhile visit, indeed several of us have decided to go again at a different season as there will always be something different and spectacular to see.

There is no formal meeting in August. Our next, on 21st September at 7.30pm will feature a talk by Brian Madders on Dahlias and Chrysanthemums. As usual, all are welcome to attend.

*Sally Dyer*

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## Artsreach workshops for children

THIS summer Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall is hosting three workshops for children of all ages organised by Artsreach. To start our season of fun and games we have music and activities for toddlers (2-5 year olds) led by Kathy Kelly of Fiddlesticks. Come along with your toddler on Tuesday 1st August from 10am–12pm. Parents or grandparents and toddlers can enjoy a fun-filled session of singing, music making, story-telling, baking bread and sharing food together. Fiddlesticks sessions give you the opportunity to get hands on with your child and through some simple art and craft activities, use clay, paints, sheep's fleece and other natural resources to create exciting works of art. Tickets cost £5.

Next we have something for older children. Justine Fry will be leading an

action packed day of African dance, music and crafts

on Friday 18th

August from 11am –3pm. Come on an adventure of dance, music and theatre, featuring crafts, storytelling, dancing, singing and acting from Africa. Cost is £8, for ages 5 years and upwards. Remember to bring a packed lunch, wear loose clothing and

dress for mess!

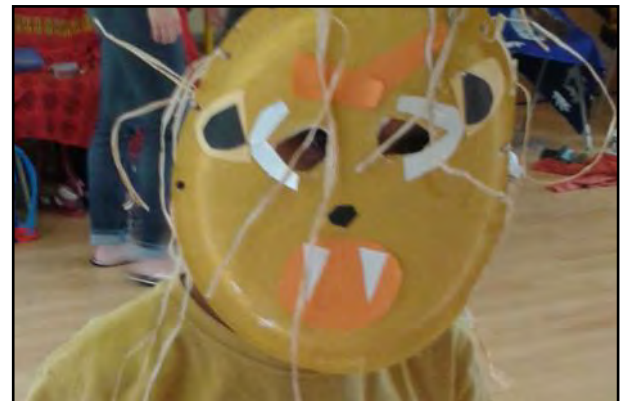
And to round off the school holidays join Lizzie Bryant on Wednesday 23rd August,

10.30am – 12.30pm, for ages 5 years and upwards. Explore the animals, fantastic beasts and fairy creatures of the Ridgeway. Make a colourful mask from fabric and cardboard to take home, and enjoy a fun and interactive story with the masks and other story props. Cost is £5.



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For all these prior booking is essential: places are limited, so reserve a place as soon as possible and phone Sarah Ryan on 01258 839230.



# Veterans Football Team Sunday League

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**Interested? Come along!**

**or call Paul on 07841 506839**

## Ladybirds' sunny outing at Abbotsbury Farm



It is the sad time of year when we say goodbye to our older children at the end of year disco party on 19th July. We will miss them and wish them all the best in school which we are confident they are ready for. We have several children starting in September but still have some spaces. If you have a child who is old enough to join us within the school year 2017/18 please contact me for a registration pack by email [liz@milborneladybirds.com](mailto:liz@milborneladybirds.com) or phone 01258 839117.

*Liz Dyer*

LADYBIRDS, along with parents, grandparents and younger siblings, spent a sunny Friday at Abbotsbury Children's Farm. Although it was a hot day everyone had a great time – holding guinea pigs; milking a cow; riding a pony; looking at goats and other animals; riding tractors; playing on climbing equipment; eating a picnic; pouring and collecting water in the super water channel area and watching the sheep race – which I believe was won by 'Red Ram'.

After all this excitement everyone went home tired and happy – Thank you to Katie for organising it in my absence.



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# MILBORNE ST ANDREW FIRST SCHOOL



## Learning together, playing together

### SCHOOL NEWS

THE summer term is always a busy term in school, as we complete the school year. This month we have welcomed the new reception children who will be joining the school in September and our Year 4 children have been preparing to transfer to middle school.

The Year 4 children said goodbye to the swimming teachers at Just Add Water after their last session. They have all thoroughly enjoyed their sessions at Milton Abbey and would like to say a big THANK YOU to Maria and to the staff at Milton Abbey who made it happen!

Some of the Year 3 and 4 children took up the "Fiver Challenge" in June. This is a month long enterprise providing a highly interactive, fun way of introducing financial numeracy,



resilience and teamwork in learning for pupils aged 5–11. Pupils have one month to set up a mini business and create a product or service they can then sell or deliver at a profit and engage with their local community. The children raised over £250 and chose to donate it all to charity. One of the charities they chose was local children's bereavement support charity, Mosaic.

This summer term also brings lots of exciting trips for the children. Dolphins and Turtles class had a fantastic trip to Kimmeridge, they investigated animal habitats, pollution and went fossil hunting!

"On Thursday we were all very excited because . . . we were going to Kimmeridge Bay! We got on the coach, and drove to Kimmeridge and had a snack. We met a lady called Sarah and she taught us some things about different sea-creatures like crabs, anemones, limpets and more. A couple of minutes later we went in to the aquarium and saw some strawberry anemones, they were funny. A little after that we had a go with the water goggles and looked at the rock pools. We had lunch on some lovely, green grass, it was comfortable! Then we went back to the beach and looked for more sea-creatures. I love it so much!



We looked for more crabs in the rocks and walked back to the coach and drove back to school." Willow, Turtles class.

Puffins had a superb time at the Winchester Science Museum, making and firing rockets visiting the Colon Café and watching a show in the Planetarium.



" . . . we had a go at the activities, I went in to the Colon Café which was where you could order food. Then it came out as a receipt, you scanned it, then the toilet seat would flash green. You lifted up the toilet seat and the squeeze the pipe and it tells you if it is healthy or not." Ellie, Puffins.

" . . . we got called together and went into a different room to make our rockets. Before we made them we watched a short experiment and asked some questions. After that he told us about Isaac Newton and what he invented. Finally, he showed us how to make the rockets. Then he handed out the pieces we needed and we got in to threes and started making them. My group's name was The Epic Flyers! We had to fly them we went outside and put water in them. The teachers' rockets went the furthest, but Miss Bancroft almost got hit in the face by the rocket three times!" Tess, Puffins.



"At fifteen minutes past two we lined up ready to go to the Planetarium. We were taken through Space! The amazing Planetarium went dark then stars appeared – WOW! – it looked like we were in space! We were taken on a journey through each planet from Earth to Pluto. We learnt lots of facts about space planets and we went through the ice rings of Saturn – which was amazing!" Ellie, Puffins.

