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# 'Parent Power' wins back school bus service

*The Reporter received this email from Milborne parent Jayne Hamilton, just before the new school term.*

Previously the Puddletown school bus would stop at various places around the village on either side of the A354, picking up children from our village only, approximately 20 children at around 8.00am. We were notified a couple of weeks ago that the bus passes were being sent and attached was a new timetable of the bus route. The new route now picks up children from Milton Abbas coming into Milborne via Milton Road, stopping opposite the shop only at 8.30am. This means that 40 plus children will be on the bus with a huge increase of numbers at the shop and having to congregate there or across the road on the tiniest bit of pavement imaginable. I feel that this will be incredibly unsafe for our children and motorists alike during rush hour. The added worry is that children from age nine upwards are going to have to cross the busy A354 without any means of safe crossing in place!

For many parents the transition to middle school is when we start to give our children a little independence by letting them walk by themselves to the allocated bus stops. Fortunately I am one of the lucky ones and live on the side of the A354 where the bus stops, but many are not and now will have to drop their children to the bus stop just to ensure their safety. I cannot understand why DCC would think this is a good idea or safe by any means, in my opinion it is an accident waiting to happen.

On a personal note, and I know that this is a very personal issue but my child who has ASD will now have to wait an extra 45 minutes at the shop for the bus as I have to be at work at Blandford at 8.00am. If the bus was at the previous time then he will only be waiting 15 minutes which would be acceptable. He is a very anxious child and this sometimes can manifest itself in quite abrupt, impulsive behaviours. He will find it very difficult to keep calm for that length of time and this is a huge worry to me as his safety and that of other children are my primary concern. We were only given two weeks' notice before the start of the new term and therefore this was too short notice to put any permanent provision in place and will have to rely on family to escort him and help him remain calm. I am concerned that with the added embarrassment of having an adult with him will alienate him further from his peers, when he just longs to fit in and be "normal" and accepted.

I would be very grateful if you could look into this further for me as a call to DCC only resulted in them saying that there was nothing they could do and that they had taken into account the crossing of the A354 and in their opinion was perfectly safe! They obviously have no idea regarding the demographic of the village and where our children live, unbelievable really, considering they have all our addresses! At least a lollipop lady should be recruited to ensure a safe passage for our children?

## DCC reverse bus decision after outcry

DORSET County Council has reversed a decision that parents said would have put their children in a dangerous situation waiting for the school bus. Parents were told just two weeks before school term started that the number of stops in Milborne was to be reduced from five to only one, with the single stop adjacent to a sliver of pavement at a busy junction. Up to twenty children would have waited for the bus to St. Mary's Middle School in Puddletown at the junction of Milton Road and The Square on the narrow side during rush hour.

Because the previous arrangement of stops across the village had been amalgamated into just one, all of Milborne's St. Mary's students would have been waiting en masse at the "unsafe" location. The time of the bus had also been changed from 8.00am to 8.30am, raising worries among parents that this left little room for unforeseen incidents along the route to get children to school on time at 8.55am. Parents also had the headache of adjusting to the new time given their own work circumstances, and the worry of having to leave children at an unsafe location for longer.

But, in what has been called 'parent power', Transport Services at DCC has listened to the concerns raised and, after a site visit during second week of the service, has backed down and restored almost the original arrangement that had been in place, with children picked up from four stops around the village from 8.05am. Joy Robinson, chairman of MSA Parish Council, had met with DCC representatives, together with Hilary Cox, Winterborne councillor and chairman of the County Council. Joy said, "Parent Power really worked here as I believe the number of complaints meant a swift agreement."

In a shake-up of bus provision, reported in the last edition of the *Reporter*, bus transport across the county had been retendered resulting in diminished services for some. Barry's Coaches, based in Weymouth, is now the operator of the ME005 service which runs from Milton Abbas to the Puddletown school, via Milborne. After the first day of operating the service, Barry's Coaches agreed with parents - including Jayne Hamilton, who brought this to the *Reporter's* attention - that the location of the single stop opposite Gray's Stores was not safe. Between the company and parents, a new stop was decided upon - at the Stileham Bank junction - which would ensure both children's and other road users' safety. In the meanwhile, parents and their representatives continued to appeal to the council to look again at the whole service in Milborne as their other concerns remained.

Logistically, parents still had problems, as Joy Robinson explains, "The original timetable change with only one stop meant that parents had to significantly rethink the way their children got to the bus stop safely, given that our village is split in half by the A354. Previously parents were able to check their children on to the bus at 8.00am and get to work for 8.30am, this was now not possible and because the bus now stopped at 8.30am these pupils were late for registration at St Mary's."

She says that the original stop was "extremely dangerous" and she called Barry's Coaches on the first day of the service to put this view across. She says the company was very helpful and agreed to change the stop for the next day onwards. The following week, Transport Services representatives from DCC, Chris Hook and Tony Cirio met in Milborne with the two councillors to look at the situation. Joy says, "The meeting went extremely well, we gave them the facts and the traffic obliged by showing them the variety of problems that we face at that junction. HGVs, tractors - with and without combine harvesters, horse riders and cars trying to get to work or stopping at the shop."

Following the meeting, Transport Services went back to the drawing board and produced a new route and timetable that picks up children around the village. As well as the Stileham Bank stop, it includes one at the top of Blandford Hill, Homefield and at the Village Hall. Previous services came from Blandford and stopped to pick children up at Deverel Farm, although the new route does not stop here.

"I would like to thank Chris and Tony for their swift response", Joy says, "which after a tweak or two has resulted in this final timetable which seems to solve most of our problems, I don't think we could have wished for a better result."

I would also like to thank Barry's Coaches for being so helpful and they are also happy for parents to have their phone number 01305 784850, just in case children leave any property on their bus. I really didn't think we would be so successful, but feel extremely pleased that this plan came together."

*Ed Richards*







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## Royal British Legion Act of Remembrance and Poppy Collection 2017

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The names of the fallen from the 1914-1918 and 1939-1945 World Wars will be read out. Please assemble at 10.55am come rain or shine.

Whilst we remember all those who have died please spare time to remember those who have suffered as a result of injury to both the body and the mind. Remember the conflicts in Iraq, Afghanistan and those we are now engaged in. Men and women of armed forces are still risking their lives for our continuing safety.

On the 11th November at 11 o'clock there will also be an opportunity to observe the two minutes silence, the precise time the armistice came into effect in 1918.