On Tuesday 11th July, Thomas Hardye hosted the DASP Citizenship awards. Each class had voted for the DASP Citizen which is awarded for those who demonstrate the seven significant citizenship qualities;

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We are very proud of all of our winners

- Reception class – Lizzie Bratley                      Year 1 – Anya Telling
- Year 2 – Lewis Gower                      Year 3 – Eliza-May Lewis
- Year 4 – Isabelle McFetridge

*More school news on pages 29 and 34.*

## 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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## LETTERS to the Reporter

### Is it all so bad?

Look, the leaves and branches are already sprouting on the weeping willow by the war memorial.

Listen, the bells in the church are so good visitors want to ring them.

See, there are two hundred plus pyramid orchids on the verges on the way to Blandford Forum.

Enjoy, the spectacle of users of the sports club football field. Watch, the children, and adults, using the recreation facilities by the village hall.

See, there are unusual 'fox and cubs' flowers on the verge at Winterborne Whitechurch.

Listen, the school is vibrant with children's voices.

Look, the stream is running again after the rain and no flooding.

Step, with ease, as there is less dog poo than there used to be.

Enjoy, the diversity of opinions displayed in the Reporter.

Join, one of the very many clubs that this village enjoys.

Listen, to grunting hedgehogs on a warm summer evening.

Use, the shop and post office, services that many villages lack.

Rejoice, that grants have been given for repairs to our most significant historic building.

Look, the grass is growing on the sides of Weatherby Castle again and the sheep are grazing.

Watch, a good film at the Milborne Movies in the village hall, with a drink and ice cream.

Go, to the pub, for a pint, a meal, or just socialise.

Visit, the bypass near Bere Regis to see more Pyramid orchids and Common Spotted orchids.

Walk in Milborne Wood to see bluebells, wind in the trees, maybe a greater spotted woodpecker.

Look, up and see Buzzards, and now maybe a Red Kite.

See, it's not all bad in Milborne St. Andrew.

Pip Bowell

### Dear Editor

I write on behalf of the Neighbourhood Planning Group who would like to thank all who came to the consultation days on the 10th June and on 11th July. There were 144 people who came to both events and 111 questionnaires were submitted. We are delighted with the response, especially as it shows that many of the residents have an interest in the future of our village.

Now the Neighbourhood Planning Group will need to collate all the responses especially as there may be submissions via the website which need to be included. Once we have a clearer idea of what you have said and what you want, we will be able to start drafting the plan so that you can give your opinion about that as well.

It's good to know that you care about the future of our village. Thank you all again  
On behalf of the Neighbourhood Planning Group.

### Dear Reporter,

I used to play football for Milborne St. Andrew a long time ago and I have set up a veterans' football team for the same club. Unfortunately we cannot play in Milborne due to other teams playing at the pavilion so we are lodging (playing) at Winterborne Stickland. I would like to put some enjoyment back into people's lives and make football fun for the over 35's. If you are reading this and you happen to know anyone or want to play come along and be part of this growing team. The training and games are going to be held at Winterborne Stickland at 10.00am for training and 10.30am for games which will be twice a month starting in September 2017. So if you want to get out and get back into football we welcome you to our club. Don't worry about what level you are or your age, come along!

Please see my advert in the Reporter to contact me for further details.

Many thanks

Paul David

## Help to deliver Reporters

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If you are interested, please contact Janet Allen or David Payne.

## Another tea for Wednesday Club

THE Wednesday Club outing in July was a visit to Compton Abbas Airfield for tea. It was a beautiful, hot, clear afternoon and we were able to see the little planes taking off and landing and appreciate the fantastic views towards Shaftesbury. Eighteen members attended and although I think several members would have been tempted to fly away, the weather here was the best and all came back to the village.



In August we are hoping to visit Arne, weather permitting, meeting in the village hall carpark at 1.15pm. The cost will be £3.00 if you would like to go on the guided walk. We have been told that there may be facilities for those amongst us who cannot walk too far, but would enjoy the views. Should the weather be unsuitable the meeting will take place in the hall with some kind of entertainment.

September we are back in the hall to listen to a talk on Dorset wildlife by Tony Bates, when the meetings will return to their winter timings.  
Jenny Balcon

**Deadline for the October Reporter is mid-day  
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Women's Institute	Josie Wright	01258 839090

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## Latest from the Village Hall

COME along and join in with the fun of the Barn Dance. Whether you have been before and enjoyed it or have never ventured, it will be worth coming along on Saturday 16th September, on the QEII field next to the hall. Watch out for details nearer the time.

The hall continues to be used as a community resource especially with excellent entertainments such as the film nights, the Arts Reach events (watch out for the advertisements for children's workshops), the Barn Dance, the Players shows and many other events throughout the year. Please help by supporting these events or they might stop happening.

Now that we have the young explorer play equipment installed we are hoping to upgrade the swings and if enough money is raised to install a new piece of equipment, for example, a roundabout. We intend to improve the ground under the zip wire by having safety grass rubber matting installed and remove the need for the old bark chippings.

Following a survey that was undertaken for us by Richard Cleverton, we have begun to sort out some of the things that his report recommended to be done.

The committee are keen to keep the hall and grounds in order, and as I am writing this article we are about to have another volunteer work party to tidy up inside and out. Of course we are hoping for a good turn out, and if the weather is kind to us we can get quite a lot of work done outside.

Thanks to all those who continue to support and to volunteer to help the village hall committee so that these facilities remain an asset for the village.

*Pam Shults*

# Community Events Diary

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

## August

- Daily until 31st** **Capability Brown Experience** Milton Abbey 10am to 5pm daily
- Tuesday 1st** **Artreach workshop** for Toddlers Village Hall 10am to 12pm tickets £5
- Wednesday 2nd** **Wednesday club outing** Guided tour of Arne Nature Reserve
- Wednesday 9th** **100 Club draw**, The Royal Oak.
- Friday 18th** **Artsreach workshop** for age 5 years and upwards Village Hall 11am to 3pm tickets £8
- Wednesday 23rd** **Artsreach workshop** for age 5 years and upwards Village Hall 10.30am to 12.30pm tickets £5
- Saturday 26th** **Village Lunch** Village Hall £6.50 per head 12.15pm to 2.00pm prior booking essential
- Monday 28th** **Athelhampton Five Churches Fete.**

## September

- Saturday 9th** **Sponsored Ride and Stride** – see page 7
- Wednesday 13th** **Milborne History Group** The Royal Oak 7.30pm – see page 5.  
**100 Club draw**, The Royal Oak.
- Thursday 14th** **WI** September when Ralph Cree will talk about 'African Drumming' Village Hall 7.30pm.
- Saturday 16th** **Barn Dance** in aid of the rebuilding of the play park, Village Hall Field – see below.
- Thursday 21st** **Gardening Club** talk on Dahlias and Chrysanthemums Village Hall 7.30pm.
- Saturday 30th** **Village Lunch** Village Hall £6.50 per head 12.15pm to 2.00pm prior booking essential.

## 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)

## Regular Bookings at the Sports & Social Club

- Table Tennis** Monday 7.00–9.00pm. Information from Pauline Pitfield 01258 839123
- Meditation Group** Tuesday 7.30–8.30pm. Information from Phillip Harris on 07765 786123 or phillip\_harris@hotmail.co.uk
- The Busy Bees** Under 5 Group from 9.30am to 11.30am on Thursday term time only. Contact Leanne Brown on 07899808185.
- Yoga** (Mellulah) Thurs (evening): Friday (mornings)
- Private parties, birthdays, wedding** receptions check online calendar
- U13 Football matches** check online calendar
- Ladies Premiership** (regional) matches check online calendar
- Dorset FA** (gentlemen) matches check online calendar
- Check the Sports & Social online calendar on the village website for any other events you might be able to join in with.

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# Surprise, surprise!

A FEW years ago I was invited to a surprise party to celebrate a friend's 60th birthday. His wife had organised the whole thing and, in time honoured fashion, he had no idea that anything special had been planned. On the day of the party thirty of us guests were awaiting the arrival of the Birthday Boy, champagne on ice, party poppers at the ready and we kept very quiet when we heard his wife's car arrive outside with them both in it. As they entered the house through the front door all the guests shouted "Surprise!"

We were completely taken aback when he swore loudly and then turned tail and stormed back out of the house looking furiously angry! We all stood around looking and feeling rather uncomfortable, no one knew quite what to say. Luckily, his wife went after him and after a few minutes persuaded him to come back in to the party but sadly, the evening wasn't a great success after that.

The best surprise of my life (so far!) was on the eve of my fifth birthday. My brother and I were hunting for hidden Christmas presents, as it was just a week before Christmas Day. Hidden on top of my mother's wardrobe we had spied two bulky objects wrapped in brown paper and tied up with string. In those days there were no black bin bags or anything plastic like that. My brother was hoping for a model fort and I longed for a blackboard and easel. In that helpful way that elder brothers have he had just told me there was no such thing as Father Christmas and I wasn't one bit surprised. I did find the concept that mum and dad bought the presents much more exciting and believable.

We were both precariously balanced on tiptoe on top of a chair next to the wardrobe and were plucking up courage to tear a tiny hole in the brown paper covering one of the parcels to peep inside. Suddenly we heard mum shout both our names and tell us to come downstairs straight away.

With heavy hearts we made our way downstairs to face our punishment. On entering the dining room we were amazed to see mum smiling broadly and holding a tiny miniature dachshund puppy in her arms.

"He's called Fritz" she said "and we're keeping him!"

This month's recipe is slightly surprising and unusual too; an authentic Yorkshire recipe for Yorkshire Day on 1st August. Mum made Yorkshire puddings every Sunday and we would have them with gravy before the main course. If we were having roast lamb we sprinkled the puddings with mint sauce as well as gravy, with pork we had apple sauce and a sweet creamy mustard sauce, with chicken it was apple sauce and bread sauce and with roast beef a small dollop of horseradish sauce. Sometimes mum would add a few currants to the batter and these were my favourites. The sweetness of the currants goes well with the savoury gravy and different sauces. Give it a try next time you make Yorkshire puddings – you might be pleasantly surprised. At least people will know they aren't Aunt Bessie's.

## Ingredients

100g plain flour  
Pinch of salt  
3 large eggs  
225 ml milk  
20g currants  
Vegetable oil

Set the oven to its highest temperature

Put about a teaspoon of cooking oil (not olive oil) in the Yorkshire pudding tins. I use 2 x 6 hole muffin tins.

Heat the tins until they are smoking hot, a couple of rungs down from the top of the oven

Meanwhile combine the flour, salt, eggs and milk in a large jug and beat well.

When the tins are ready, quickly pour the batter into the tin to just above half way, then sprinkle on a few currants. Fill one tin at a time so the fat is always sizzling hot.

Return the tins to the oven and continue cooking at the highest temperature for 5 to 10 minutes until the puddings are very well risen.

Turn the oven down a bit to gas 6 or 200–210C/400F and cook for a further 15–20 minutes. Ovens vary, so you may need to turn the temperature down a bit more or use a slightly lower shelf.

Remove from the oven and serve immediately or you can cool the puddings on a wire rack and reheat in the oven later. They also freeze well, although your guests might think you have bought them!

## Yorkshire Pudding

Eh waiter, excuse me a minute  
I'm not findin' fault, but dear me  
'taties is lovely and beef is alreit  
But what sort of pudding can this be?

It's what? Yorkshire Puddin'? Now cum cum cum cum  
It's Yorkshire Puddin' yer say?

I'll grant yer it's some sort o' puddin', owd lad  
But not THE Yorkshire Puddin', nay, nay.

Now reit Yorkshire Puddin's a poem in batter,  
T'mek it's an art, not a trade  
So just listen t' me and I'll tell t' thee  
How t' first Yorkshire puddin' were made

A young angel wi day off from 'eaven,  
Were flyin' abaht Ilkla Moor,  
When t' angel, poor thing, got cramp in a wing  
An' cum down at an owd woman's door

T' owd woman said "Eee – it's an angel.  
By 'eck, I'm fair capped to see thee.  
I've noan seen yan afore – but tha's welcome,  
Come on in, an' I'll mash thi some tea."

T' angel said, "By gum, thank you kindly."  
Though she only supped one mug o' tea,  
She et two drippin' slices and one Sally Lunn.  
Angel's eat very lightly yer see.

Then t' owd woman looked at clock sayin'  
"Ey up, t' owd feller's back soon from t' mill.  
You gerron wi' yer tea, but please excuse me,  
As I'll atter mek pudding' fer Bill."

Then t' angel jumped up and said gie us it 'ere,  
Flour, water, eggs, salt an' all,

An' I'll show thee 'ow we meks puddins,  
Up in 'eaven for Saints Peter and Paul.

So t' angel took bowl and stuck a wing in,  
Stirring it round, whispering "Hush"  
An' she tenderly ticked at t' mixture,  
Like an artist ed paint wi a brush.

Then t' owd woman asked " 'ere wor is it then,  
T' secret o' puddins made up above?"  
"It's nowt I' flour or watta, said t' angel,  
"Just mek sure that tha meks it wi' luv."

When it were done, she popped it I' t' oven,  
"Gie it nobbut ten minutes", she said.  
Then off t' angel flew, leavin' first Yorkshire Puddin',  
That ivver were properly med.