### Safety First

Concern has been expressed by The Royal British Legion HQ regarding people's safety during the Act of Remembrance throughout the UK, to which everyone is welcome. In order that we can reduce the risks to those attending you will be asked to try and keep as close to the grass verge near the Memorial Stone as possible and away from any traffic using The Causeway.

### House to House Collection

It is hoped to carry out the house to house collection for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. This normally takes place about two weeks prior to Remembrance Sunday (12th November 2017). If anyone would like to help with the house to house collection please contact me on 837642 so that I can create a list of volunteers to collect for this worthy appeal. In the event we do collect I shall be in touch to arrange details etc.

### 2018 Centenary of the end of the First World War

Sunday 11th November 2018 marks 100 years since the end of the 1st World War. This important anniversary is a milestone in our history and it is hoped we can all come together to honour the memory of those who died or were injured during this conflict. The 1st World War touched the lives of nearly every family in the land and throughout the Commonwealth; it still impacts today.

*Michael Hopper 837642*



Contact name: Peter Lindsley

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## Rogue trader jailed for three years and two months

A ROGUE trader in the south-west who defrauded 21 people out of £108,000 has been jailed for three years and two months.

The rogue trader targeted older and vulnerable people by cold calling and advertising in local publications giving the impression of being genuine and respectable, using local telephone numbers which then actually diverted to his mobile phone.

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No cancellation rights were given to the victims, the sparse paperwork given did not include an address and the telephone number was unobtainable so the victims had no means of contacting the trader.

If you pay or agree to pay over £42 for any services or goods that are sold to you in your home, then you have 14 days to cancel the agreement. If you cancel, any monies that you have paid should be returned to you.

The trader must give you a written notice of your cancellation rights when you agree the contract. If the trader doesn't provide you with this information, they commit a criminal offence.

You can show you do not want to receive visits from cold calling doorstep traders by displaying a 'We do not deal with uninvited doorstep traders' door sticker available from libraries across Dorset or by calling the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 03454 040506. This is also the number to call if you would like consumer advice, or to report something to Trading Standards.



## Can you help the Reporter please?

The *Reporter* is here for all villagers and village organisations. We print news, views (not necessarily our own), obituaries and advertisements for people and organisations based in and around Milborne St. Andrew. One of the most important things we report on is the Parish Council Meetings, planning matters and matters of public interest discussed there.

At present we are struggling to find a volunteer to provide a report of Parish Council Meetings that take place in term time. The minutes of the meetings are a formal record and are available via the clerk and the village website after they have been approved at the following meeting, which would be far too late for *Reporter* deadlines. We would love to find someone who can provide a short (500 words or so) report in their own words of topics discussed at the meetings. Usually the meetings are after the monthly deadline, but it is possible to write the report as the meeting progresses and email it straight to [m.s.a.reporter@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:m.s.a.reporter@yahoo.co.uk) at the end of the meeting. Copy should be sent in MS Word format.

Meetings are monthly, with a break in the summer, and we do have a volunteer to cover the school holiday periods. The meetings are often interesting and it is a good way to understand local politics, meet your parish and Local Authority Councillors, and see what's going on in Milborne. If you feel this is something you can do, please contact our editor, David Payne.

New members of the *Reporter* team are always welcome. All that's needed is the ability to work in a team, and a useful skill such as writing, photography, organisation, and the time to attend meetings, functions and events to report on them.



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Also confirmed so far are the following exhibitors: The Big Lottery, Wave 105 Cashforkids, Bournemouth Airport Community Fund, In Kind Direct, Dorset Community Action, Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (Sustainable Development Fund), East Dorset and Christchurch Councillors Ward Budgets, Santander Foundation and the Discovery Grants, Arbonne Foundation, Dorset LEADER, Talbot Village Trust, Ward Goodman, Dorset Community Foundation, Children in Need, Heritage Lottery Fund, Tesco's Bags of Help Awards, Bournemouth Soup, POPP, Best Kept Village, Dorset Community Energy Foundation, Wimborne Bid, BGET – Hardship Fund,

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**Cost:** £20 pp for voluntary and community groups, £30 pp for statutory groups

Refreshments and lunch will be provided.

Please book early to avoid disappointment. To enable as many organisations as possible to benefit, places will be limited to two per organisation.

The agenda for the day will be available shortly.

We are also running a two hour bite sized training course on 5th October 2017 "Getting Ready for the Funding Fair" (full details on our website). This is aimed at voluntary and community groups and will assist you to prepare and present the key points about your project or organisation in order to attract funding and support. Please go to our website for more information and for a link to book.

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## Going in Style (12A)

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## Sir Ernest Debenham and the Bladen Estate

AT September's History Group meeting we heard how Sir Ernest Ridley Debenham, grandson of the Debenham who originated the drapery and department store enterprise, used his business methods to develop Briantspuddle as a model village and to create the Bladen Estate. His methods were innovative and productive. He established the Ideal Dairy, later called Bladen Dairy initially in Briantspuddle but later moved the business to Milborne St. Andrew. The name 'Rings', was borrowed from the name of the first cottages Debenham built in Briantspuddle. He was knighted in recognition of his services to agriculture in 1931. Following his death in 1952 the estate was broken up and sold.

Next month we will be gathering more information about the older buildings and homes in our village. Please feel free to come along to our next meeting in The Royal Oak on Wednesday 11th October at 7.30pm especially if you know a lot about the history of your home or business.

## A Good Read: Barack Obama, "Dreams from My Father"

READING Barack Obama's book, "Dreams from My Father" is an unusual experience. It details the inner struggles of a bi-racial person who, during his childhood and determinative years, found no role model for his dilemma. His father, also Barack, from the Luo people in Kenya, left his family when his son was two years old and reappeared briefly when he was ten years. Running barefoot in Jakarta, nurtured in Hawaii by white grandparents, didn't prepare him for racially bigoted America. In particular a poor area of Chicago where he took employment as a community organiser. This was a fairly productive time and produced in him the desire to study law. The mini portraits of some of the influential and highly educated ministers with whom he worked are a revelation. There are many erudite meditations charting his personal struggles and occasional rhetoric, all of which revealed someone estranged from a world he later went on to lead. As an insight to the man it is most satisfying and enlightening. Racial exploration is a theme without any new light shed but no such exploration made of his 'white' side. I felt impelled to Google his mother, Stanley Ann Dunham of whom he writes "she was the dominant figure in my formative years", an economic anthropologist who set up the largest microfinance programme in the world to support mainly women in cottage industries. Books about her and her work were produced; in 2009 'Surviving against the Odds; Village Industry in Indonesia', and in 2011, 'A Singular Woman'. Her mother, Madelyn Dunham (affectionately known as Toot), was the first woman vice president of a bank. She died during his Presidential campaign.