An' that why it melts in yer gob just like snow.  
An' as light as a maiden's first kiss,  
An' as soft as the fluff on t' breast of a puff,  
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I'll bet you didn't know that Weldmar sends its own community nurses, creative practitioners and volunteer companions to people all over the area, either – we are often mistaken for a national charity, or even the NHS!

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So, how can you get involved? You could volunteer at your nearest Weldmar shop, or hold your own event. You could offer to sit with patients in your area, or even take on one of our amazing fundraising challenges such as trekking in Nepal.

You can also let your friends know the range of services Weldmar provides – we can't help everyone who needs us unless we know about them, so if there is anyone who could benefit from our help get them to ask their doctor for a referral. All our services are free to patients and their loved ones.

For more information on Weldmar, go to [weld-hospice.org.uk](http://weld-hospice.org.uk) or call 01305 269898.



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## WEATHERBURY SINGERS

### Concerts and New Members

Our local community choir based in Puddletown rounded off the summer session on another lovely sunny Saturday evening at Buckland Newton Village Hall on 17th June with a delightful concert "Take A Chance On Me!" featuring some well-known songs from the 60s and 70s, among others and medleys from Abba, Sound of Music and Lion King and included some lively audience participation. We interspersed these with excellent solos from Veronica Murray, Bill Preston and Emma Brunt, a duet from Nicki Brunt and Sue Chapman, a trio from Nicki, Emma and James Crawshaw and a highly entertaining piano duet from the choir's MD, James Crawshaw and our popular accompanist, Sue Massey. Our audience was so enthusiastic that James was sandwiched between a wall of sound from both sides – something he said he has never experienced before!

The choir would like to thank everyone who came and shared the evening with us and helped make it so enjoyable – we had a ball!

**Date for your diaries:** Our Christmas Concert will take place at Puddletown Village Hall on Saturday, 9th December 2017 at 7.30 pm.

**New Members Evening on Tuesday, 19th September at St. Mary's Church Room, Puddletown from 7.30 till 9.30pm.** We welcome anyone who is interested in joining our friendly community choir at our first rehearsal of the autumn session. Our rehearsals are in three 10 week blocks in the autumn, spring and early summer, and we perform two or three concerts during which we actively encourage our audiences to have some fun and sing along with us. Our members come, not only from Puddletown, but also from a number of villages from the locality. We enjoy singing a wide variety of music from choral to pop – to ensure there will be something for everyone to enjoy. Everyone is welcome and there are no scary auditions. Singing is good for our well-being, so why not bring along a friend, partner, husband or wife and give it a try.

If you would like to join us on our New Members evening or at any time, and/or would like more information, please let us know by calling Brenda on 01305 251499 or email [weatherburysingers@gmail.com](mailto:weatherburysingers@gmail.com).

## Weymouth Ironman

If you were unfortunate enough to be caught up in the traffic chaos caused by the 2016 Weymouth Ironman event, then unless you are going to spectate, you will no doubt be wary of traveling anywhere near the 2017 event that takes place on Sunday 17th September this year.

Last year's event had both a full distance 140.6 mile route and a 70.3 mile route. After criticism of the problems caused by last year's event the full distance 140.6 mile route has been dropped for 2017 leaving just the 70.3 mile route.

Along with a 1.2 mile swim around Weymouth Bay and running 3½ laps of Weymouth Esplanade, there is a 56 mile cycle ride that comes as close as Puddletown, so do watch out for road closures between 7.00am and 6.00pm that day.

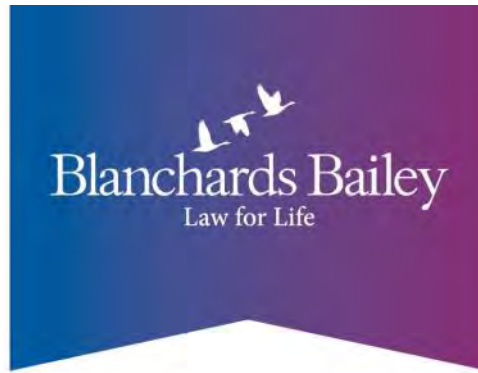
Full details can be found at [eu.ironman.com](http://eu.ironman.com).

## Obituary: Tony Pyne

IT IS with great sadness that the family of Anthony (Tony) Pyne announce his death on 15th June. Tony died at the age of 82 after a lengthy illness. Although Tony and his wife Ilonna only moved into Milborne St. Andrew a few years ago, they had visited his daughter Sandie and her husband Roy here for many years before that.

Tony was always keen to visit and enjoyed the warm and friendly nature of our village and its community, particularly on his walks to the shop for his paper.

In the latter stages of his illness Tony was taken into hospital, and then residential care, which initially presented a problem to Ilonna as a non-driver. However, she soon found that she was able to visit Tony on a regular basis thanks to the services of the Neighbourcar scheme, and as a result of the many kind offers from friends and neighbours. Ilonna has asked that her very grateful thanks be passed on to Nigel Hodder who runs the scheme and his team of volunteers, and all those friends who freely gave up their time to help.



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# Luccombe Riding Centre charity open day

LUCCOMBE Riding Centre is hosting a Charity Open Day in aid of Milton Abbas Riding for the Disabled Association on Saturday 5th August from 12pm until 4.00pm.

Attractions include a raffle, 'guess the weight of Bailey the pony', fantastic prizes, a cake sale and refreshments, and of course, lots of friendly horses and ponies!

There will also be demonstrations, talks as well as pony rides and pony grooming.



Luccombe Riding Centre is now fully open and can offer, for all ages and abilities, lessons, outstanding countryside hacks in the beautiful Milton Abbas Woods and 'own a pony' days. For further details, please contact Terri on 07734 388501.

Unfortunately, dogs are not permitted at the event.

Luccombe Riding Centre in Milton Abbas is also home to Horserenity,

which offers opportunities to learn out of doors in a safe, natural environment with horses and other animals, and the Milton Abbas branch of the RDA.

Milton Abbas Riding for Disabled makes a huge difference for young riders in the area.

Every Friday morning at 9.00am, a group of volunteers can be found busily grooming and tacking up ponies. Nothing unusual in that, it is, after all, Luccombe Riding Centre. But what makes it extra special is the young riders. Whatever the weather, rain or shine, warm or biting cold, children from Beacroft Foundation School, in Wimborne, clamber down from their minibus and venture into the riding school. Some are shy and wary at their first encounter with ponies, but with the patience and skill of the volunteer helpers and determination of the children, very special things start to happen.

Young children who have learning difficulties or physical problems, start to gain confidence and strength. As one young mum said: "Riding for the Disabled has made such a difference to my son's confidence, and his co-ordination is also so much better since he started riding."



It takes the dedication and commitment of the volunteers to keep Milton Abbas RDA running week after week, year after year. They organise fund raising events regularly each year, and each year they need to raise £4,000 just to keep going.

*Donna Howard*

*Photos: Top Betty, Ashleigh and Brooke with Aurora. Centre Terri, Ashleigh and Aurora. Bottom Tom in the woods.*



# Flower remedies to help your furry friends

PEOPLE have been using flower essences for decades as a natural healing system for emotional and mental wellbeing, but did you know they can also be used on animals? As a guardian of a rescue dog with anxieties and past trauma, I have found these remedies to be very beneficial and we have seen positive changes in his behaviour – so much so that it has led me to studying them. The wonderful thing about them is that they are completely natural and safe to use.

The original 38 flower remedies of Dr. Bach are the most famous, and you may be familiar with the yellow labelled bottles of Dr. Bach Rescue Remedy that can be found on the high street.

**Rescue Remedy (or Five Flower Formula)** is most commonly used. It is a combination of five single flower essences – Cherry Plum, Clematis, Impatiens, Rock Rose and Star of Bethlehem created to bring calm to any 'emergency' or stressful situation. For example, a thunderstorm, fireworks, adapting to new surroundings, following any stressful or traumatic event.

**A few examples of other Dr. Bach essences and how they may help –**

**Star of Bethlehem** is a remedy that is part of the Rescue Remedy, for trauma and shock. It is a good one to use for animals that have experienced trauma, abuse or an accident.

**Holly** can be used where there is any jealousy of other animals or new babies in the home. Also where there is a tendency to suspicion, hate, anger, aggression.

**Mimulus** is the remedy for known fears. Helps shy and timid animals to be more confident and courageous.

**Heather** can be used for noisy attention-seeking behaviour. Also for any animal who doesn't seem to be happy when their person is out of their sight. Can also be indicated when there's history of abandonment or extreme emotional neglect and abuse.

**Honeysuckle** is indicated for any homesickness or over-attachment to the past. Also for any bereavement such as the loss of owner or home. For pets who pine for their owners when left.

**Crab Apple** for excessive grooming, obsessive cleanliness, fastidiousness.

**Walnut** helps with any type of change and helps the animal ease into new surroundings.

**Chicory** aids possessive, territorial or over-dependent behaviours. Restores healthy emotional attachment.

**Impatiens** is excellent for moderating frustration-driven behaviours. Useful for pets that break out of confinement, even to the point of injury.

**Cherry Plum**, also in Rescue Remedy, is indicated when there is a loss of control, panic or hysteria (which may result in destructive behaviour, urinating out of fear etc.).

There are a variety of simple ways of using the essences with animals.

- Putting a couple of drops (four if using a combination such as Rescue Remedy) in their drinking water, changed daily, works very well with animals.
- You can also put a couple of drops in your hands and rub around their ears and fur two to four times a day.
- Or, if you are able to, you can drop them directly into their mouth or on a treat.

How long to use the remedy, or remedies, for really depends on each individual and circumstances. However the usual dose for acute states is two to four applications a day if using the topical or oral method, and you can do this until an improvement is seen. An initial suggestion would be to use for four or five days then you can either adjust the dosage or stop if necessary. They can also be used as and when required, e.g. giving Rescue Remedy during a thunderstorm or before a visit to the vet. For more chronic conditions, you may need to use longer term over a period of four to six weeks.

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*Hollie Jeans*

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# Half year weather report dry April and hot June

## The year so far:

JULY to December rainfall last year was 60% of average so 2017 started with low water levels.

Month	Rainfall	Average Rainfall	Temperature
January	112.1mm	116.1mm	4.40°C
February	68.7mm	81.3mm	6.07°C
March	73.0mm	76.3mm	8.40°C
April	13.6mm	62.5mm	9.13°C
May	77.5mm	57.5mm	13.10°C
June	60.0mm	57.5mm	16.38°C

January to April rainfall this year was 80% of average so it looked possible we would have a drought similar to 1976 if that trend continued but rain in the latter 2 weeks of May soaked the parched ground and revived garden and farm crops just in time to prevent poor yields.

There was a spectacular thunderstorm in the early hours of 27th May which caused damage to power and telephone lines in the village. The rain continued in the first week of June which was followed by 9 days of very warm weather reaching a high of 31°C on 19th and 20th June.

A temperature of 34.5°C was recorded at Heathrow on 21st June making it a record high for the summer solstice but Heathrow was the only station which recorded that temperature and Heathrow may well be influenced by buildings, concrete, tarmac and the occasional passing jet! Although the temperature for June was nearly 1°C higher than average, there have been 11 warmer Junes in Milborne St. Andrew in the last 47 years and June 1878 was hotter than any of them; but that was before global warming and climate change were thought of. *Pluvius.*

## Can you identify where this is in Milborne?

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

or give to any member of the *Reporter* team.

*Reporter* team members can be found on page 2

No prize, just a bit of fun. Answer in the October *Reporter*.

Last month's answer can be found on page 30



# Floating down the river . . . on a Friday evening

FRIDAY night is fish and chip night, and members of the MSA Food and Wine Club partook the customary fare afloat for their June event. Because our previous year's trip was so successful we repeated it this year. The weather appeared to be favourable as we gathered on the quayside in Poole in readiness to board for the evening journey up the River Frome to Wareham and back.



However, as we made our way out into Poole Harbour proper we battled to keep our fish and chips on our laps and in the boxes as the sea breezes whipped around us! Last year we had picked up the food half way through the journey, meeting the delivery at a landing a bit further round the coastline, but this time, because there were swimmers in the water around that area, we took on the vitals at the start of the trip. The wind was pretty brisk and many amongst us wished we had

another layer of clothing to put on! 'Liquid' food was available from the bar below and many took the opportunity to sup some sort of libation – the excuse being the chill in the sea air!

The river landscape from the boat is very interesting with the masts of boats seemingly in the middle of reed beds such are the number of inlets and moorings around the coastline. Our pilot provided snippets of information about the landmarks we passed on the way. My personal ornithological knowledge is not very extensive, but there were mallard and swans, gulls and some LBJs (little brown jobs) a plenty. Our chattering may have limited our powers of observation, as I am sure there were plenty more interesting birds around us.

On arrival in Wareham we disembarked and made haste to the quayside hostellers for a warming drink. Some of us were less brave on the return trip and snuck below deck out of the wind. Despite the chill wind, a very jolly evening was had by all. It was such a shame that the warm weather we had been experiencing had just ended. I believe there is a name for the law which governs such things!

*Susie Edwards*

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# Dinosaur Discovery Taking Place at Milborne St. Andrew First School

Miss Wittman and her Young Palaeontologists

## “Roaring Success”

Miss Wittman has had a very pleasant term, spent in the company of the budding palaeontologists and young dinosaur fans. Dinosaurs has been the topic for the term for the reception class and the children have been busy “boning up” on prehistoric animals as well as demonstrating their developing writing and creative skills.