However he has a gift for dialogue (admitting it was imperfectly recalled) and for scene setting.

It is a book in parts, the most fascinating his early childhood and, later, visit to Kenya as a young man in search of his roots. This equates to a sabbatical before he went on to study Law at Harvard. It ends with his marriage to Michelle, a wondrously diverse affair. If, like me, you mourn his civilised departure and shape shifting replacement, but know little about the man, this book is an insight into his psyche and guiding principles.

Carole Fornachon

## Owdyado Theatre present 'A View from the Edge'

Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall, Sunday 22nd October, 7.30pm

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Cornish company 'Owdyado present their brand new, slick and surprising show where the search for the truth provokes a mind-bending journey through the world of dreams, imagination and 'real life'. With its sharp wit, quick pace and a heavy dose of noir style; from the classic to the neo, *A View from the Edge* also takes influence from cult filmmakers Charlie Kaufman and David Lynch. A highly original show, expect to be delighted, intrigued and kept guessing 'til the end! Pay attention. It's about to get weird . . .

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How easy it is to turn on a tap and get the water flowing!

The benefice churches are celebrating Harvest Festival at the beginning of this month, a time when we think particularly of the food we eat, the things we drink, our farmers and producers, and give thanks to God for them. Three of the four churches this year will also be collecting money for WaterAid.

Without water, we would starve. We need to drink to keep hydrated and to stay alive. There are very few, if any, foodstuffs that can be produced without access to H<sub>2</sub>O. As a sign of our thankfulness to God, we will, generously I hope, make offerings for those who do not have the luxury of a tap or two dispensing clean water in their homes.

In South Sudan, which is twinned with Salisbury diocese, the average time taken for a person to reach water is 45 minutes. Thirty per cent of people there have no access to clean water at all. No wonder the sickness and death rates are so high.

According to the World Health Organisation and UNICEF, there are 844 million people in the world with no access to clean water at all. Just imagine what that is like.

Water is such a precious commodity. WaterAid in its 35 years of existence has brought clean water to 24.9 million people who had no access before; its aim is to ensure that by 2030 no one in the world will be without. What an amazing goal and vision to have!

As we celebrate the Harvest season, let us thank God for all the amazing food we have, for those who produce it here and abroad. Perhaps too this year you might also like to join me in gratitude for one thing that makes all of that possible, one thing that enables us to have life, one thing to which we have such easy access but millions around the world do not, one thing that is so much part of our daily life that we rarely stop to think about it – the precious gift of water.

With best wishes

*Sarah Hillman*

## St. Andrew's news

WE are looking forward to our Harvest Festival service which will be on the 1st October at 9.15am. This year the Celebrate team will oversee the planning and delivering a service to which all are invited. Last year we collected dried food and tins which were taken to the Food Banks in Dorchester and Blandford and hope to do similar this year. Fresh fruit and vegetables will still be welcome for those who prefer to offer these gifts up to God.

There was a joyful wedding held in our church last month, the second one within a few weeks of each other and another scheduled for October. I find it encouraging to see couples taking their vows in the traditional Christian manner and for the support that the bride and groom attract from their family and friends. We look forward to baptisms as well. St. Andrew's church holds weekly services as listed. Anyone is invited to come along and get a big welcome from the regulars.

The building work that has taken so much planning, fundraising and organisation is now underway and despite many rainy days is keeping to schedule. There have been no disruptions to date which is encouraging. However, the final roof repairs rely on the migration of the bats, so we are hoping they fly off soon so that we can be sure that the rain will not get in.

The volunteers have worked hard in the churchyards over the last year and alongside our gardener's hard work, the results are now showing. I am delighted to announce that the Living Churchyard was visited by Dorset Wildlife Trust assessors in June and have awarded us a Gold prize and a Bishop's Award of £100. There will be ongoing maintenance including removal of more dangerous overgrown trees.

Our focus is now on starting Open the Book sessions in Milborne's First School entering

## Church Services October 2017

### 1st October – Harvest Festival

9.30am	Harvest Festival	Tolpuddle
9.30	Celebrate . . . Harvest	Milborne
6.00pm	Harvest Festival followed by Harvest Supper	Puddletown
6.00pm	Harvest Festival	Dewlish

### Saturday 7th October

1.00pm	Marriage of William Burlend and Frances Nicholson	Milborne
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### 8th October – Trinity 17

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

### 15th October – Trinity 18

9.30am	Family Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30	1662 Morning Prayer	Milborne
11.00	Parish Communion with dedication of new altar table	Puddletown
11.00	Family Service	Dewlish

### Thursday 19th October

12 noon	Lunch-time Communion	Puddletown
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### 22nd October – Trinity 19

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

### 29th October – Bible Sunday

11.00am	United Benefice Holy Communion followed by bring-and-share lunch	Puddletown
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### Morning Prayers (Monday – Thursday)

#### 8.15am Saturday 9.00 am)

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

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our third year. We are delighted to be welcomed into the school again this school year but a little disappointed that we will only be able to do four sessions this term instead of the fortnightly sessions that we did last year.

Our Events Committee are planning an evening's entertainment, including a themed meal, to celebrate Trafalgar night. It should be a great evening. Should anyone be interested please contact one of our church's team members.  
*Pam Shults*

## Dewlish Church Notes

WHAT a wonderful day we had for the Five Churches Benefice Fete at Athelhampton House! Business was brisk for all the stalls and we were amazed at all the pots of jam and marmalade we sold. Thank you to all who supported the day, but a special thank-you to Emma and Pam for all their hard work in organising it.



In addition, a really big thank-you must be paid to Patrick and Andrea Cooke and their staff for their help and for allowing us to use this lovely venue. I understand that over £4,000 was raised – a great help towards our benefice expenses.

The **Harvest Service** is on Sunday 1st October at 6.00pm. Please bring your gifts to the service. Our **Harvest Supper and Auction** will be on Monday 2nd October at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. The cost will be £7.00 for each person. Please contact Margaret Groves (Tel: 01258 837617) to reserve your seat. The proceeds from the auction will be donated to Water Aid.