### Fossil Evidence: What do we know about dinosaurs and how do we know?

Jasper rolled and pressed his play-dough flat. He chose a dinosaur skull from the pot. He looked closely at his skull “hmmm is it T-Rex . . . no sharp teeth . . . which dinosaur is it?” He picked an information book to look through, turning the pages to look at the pictures. “I think it is Apatosaurus”. He then pressed the skull into the play-dough to make his own fossil.

### Seahorse Class have become dinosaur experts!

**We investigated fossil evidence; created our own dinosaur skeletons; explored dinosaur “digs” and excavated dinosaur fossils from the sand pit.**

Kacey used her funky fingers in the investigation station. She excavated fossils by carrying out a mini Dino dig! Kacey found this challenging but she persevered and managed to dig a fossil free. She then used her brush to clean the fossil. It’s hard work being a fossil finder!

### We imagined what it would have been like to be one of the world’s first palaeontologists!

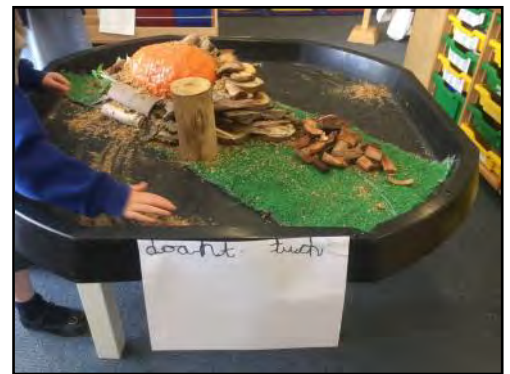
**Travelling back in time using our imagination to picture the UK covered in forest, swamp, rivers and lakes in our small world play.**



### An ‘Eggciting Discovery’

**Upon arrival at school we discovered an egg in classroom. Wow! The children were convinced that it was a dinosaur “because it is so big!”**

Theo has been very interested in our egg: every day he checks if the dinosaur has hatched. He wanted to make sure that the egg was looked after so he built a nest for the egg using natural materials. He even wrote two signs, using the sound mat and attached them to the tray to keep the egg safe:



‘Be careful’ and ‘Don’t touch’

### Learn about dinosaurs through discovery and play.

When our egg hatched, there was a trail of destruction as the dinosaur fled!

### Seahorse Class went on a dinosaur hunt.

Fossil Hunting on Dinosaur Day . . . Wow what discoveries we have made!

Look what we have found . . . Ichthyosaurus' snout and teeth discovery! Spike from a stegosaurus' tail and the nose horn from a triceratops! T-Rex tip toe imprint, egg and teeth! Allosaurus skull, footprint and toes bones!

### Spotted . . . Dinosaur Invasion!

On dinosaur day, we met Baby Jack, who is an Allosaurus! All the children were very excited and came up to say hello. Everyone thought that he was very cute.



While Baby Jack was being put back in the van, we nervously awaited our next visitor! An excited shout and a few shuffled steps back announced the arrival of Sophie through the playground gate. We very bravely watched as she walked towards us and then with Miss Wittman’s help we went over to say hello. Sophie had a big roar that made us jump but she let us stroke her and give her a tickle under the jaw! When we were about to say goodbye, Sophie was getting a bit fed up from the heat . . .she chased us all back inside! Miss Wittman was nearly gobbled up!

The summer term came to a roaring conclusion with a visit from a T-Rex!

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# Travels with Rosie continued

## Monday 22nd May

Got all excited going on the roaring tin snake again, lots of people looking at me and smiling, more and more people got on every time it screeched to a stop. Where were we going today? Monterosso, that's where, all I got to see all day were people's legs and feet, boring, just shops and churches. Mum seemed to like it, kept stopping and lifting the black box to her eye and clicking. Dad looked nearly as bored as me!

We sat in a square to eat lunch, some bread thing called 'focaccia', think I'll stick to English stuff, dog treats suit me fine.

Someone else must have been bored to death. We saw a big long tin box on wheels pull up near the church, a scruffy man in a t shirt and jeans got out and a couple of Ambulance men and a passer by (or it could have been a friend) pulled a long wooden box out of the back and took it in the church, Mum said it was a strange sort of funeral!

After that we got back on the snake and went back to the caravan, not a very exciting day for me but they promised me a good walk tomorrow.

## Tuesday 23rd May

Another early start, Mum was up making sandwiches and Dad was packing the rucksack, looked hopeful! Back on the tin snake again but this time just one stop to Framura, after a bit of a hike up a load of steps (Italy seems full of steps, some go up and some go down) we reached a nice path overlooking the sea. Of course it went up and up, lots of puffing from Mum but she kept up with us today.

We met some very nice people and a German man made a big fuss of me, he asked if I was a 'Poocock' which mum thought was hilarious, don't know why. After a long walk through the woods there was an extra bit to the walk up to a little village on top of the hill, I fancied doing it but Mum didn't so Dad came with me, while Mum waited at the bottom. When we got to the top there was some interesting smells coming from a restaurant so I just ran in to have a look, Dad chased after me, I thought he was interested too but he was just trying to shoo me out, shame! We trotted off down the hill to meet Mum and carried on with the walk until we got to Bonassola.

It was a nice place and as a special treat I got some of Mum and Dads gelato, very tasty!

## Wednesday 24th May

Had a bit of a lay in today, no picnic made, no rucksack, what are we up to today? My bed was put in the tin box on wheels so I guessed it was a long drive, not too bad though, only about an hour. We got out at a nice sunny place called Porto Venere, we parked at the top of the town and walked down into the old town and had a good stroll around, Mum was busy clicking the black box, Dad looked a bit bored (just like me). We had a nice lunch sitting in a restaurant by the harbour, Dad had brown stuff to drink and Mum had the red stuff and we all had pizza, yum.

After lunch we climbed onto a floating tin box, very strange, it chugged across to a small island where we all jumped off. The day got better as we went for a hike around the island, the path had plenty of ups and downs and Mum said she wished she hadn't had the red stuff as she couldn't stop yawning! After the walk Mum and I cooled our paws in the Mediterranean Sea, lovely! We had to get back on the floating tin box to get back but it was more fun this time as there were two of my French cousins on boards, they had the same colour fur as my dad (my real dad not Dad dad).

I was shattered but happy, it was a lovely day!

## Thursday 25th May

Rest day today, we all needed it, just laying around outside the big tin box watching the other campers coming and going, some stopped to talk to me but not much going on. Had an early night but had to wake Dad up at 3:30am, as I had a dicky tummy, still he did get to see a firefly so that was exciting for him (not sure he appreciated it at that time in the morning).



## Friday 26th May

Tummy still a bit funny, didn't fancy breakfast but soon felt better when we started walking. This was a proper walk, picnic, rucksack and trek poles, mind you hundreds of other people joined us! It was along the coast from Monterosso to Vernazza and then on to Corniglia. Because there was lots and lots of people following us I had to stay on the short lead tied to Dad's arm to start with but then Mum took over and put me on a long stretchy lead tied to her arm which was better (later on I got untied and that was even better still). Mum said it was hard work climbing uphill and she was sweating buckets but I couldn't see any!

There was one bad incident, Mum wasn't looking where she was putting her feet and tripped up, fell on the floor and let go of my lead. I was very good and didn't run away and luckily Mum was ok but a bit dirty and embarrassed. There was lots of stops for her to look through the black box and click but I think that was just an excuse for her to have a rest.

We ended up in Corniglia which was very pretty but Dad said there was too many people (I thought so too, it was like a sea of legs from my point of view), Mum loved it though and disappeared through a couple of doorways and came out carrying bags! We all

had a rest and some brown stuff in a bar in the square and then we walked down a million steps (or 383 actually) to the station to get on the tin snake on rails home.

What a grand day out.

## Saturday 27th May

What a lot of sleepy heads, we all slept in till nearly 7am! No hiking today, too hot so just went in Dad's tin box on wheels to a town called Sestri Levante, it wasn't too far but had to go through 2 long bits with no sky. There was something called a market on, it looked like everyone was selling their stuff from tables in the street, very strange.

It was quite busy but not too many legs to push through and lots of people thought I was sweet, especially a small person in a pushchair. A few things were purchased, including a new hat for Mum, she thought she looked smart in it but got upset when Dad said she looked like Miss Marple, she was not impressed with his compliment and used a bad word!

Mum used the black box that clicked a lot until Dad got fed up and started looking in food shops for lunch, then it was back home for a lazy afternoon.

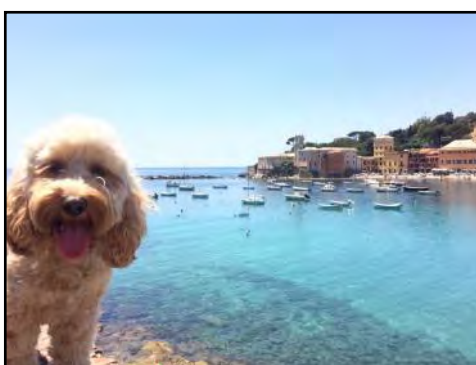
## Sunday 28th May

Dad got me up early, off on a jaunt together, left Mum in bed (I thought I heard her say 'Yipee' as we shut the door). We did a nice walk from the site to the mountain at the back of the village, we walked up a path up to a little village where the church bells were ringing and ringing, it was Sunday after all.

It started to get very hot so we made our way down back to see Mum, she was up and had been busy doing some chores (so she said). The rest of the day we all sat about, Dad did some reading and Mum painted a picture which looked good.

We are off on another adventure tomorrow, the rucksack is already packed!

Sent with love from Rosie on Mum's iPad xx



# All change as Damory loses bus contract

DAMORY will no longer be running buses through Milborne after Dorset County Council has shaken up bus services across the region. The council re-tendered a number of contracts of both public and school bus services following a cost-cutting drive to reduce subsidies for rural buses which it hopes will save £500,000. DCC says the new contracts are to support two elements of travel; dedicated school services, and the core network of bus transport between Dorset's market towns that help support the economy by getting people to work, school and college. The Blandford to Dorchester route is part of this, with the new contract being awarded to First Hampshire and Dorset, which Damory has operated as services X12 and 187 up until the change.

The new bus service through Milborne was set to begin on 24th July. DCC cabinet member, Cllr Daryl Turner, said "We have had to think about travel in a completely different way. This means moving away from subsidising bus companies to run commercially unviable services to one that looks at the bigger picture".

*Ed Richards*



## Climbing a Family Tree . . . at the July WI

WE enjoyed another lovely summer supper evening, hosted by Sheila Ryall, and much appreciated by everyone there. The Milton Abbas Street Fair is now very much in our sights, any supplies – including cakes, jams and preserves, to Josie for collection please. It remains to hope for a sunny and successful day. Looking further ahead, the Christmas Lunch at Milton Abbey on 19th December is proving very popular and is rapidly selling out.

Bookends' recent book, *'The Kashmir Shawl'* was enjoyed by everyone. We move on to a more in-depth read *'Dreams from my Father'* by Barack Obama. Our August meeting will be at Shirley's for a strawberry cream tea.

Members expressed thanks to Chris for all her hard work as our representative at Group meetings, Heather and Lesley will now take over this role. Lesley is to look at arranging friendly matches for our skittles team in the autumn.

We were delighted to welcome our very own Linda Wright as speaker. Linda has been researching family trees for many years and is a member of Milborne's History Group. To make her talk relevant to our village, Linda took us through her research into the family of a local villager, Daisy Cooper, who died in 2006, had lived all her life in Milborne, and whose gravestone can be seen in our churchyard.

Some information about Daisy was already known: her date of birth, her date of marriage and her grandmother's job as a sewing teacher at the school. With this data Linda was able to access public records, via the internet, and take Daisy's family tree back to her grandparents and beyond. Using flash cards and talking through each member of the family and their relationship within it, she wove a fascinating tale. Linda admitted that by the end of the process she had become very fond of Daisy's family.

Despite an upbringing of some poverty, Daisy had honed many skills; she was able to play the piano, and the organ in Church, she was taught to sew by her grandmother, and was an active member of Milborne WI. She was also much-loved within the community.

Some of our members brought their own family trees along, others are in the process of looking at theirs, and it is easy to see how fascinating such a project can be.

We meet for our summer outing to the Blandford Fashion Museum in August, and convene again on Thursday, 14th September when Ralph Cree will talk about *'African Drumming'*. Enjoy a lovely summer break.

*Pat Bull*

## Invictus – Eagles of the Empire by Simon Scarrow

I asked to review this book as I have enjoyed several of Mr. Scarrow's tales of life in the Roman Army. Fitting squarely into the 'Swords and Sandals' category you know what you are going to get, but I think Mr. Scarrow is the best author in this genre. His research into the life of the average soldier, his equipment, weapons, ways of fighting and the discipline to which he was subjected is as thorough as Bernard Cornwell's, which is high praise from this reader.