Here are two dates for your diary:

- **Remembrance Sunday**, 12th November (10.50am at the War Memorial, followed by the service in church)
  - **Christmas Bazaar**, Saturday 2nd December (2.30pm in the Village Hall)
- Daphne Burg*



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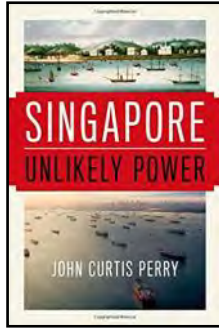
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## Singapore – Unlikely Power by John Curtis Perry

THIS book is an interesting study in the history of Singapore, one of the world's wealthiest and best educated countries. John Curtis Perry is an American historian, who is a Professor of History at Tufts University. His story starts with a quote from Julius Caesar – 'there is a tide in the affairs of men which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune'. The latter half of the book demonstrates how Singapore's leaders in the post-Independence period have grasped that tide, for the better fortune of all Singaporeans.



The history of the Island is told, from early Malay fishermen in the twelfth century, through periods of growth and then depopulation to the present day's problems of young people leaving to work overseas and declining numbers of Singaporeans wanting to do blue collar work (as they have all been educated!).

I found it interesting, having been at school with the children of those working in the oil industry in Singapore and Malaya in the 1970s, but I did find the author's US-centric and somewhat anti-British-Colonial viewpoint a bit tedious. I tire of people saying the British Empire was 'a bad thing' when it's obvious that many countries that were part of the empire kept so much of British Law, British customs and British business practices.

The book was informative and I learned a lot about the shipping industry and its changes from sail to steam, from steam to diesel, and then to container transport. The way Singapore as a new nation was able to set itself targets and fund industries to exploit this impressed me greatly. Comparing that to the introduction of change and modernisation in British Industries of the 1970s was interesting. To me the difference seemed to be that the Singaporean workers trusted their Government to do the right thing by them, whereas the British Government didn't appear to have the vision or the money to fund much-needed infrastructure changes and British Trade Unions had already been fighting their bosses for over 100 years for basic rights, education, etc., and there was no trust left when the time came to modernise to operate in a completely different business environment. Each country is reaping the rewards of their different approaches today.

I'd recommend this book to people who like 'people history', as he has insights into the merging of Chinese, Malay, Indian and British cultures, in a nation where immigration has never been capped and anyone from any nation can become a citizen provided they work hard, keep to the nation's rules and obey its laws. It also looks into the amount of personal freedoms citizens have given up, to ensure the success of the whole nation – again an interesting contrast to the UK.

A good read for those interested in trade, shipping and 20th Century History.

*Susan Wilson*

## Rain Stopped Play and Dorset Wildlife at Wednesday Club



THE Wednesday Club visit to Arne Nature Reserve had to be cancelled on the day as Wednesday 2nd August turned out to be one of the wettest and stormiest of the summer. Instead we met for tea and biscuits at the Village Hall where Dave Andrews kept us interested with stories of his exploits while working with his digger on London streets and other amusing experiences; thank you Dave!

On Wednesday 6th September we again met in the Village Hall for a talk by Tony Bates on all the Dorset Wildlife Reserves/Centres. His photographs were amazing both of the scenery and the wildlife and it has tempted us all to get out and about.

Our next meetings are on Wednesday 4th October at 2.00pm in the Village Hall when we will have a quiz and then on Wednesday 1st November, following the AGM, Milborne's own Pam Shults will be talking about "Painting Around The World" following her extensive three month cruise earlier this year.

As always non-members are welcome to come to this event.

*Lis Watts*

### 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.

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# “Put that light out!” – Brooklyn Blackout Cake

THE clocks go back on 29th October this year - the start of the dark winter nights.

This cake was invented in 1942 in Brooklyn, New York, and was named after the mandatory war time blackouts imposed to protect the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

In the UK, blackout regulations were imposed everywhere on 1st September 1939 and continued for the duration of the war.

I'm a bit too young to remember WW2 but I have vivid memories of the three-day week and electricity cuts of the 1970's. The oil crisis and the coal strike led to the government declaring a national emergency on 13th November 1973, the day before Princess Anne and Captain Mark Phillips' wedding. The post office began to issue petrol coupons and the police were on the lookout for illegal petrol hoarding, one person was caught hiding 180 gallons of petrol in his garage. When questioned he said, "I don't think they would believe it was for the lawnmower! Do you?" He was fined £60.

Prime Minister Edward Heath announced the 50mph speed limit on motorways and the three-day week starting on 1st January 1974. Television shut down at 10.30pm every evening and the public were asked to use as little electricity as possible.

It was not all bad news of course: the Christmas/New Year number one record was Slade's "So here it is merry Christmas, everybody's having fun!" Sales of candles and gas cylinder refills reached an all time high and most people loved the three-day week I seem to remember.

Any length of power cut these days really makes me think about how vital electricity is to our lives and wonder how our ancestors managed without it. My mother was born in 1911 and could remember growing up in a house with no electricity and only gaslights.

There is a wonderful video on YouTube about the last village in Wales finally getting electricity in 1960 and the rather lukewarm response to it from the older generation. It reminded me of a similar response to the Internet when the World Wide Web was first introduced in 1990. It's hard to imagine any benefit from something you have no experience of.

Brooklyn Blackout Cake is quite complicated to make and also makes a bit of a mess in the kitchen, due to all the cake crumbs. You have



been warned! Keep the cordless vacuum cleaner handy. The cake freezes perfectly and is pretty big and imposing. Although in its original form it is very plain and without any twiddly-twee decoration, it could be

described as a "Showstopper". I think it makes a good celebration pudding for a special occasion and it freezes perfectly so it can be made ahead.

The use of cake crumbs means it can be moulded into different shapes, I've made a conical bonfire cake with this recipe as well as the Halloween pumpkin and the regular Brooklyn Blackout Cake. It was also made into a poop emoji cake for our eldest grandson's 10th birthday!

Many of the large supermarkets sell Halloween-themed cakes but they tend to be quite small in size compared to this and very expensive. Also if you take a look at the list of ingredients in any bought cake you will be astonished. So, although time consuming, I think it is well worth the effort. I used ready-made

orange icing from the supermarket for the pumpkin cake but home made is easy enough to make. For a conical bonfire cake I decorated the sides with bits of chocolate flake and served it with a lit sparkler on the top. The finished cake would have looked better with a few more bits of flake on the sides but they mysteriously evaporated . . .



## Ingredients:

### For the filling:

- 75g cornflour
- 600ml milk
- 300g caster sugar
- 1 tablespoon golden syrup
- 100g cocoa powder (sifted - this is important!)
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 100g butter, diced

### For the cake:

- 180g butter
- 300g caster sugar
- 3 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 50g cocoa powder
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
- 280g plain flour
- 200ml milk

## Method:

### To make the filling:

Blend the cornflour with 200ml of the milk until smooth.

Bring the rest of the milk (400ml) to the boil in a non-stick pan with the sugar, syrup and sifted cocoa, whisking until smooth.

Add the cornflour solution and bring to the boil, stirring until you have a rich, thick custard.

Remove from the heat and add the vanilla and butter. If it is a bit lumpy give it a whizz in the food processor until smooth. Pour into a large bowl and cover the surface with cling film and set aside to cool. Stir before using.

### To make the cake:

Pre-heat the oven to 170°C fan, 190°C electric, Gas 5.

Butter two 20cm cake tins at least 5cm deep with removable bases. (I use non-stick paper cake tin liners)

Cream together the butter and sugar then add the beaten eggs a bit at a time.

Add the vanilla.

Sift together the dry ingredients and gradually fold into the creamed mixture.

Finally blend in the milk.

Divide between the cake tins.

Bake for 30-40 minutes.

Leave to cool.

### To assemble the cake:

When cold, slice each of the two cakes horizontally with a breadknife into two halves to give four pieces.

Whizz one of the pieces into crumbs in the food processor.

Spread one piece with one quarter of the custard, sandwich with another piece and spread with another quarter of the custard.

Top with the remaining piece and use all the remaining custard to coat the top and sides.

Now coat the whole cake with the cake crumbs

pressing them firmly to make a smoothly rounded shape and to cover up all the custard filling round the sides as well as on the top.

Chill the cake as it is for a couple of hours and then cover with cling film. Return to the fridge.

Remove from the fridge about half an hour before serving.



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## An update on the Neighbourhood Plan

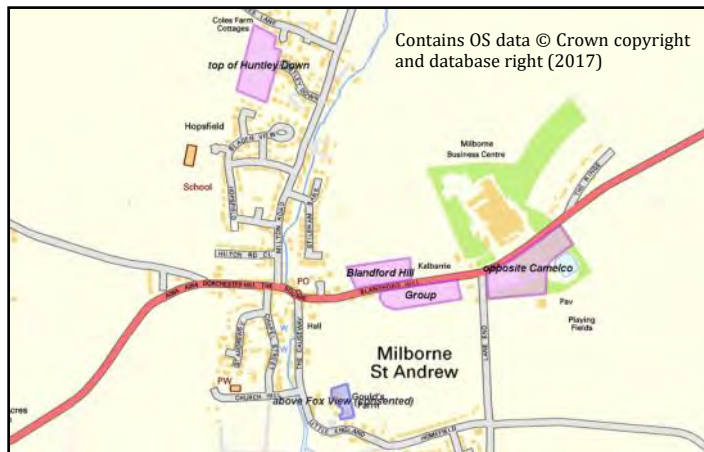
THE Neighbourhood Plan Group would like to thank all of you who took the opportunity to attend one of the two consultation events earlier in the summer or took the time to review the documents online. We received 114 completed questionnaires. These responses have given us a clear idea of the village's preferences in relation to preferred future development options and offered good feedback on the group's draft policy proposals.

### Preferred Sites for Future Development

As a key outcome from the consultation, your Neighbourhood Plan Group are now contacting the landowners who put forward sites for consideration to inform them of outcomes of the consultation phase and, where identified as preferred sites, request further details of their development proposals in light of the consultation outputs.

The sites that have emerged as *your choices* from the consultation process are:

- Site 1 – Land opposite Milborne Business Centre/Camelco, with possible community benefits to be confirmed.
- Site 6 and 9B – The Blandford Hill Group – the field uphill from Southview and the strip of Home Field adjoining the A354, with possible community benefits to be confirmed.
- Site 12 – The field at the top of Huntley Down, off Milton Road.



For all of these sites, an outright majority of respondents rated them as "Highly suitable/Acceptable" or "Suitable/Acceptable" for development. In addition to the sites above, since the start of the consultation process, Site 10 "Land behind Fox View", that would have been carried forward as a preferred site post consultation, has received planning permission outside the Neighbourhood Plan process. While this site will therefore no longer form part of our considerations, the homes built here will be counted towards the village's quota of housing within the North Dorset plan.

### Draft Policies

The responses to the draft policies presented at consultation have been positive. All policy proposals received ratings of "Okay" or "Good" from more than 70% of respondents.

### What happens next

- We are asking the owners of the Preferred Sites to tell us more about how they think their sites can be developed that would meet the aspirations and avoid the issues that you have told us about
- We are in the process of commissioning a Transport Management Study that will explore possible solutions to problems posed by the A354 that have featured strongly in your input to our research to date
- We have also asked for some free technical support to help us draft some design guidance that would be bespoke to the village
- We hope to come back to you with the outputs of these activities on Saturday 25th November with another consultation event in the Village Hall, to give you a chance to review and feedback on the next phase of work. Doors open at 6.00pm, presentation starts 6.30pm, to finish by 8.00pm.

## A Swinging Safari in MSA!

THE evening of Saturday 2nd September saw the streets of MSA pounded by many feet not normally accustomed to such activity at that time of day! It was the occasion of the Food and Wine Club's Safari Supper!

The algorithms and logic had been evaluated and signed off by Helen and Giles Pugh, putting their accountant's brains to excellent effect! We thank you so much for masterminding it all.

Secret notes had been distributed to hosts and guests so off we all set for our first courses where we all ate scrumptious offerings with a drop of liquid added. More secret instructions passed over and each initial gathering split up to seek out a main course. No one was disappointed by the fare on offer . . . nom, nom . . . with a further sip (or three!) Smacking our lips with yet another set of directions the feet headed off seeking the sugary delights of a dessert course at yet another host's table.