This particular book brings the two main protagonists, Cato and Macro, to Spain. Known as Hispania in Roman times and occupied but not necessarily pacified by the Romans at the time of the story. Set against the usual backdrop of politics, plottings and positioning by those in Imperial Rome, past events and old enemies contribute to the way our boys end up in Hispania and the mission they are given on arrival. Despite the book being part of a series, it would be possible to read it in isolation as enough explanation is given, without bogging the story down in repetition of previous events. This book includes the start of a new story thread related to the birth and rearing of Cato's son, which I am sure will continue into future books, along with the reasons for Cato's wife's strange behaviour.

However, the action starts very soon, with a description of the sea voyage to Spain from Italy. Not an aspect of Roman Army life I had considered much before, and certainly not something the troops anticipated eagerly! In Mr. Scarrow's usual style the soldiers' action is fast-paced and full of interesting descriptions of face-to-face combat, marching and living in the field, finding provisions for an army on the move and defending a position against an overwhelming force. For reasons that become clear later in the book, our heroes are commanding a cohort of the Praetorian Guard.

In an interesting parallel to today's British Army, the Praetorian Guard, whose main task was looking after the Emperor, are seen by the rest of the Army as unfit, training-school only, ornamental and processional soldiers, rather like the Brigade of Guards. Macro, the career Warrant Officer, has some work to do to turn them into a serious fighting unit.

With some valuable insights into the way Roman Occupation worked, the lives of slaves and the political machinations going on in Emperor Claudius' Rome at the time, the book balances information with a fast-paced and exciting story line and reaches its end leaving the reader hoping that the next one will be ready soon.

*Susan Wilson*



## Places in Dorset anagrams

Have a go at these anagrams. No prizes, just a bit of fun. This was a round at the pub quiz in June. Thanks to Nicky Dyer for the questions.

1. aba benzyl hurry .....
2. ham wear .....
3. entry items .....
4. tune hub room .....
5. amy then .....
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7. bossy dry num .....
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19. emu to why .....
20. chill creek .....
21. antler filopods .....
22. a hog till .....
23. fluent slower .....
24. balboa mints .....
25. arm hot why .....
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## Milborne gets the Blues (yet) again!

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This amazing band has been nominated as one of four bands which will be competing to represent the UK in the International and European Blues

Challenge. At Zoe's request I have invited her back to our fourth Blues Night, at which she will showcase material from her recent 'This Is The Life I Choose' cd. Tickets are £10 and are available from Londis and The Royal Oak or Clive on cliverawlings@hotmail.co.uk. This fundraising event is in aid of another defibrillator for the village.



### Dorset Historic Churches Trust Ride+Stride

SATURDAY 9th September is the annual sponsored Ride+Stride event when you can walk, cycle (or ride your horse) around the district calling at as many churches as you can during the day. You will need to collect a sponsor form from Josie Wright (01258 839090) or you can ring Josie to sponsor the team. We are trying to organise a beneficence walk between members of Puddletown and Tolpuddle churches you are welcome to come and join us, bring a packed lunch.

Dorset Historic Churches Trust organise this event. The money collected goes to helping Dorset churches with repairs. We have been given a grant towards our roof repairs which is taking place in the autumn. All money collected on the Ride+Stride is sent to Dorset Historic Churches Trust and then we get 50% back towards our running costs. Please come along and join the team, it is a great day out.

For more information ring Josie Wright (01258 839090) or Eva Stockley (01258 837468).

### New football team for the over 35's



A VETERANS' football team is being started by Milborne St. Andrew resident, Paul David, who used to play for village clubs years ago. The veterans' team will be kicking off this September – matches are on Sundays at 10.30am, every other week,

with training every week at 10.00am. If you're over 35 years old and would like to get back into football, or continue playing then the new team would welcome you.

Due to the sports field at the Pavilion in Milborne being fully booked with other teams' matches, the new team are having to play at Winterborne Stickland, but hope that they can get a slot and play properly 'at home' in future. Paul says all interested players are welcome, no matter what level or age you are.

Even though Paul's team is in the early stages, he hopes to have a sponsor and new kit soon. He says, "I want to put some enjoyment into people's lives and make football fun for the over 35's."

Call Paul on 07841 506839 if you'd like to get involved.



the fun. Then it was YR turn to compete followed by each class in turn and which included the sports leaders, who were supporting the event, from St. Mary's. Wow! Milborne has some very speedy sprinters! Seahorses fastest sprinters were Martha C and Reuben, Dolphins were Isabella and Josh, Turtles were Honor and Lewis G, and Puffins had Isla, Hattie, David, Ellie and Oliver who had the fastest time of the school! Finally it was time to conclude with the Y4 relay which was won by Griffin. Well done to everyone who took part. This year Phoenix team took the trophy while Eddie from Unicorn celebrated being awarded the teamwork cup. Did you spot Miss Wittman running up and down the track? Thank you to everyone who came along to cheer us as we ran our races and celebrate in our sporting success.

## School Sports Day

ON the afternoon of Thursday 13th we had our school's sports day. After a very rainy day previously, it was great to see the sun starting to peek through the clouds in the morning. As we eagerly awaited our races, the day got brighter and brighter! Finally in our coloured kits, we made our way onto the field. Each class started on a different station and rotated round the track competing as a team in egg and spoon races, bean bags target throws, javelin distance throws, sack races and hurdles races. Once all complete we headed into the centre of the track to experience running! First up were the toddlers then we watched and celebrated as the mum's and dad's joined in





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Bere Regis, BH20 7LA  
(At rear of Shell Service Station)

## **Round Robin Ramblers**

*The local villages walking group*

Walks are normally held on the first Sunday and the third Wednesday of each month. Please join us as we enjoy exercise, good company and the wonderful Dorset countryside. **Any questions, please feel free to contact: Ian Bromilow, 01258 880044.**

**Sunday 3rd September – 2.00pm**

**Durweston and Bryanston Wood**

Meet near Durweston Village Hall

Grid reference: ST 860084 on OS Explorer Sheet 117 (approx. 4.5 miles)

**Wednesday 20th September – 11.00am**

**Blandford St Mary and Bryanston**

Meet at the free car park behind Tesco and the brewery in Blandford Forum

Grid reference: ST 889058 on Explorer Sheet 117 (approx. 7 miles)

Bring a packed lunch.

**Sunday 1st October – 2.00pm**

**Broad Oak and Sturminster Newton**

Meet at Fiddleford Mill car park

Grid reference: ST 802135 on OS Explorer Sheet 129 (approx. 4.5 miles)

**Please note:**

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

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

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

*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.



## **SUDUKU**

Fill in all the squares in the grid so that each row, each column and each of the 3x3 squares contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

No prize, just a bit of fun.

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Ploughmans Theme night  
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*Tuesday 22nd Bingo*  
*Thursday 31st - Pie Night  
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**What's on in September**  
*Thursday 14th  
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