So well fed were we by then we were barely able to stagger the route to our final destination. All the participants congregated in one home for coffee and liqueurs with further sweet chocolatey temptations! Menus were swapped and extolled upon and further libations consumed . . . and like all the best parties we all ended up in the kitchen!!! Thankfully one large enough to accommodate all 27 of us!

Succulent starters, mouth-watering mains, delicious desserts, comforting coffee . . . what more could anyone ask? All in all a superb Safari Supper. Thank you so much to the hosts for the evening! Those members unable to join us this time missed another great Food and Wine Club evening.

*Susie Edwards*



**Deadline for the November Reporter is mid-day 14th October. All copy must be sent via the Reporter e-mail at [msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk)**

## My Time – support for carers in the Blandford area

ARE you looking after someone who wouldn't manage without your help? Or would you like to help others by sharing your experience of having been a carer? If so, did you know that there is a drop-in session called My Time for you on the first Tuesday of every month?

It doesn't matter who you care for – partner, parent, child, neighbour, sibling, or friend – anyone who has been, or currently is, caring for someone else is invited to these monthly My Time drop-ins. These take place at Blandford Community Centre on Hedington Drive which is easily accessible by bus or by car – the X8 service passes every half hour and there's plenty of free parking.

You can come together or on your own. Either way you will be met with a warm welcome, a drink and cake, other carers and professionals who can help with advice and information about anything you might need some support with. Very often the questions that carers ask are those that other carers have already found answers to, so you will find that friendly advice is freely shared!

All too often, carers report that they feel isolated and alone. The My Time drop-ins are intended to ensure that no-one in the Blandford area feels that they don't know where they can get help or advice, or that they have no-one to support them as a carer.

For more details call the team at Blandford Centre on 01258 480762.



## Harvest and autumn fruits at Ladybirds

THE start of term has seemed like autumn with wet and windy days – where did summer go? On one of the afternoons the children walked around the village gathering blackberries and picking up some fallen apples. Back in the hall we set about making some crumble, washing blackberries and chopping apples to create a lovely autumnal fruit crumble – yummy!

In the outside investigating tray we had pears, apples, courgettes and sunflowers. Some of the children (under supervision) set about cutting up the produce to discover what they looked like inside and find the seeds.



Before we broke up for the summer holidays the returning children decorated a shoe box to make a memory box. These were taken home and returned this term with evidence of visits, holidays and collections from activities through the holidays. It's amazing how much some of them had done. There were painted sea pebbles, lots of fir cones, leaflets, photos and badges. It was lovely to talk with the individual children about their exploits which frequently involved grandparents. Wonderful memories which showed a trip to the woods (where you may meet a Gruffalo!) or to the sea is really exciting for a young child.

*Liz Dyer*

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## SCHOOL NEWS



It's the start of a new school year which means we have a new group of children who have joined us at Milborne St Andrew First School. The children have come in very well and we've had lots of happy, smiling faces...they have engaged in lots of different activities while exploring their new classroom and outdoor area designed just for them. Their favourite activity has been the overhead projector (OHP) which we call the light box in our discovery area: The children can now confidently turn it on and select a coloured shape to go on top. They have really enjoyed creating artistic pictures from this.



Well, Miss Wittman and the OE working party were back to school and back to the hard work of developing the school grounds for learning. Sunday 10th September saw us preparing the ground ready to plant some wild flowers. A digger making it's way precariously along the sloped bank by the wildlife area was the scene for the day. It was a very grey and wet day so thank you to Caroline and Ed Richards and Clare and Shawn Pavey who offered their help on that dismal day! The first stage of ground work has been completed by the digger but we'll still need parents to offer their support at our 'rake party'.



### 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

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Milborne First School		
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Sports & Social Club	Chairman: Richard Lock	01258 837929
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Tap Dancing for Adults	Libby Goodchild	01305 268029
Tennis	Stephen Lang	07916 312452
Yoga (at school)	Sue Chapman	01305 848053
Yoga (at Sports & Social Club)	Saira Francis	01258 880505
Meditation (at Sports & Social Club)	Phillip Harris	<a href="mailto:Phillip.harris@hotmail.com">Phillip.harris@hotmail.com</a>
Yoga (at village hall)	Sarah Ryan	01258 839230

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## Village Hall News

At last we have the required planning permission which means that we can now complete the Sensory Meadows project. This area, previously known as 'The Top Field' is open for those wishing to use the cycle track and for walking amongst the wildflower areas. Dogs will be allowed but we ask that they are kept on a lead and that you 'scoop the poop'.

A new shelter is being installed (probably finished when this *Reporter* is printed) and we hope that users will enjoy and respect the facility. The funding for this building and the Sensory Meadows came from the Postcode Lottery Trust for which we are very grateful.

Over the summer school holidays, we were fortunate enough to host three Artsreach events for children. They were well attended and popular with so many children. Thanks to the team who organise and support the running of these events.

The committee are constantly working to keep the building and fields in good order so that all residents and visitors can enjoy our village's facilities. Recently the outside of the hall has been repainted and now looks much smarter, a recent working party tidied up some of the grounds but as there were only a few volunteers they were unable to do very much. If you can offer some of your time it would be greatly appreciated.

As I write this there are ongoing plans for the big Barn Dance which I'm sure will be as successful as last year. It is a lot of work for those few people who organise it, and I'm sure you will all join me in thanking them for the time and efforts that they give on voluntary basis.

*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

## October

- Monday 2nd** **Harvest Supper and Auction** Dewlish Village Hall £7 per person 7.00pm – see page 8.
- Wednesday 4th** **Wednesday Club** Quiz Village Hall 2.00pm – see page 10.
- Saturday 7th** **Flu clinic** Winterborne Whitechurch 8.30am to 12noon – see page 21.
- Wednesday 11th** **History Group** The Royal Oak 7.30pm – see page 7
- Thursday 12th** **WI open meeting** Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 27.
- Friday 13th** **Milborne Movies** *Going in Style* Village Hall tickets £3.50 Doors open at 7.00pm for 7.30pm.
- Saturday 14th** **Salsa themed evening** Village Hall tickets £8 doors open at 8.00pm for 8.30pm start – see page 19.
- Thursday 19th** **Gardening Club** Question Time with Sue Butterworth and Maureen Lock. Village Hall tickets £3 for non members 7.30pm.
- Saturday 21st** **Trafalgar Night Dinner** The Royal Oak 7.00 – see page 9
- Sunday 22nd** **'A View from the Edge'** Village Hall doors open 7.00pm for 7.30pm – see page 7.
- Saturday 28th** **Village Lunch** Village Hall £6.50 per head 12.15 to 2pm prior booking essential.
- Sunday 29th** **Clocks go back** – 2.00am.
- November**
- Saturday 4th** **Dewlish Bonfire and Fireworks Night** Parsonage Farm Adults £5 Children £3 5.30pm – see page 19.
- Sunday 12th** **Act of Remembrance** Memorial Stone at the corner of The Causeway and Church Hill 11.00am.



## 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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# LETTERS

## to the Reporter

Dear Editor,

Your readers may be aware that there is a movement of a small number of volunteers who are working on restoring some of the damaged or lost fingerposts that used to be at almost every road junction in the county. There was a recent local news item on television on the restoration of the red post at Winterborne Thomson which is now back in place. Before the road in Milborne St Andrew that is known as Lane End at the top of Blandford Hill was widened there was an interesting single finger signpost directing towards Briantspuddle and surprisingly, Moreton Station. As the County Council were responsible for its removal they may be prepared to help restore it. However, it would be very helpful if there was a photograph of it when it was in existence. If anybody has a photo of the signpost I would be very grateful to take a copy of it. Please contact me on 01258 837329 if you can help.

Pip Bowell



## Learn salsa at Latin-inspired evening

A SALSA themed evening is taking place at the Village Hall with dance tuition by Mal Cox of Mad about Latin. The event is taking place on Saturday 14th October with tickets only £8 which includes two hours of professional salsa dance instruction. You'll then be ready to dance the night away, practising your new found skills! Mal Cox of Dorchester-based Mad About Latin, is a qualified dance instructor who regularly teaches salsa and other Latin styles of dance across Dorset. Partners are welcome but not essential and no experience of salsa dancing is required! Doors open at 8 pm and the dancing tuition will start at 8.30 pm. There will be a bar selling both alcoholic and soft drinks. We look forward to seeing you, it's going to be a great night!



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

*The Friends of School Committee*

## Cyber crime prevention at the WI

CYBER crime is on the increase – how can you prevent it happening to you and your family? It is something that we should all be aware of.

Jake Moore is giving a talk on this subject on Thursday 12th October in the village hall at 7.30pm.

The WI are hosting this event so we ask for a donation but of course there will be cake!

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## Milton Abbas and Milborne St. Andrew surgery news

AS you may be aware, in September the surgery changed its IT system which although it created a lot of additional work for our team, it hopefully didn't impact too heavily on our patients. I would like to thank everyone for their patience during the changeover and remind all those who order medication on line that new passwords are available from the surgery. If you have not previously used on line services, please contact the surgery and we can advise you about this.

As of 18th September the dispensary will be closed between 1.00 and 4.00pm for the foreseeable future due to staff shortages and annual leave. This is to enable the team to dispense medication safely without interruption. We are currently trying to recruit but there is a regional shortage of qualified dispensers.

A reminder that our main flu clinic this year is on Saturday 7th October from 8.30am until 12noon at Winterborne Whitechurch village hall. If you are eligible, you should have received a letter telling you what time you should attend: please help us keep the queues short by arriving at the specified time. We would like to check your contact details when you attend, so if you have a mobile number and an email address, please also bring that with you for us. Finally, if you arrive by car, please park considerately.

Many thanks

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

## Very warm then very wet – Milborne's Summer

IT was a summer of two halves this year. From the beginning of June until mid-July it was mainly dry with some very warm spells but from mid-July until the end of August it was mainly wet with some quite cool spells. The rainfall in June was 60.0mm which was around average. 33.2mm of that rain fell in the first week of June. The average temperature in June was 0.93°C above average with five very warm days between 17th and 21st when the temperature reached 31°C on the 19th and 20th. July rainfall was 98.3mm which was 191% of average and most of that rain fell in the second half of the month. The average temperature in July was 0.37°C below average. There were five very warm days between 5th and 9th when the temperature reached 29°C on 6th July. August rainfall was 114% of average with 80.7mm of rain. The wettest day of the summer was on 2nd August when 40.6mm of rain fell. The average temperature in August was 1.14°C below average.



The maximum sea temperature this summer at Weymouth was 17°C. Last year it was 18°C. I have been swimming in the sea at Weymouth occasionally during the summer for as long as I can remember and to me the temperature of the sea is still the same now as it was back in the 1950s. This is confirmed by statistics from The Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquacultural Science which is based at Weymouth and monitors sea temperature and salinity around the coast. Their figures show that there has been no significant change in the annual average sea temperature at Weymouth which has been consistently around 12°C since 1970. There have been a series of mild winters in recent times which has meant that the winter sea temperature has not reached as low as in cold winters but the maximum summer sea temperature at Weymouth has been gradually falling from 1996 when it reached 21°C until this year when it was some 4°C lower. Some climatologists claim that the temperature of the seas and oceans around the world are rising but this does not seem to be the case at Weymouth.

*Pluvius.*

## A new start at Luccombe Riding Centre

A LARGE number of people braved the August showers to turn up at Luccombe Riding Centre on Saturday 5th August to have a look around the newly refurbished livery yard and riding centre. Visitors were treated to riding displays by some of the children together with an inspiring demonstration by Kevin, a member of Riding for the Disabled, who is a young boy paralysed from the waist down.

Most impressively, Kevin was riding a pony called Kev whom he was only riding for the second time ever.

We were treated to fish and chips together with many delicious cakes, a massive raffle and a great prize of a glamping weekend for four in Wareham for guessing the weight of Bailey the (fat!) pony. Younger visitors also enjoyed pony rides in the indoor arena.



A magnificent £755 was raised on the day and donated to Milton Abbas Riding for Disabled Group – huge thanks to Terri and all the team who made this possible. RDA are extremely grateful for this generous donation which will enable us to

continue offering therapeutic riding to young people with physical and learning difficulties.

Luccombe Riding Centre is able to offer superb hacking in the countryside together with lessons for riders of all ability, both children and adults. Luccombe is also home to an Equine Assisted Learning centre which provides the opportunity for children and adults with behavioural difficulties or developmental disorders to experience positive changes in their lives through contact with horses.

### Enquiries:

Luccombe Riding Centre: Terri Cook on 07734 388501.

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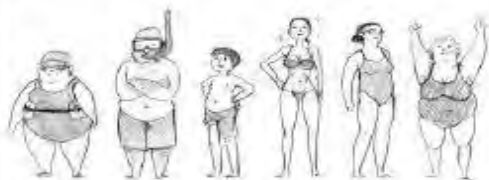
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# Travels with Rosie – part 3

## Monday 29th May

We are off on holiday to Vernazza, so I'm told (thought we were already on holiday) we are staying the night there in a little apartment in the town so we can see the night life as an early birthday treat for Dad.

We caught the tin snake on rails to Vernazza which is a very pretty town in the Cinque Terre, it was very busy there but lots to see and lots of people talked to me in funny languages and they all made a fuss of me. We had a good walk about, up millions of steps and down millions more, I thought what's the point but Mum liked clicking the black box and Dad just likes to walk so hey ho, I just do what I'm told.

The apartment was small but cosy and close to the town which was handy, we had a nice rest in the afternoon ready for our night out. It was hard to choose a restaurant as there were so many but Dad found one that had sea bass which was his favourite and Mum was pleased, they did vegetarian ravioli with walnut sauce which she said was yummy! They drank a bottle of the red stuff while I watched everyone walking past up and down and the other people eating thought I was cute.

We went for another walk after the dinner and met a nice family from Seville (that's in Spain so I'm told), we had a long chat and the children fed me treats. Mum wanted to take some photos of the sunset from up above the town but after the red stuff she struggled getting up there. We were a bit late I think (too much chatting) but it was very nice anyway.

## Tuesday 30th May

Had a good sleep upstairs next to Mum's bed so raring to go today, up nice and early and out for breakfast. Dad had bacon and eggs and Mum had marmalade croissant, I was just offered boring dog food so I didn't eat it! Another adventure, got in a queue, lots of legs and then got on a big floating tin box on the sea. We sat up the front so I could have a good view, the sea breeze made my ears flap which felt nice.

At a place called Riomaggiore we jumped off and explored the pretty town built into the sides of the mountains. These Italians do like their steps, steps steps everywhere, I don't know how my old people manage it, I'm impressed, they must be getting fit! Lots more clicking of the black box (the battery even ran out, lucky Mum had a spare), we ate lunch by the sea (Mum slipped me a bit of potato and spinach pie, don't think Dad noticed, too busy chatting as usual!

Then it was back on the floating tin box to a place called Manarola, even more crowds here so we walked around the bay a bit to get a nice view. When we came back there was a golden retriever swimming in the big sea, mum thought I might fancy it so Dad took me down on the jetty. NO BLOOMING FEAR, as soon as I was let off I scarpered, I couldn't see Mum so I dashed off into the crowd, then I heard shouting, Mum was calling Rosie, Rosie in a loud voice so I turned round and found her. Dad said he didn't think it was a good idea anyway so they won't be trying that again. Then it was time to go back and we had to queue again (lots of queuing in Italy). It was very hot for my paws standing on the rocks so I managed to climb on Dad's rucksack but because he was still wearing it everyone in the queue started laughing and there was lots of clicking, I don't know what the fuss was about, he was sitting down and I could easily stand on it with my paws on his shoulders!

I fell asleep on the tin snake but it had been an exciting trip.

## Wednesday 31st May

Today is Dad's birthday, lots of cards and presents, the man next door even gave him a bottle of special Belgium Beer! Dad took me for a little walk but we had a quiet day today to recover from our busy time in the Cinque Terre. We are off to a place called Venice tomorrow, lots of old buildings and canals and millions of people, sounds great (not really!)

Mum took herself off to the beach for a swim in the big cold sea, when she came back her hair was wet and her legs tasted salty so she must have gone in. She told us that she laid down on a nice sun bed on the beach but a man wanted to charge her €15, she told him she only wanted to lie on it, not buy it! Anyway she gave him €10 and he went away.

Mum cooked Dad a nice dinner of steak and chips and he had his last bottle of English Badger beer then it was an early night.

## Thursday 1st June

Back in the tin box on wheels again, five hours on the fast road (we didn't go fast of course, dad was driving). Sometimes we had to stop and Mum opened her window and leant out get a ticket out of a machine, then after a while we stopped again and she had to put Dad's plastic card in a slot, Dad seemed pleased by this he said the tolls didn't cost as much as he thought, good, more euros left for treats for me.

We got to the place called Venice (not in Venice of course, just outside) and put the big tin box on a grassy pitch under some trees, I was happy as there were lots of new smells and people to make a fuss of me.

## Thursday 8th June

Back in the tin box on wheels again, not for too long though, we soon reached the mountains and a big pond (they called it Lake Iseo). We put the big tin box on a nice grassy pitch overlooking the pond so I can see what's going on. Mum said to Dad don't mention the



war cos we are surrounded by Germans who talk funny, not English like us.

Mum went for a swim in the deep pond and she tried to get me in, I like paddling but not sure about this swimming lark you're feet don't touch the ground, weird!

Went for a stroll around the town but not very exciting for me, still it looks like there could be some good walks here.

## Friday 9th June

Dad was up early looking at his tablet (I thought tablets were things you swallow, I wouldn't want to swallow that one!). He was interested in the news about the Election, it wasn't too good he said with a worried frown but Mum said it could have been worse whatever that means and turned over in bed.

We walked to town to see the market and get some maps and things then Mum and Dad went for a 'big shop' without me. Never mind, I hate shopping anyway. We all had a rest and lazed about, I did go for a nice paddle and watched the ducks, pesky, quacky things, you wait till I learn to swim, then I'll soon sort them out.

## Saturday 10th June

Up early before it got too hot and into the tin box on wheels, I knew it wasn't for long because I sat in the front on Mum's lap. We went up some very winding roads, Mum said they were 'hairpin bends', curious, I couldn't see any hair. We got to a place called Zone and parked in a nice free car park (not like England where you always have to put money in the slots to get a ticket). We did a walk to see some pyramids (I thought they were only in a place called Egypt) anyway these were different pyramids, tall columns of stone with big rocks balancing on top, very strange.

After that we did another walk to see some wooden gnomes, a man had carved lots of different gnomes and other animals out of the trees in the wood, I was confused at first but I soon realised they were not real. It was a good walk as I could run about without being tied to Dad's arm. Mum huffed and puffed as it was a steep path going up, Dad had a bit of a slip coming down and twisted his knee a bit, hope it's ok as I like the look of this place and think we could do lots of nice walks.

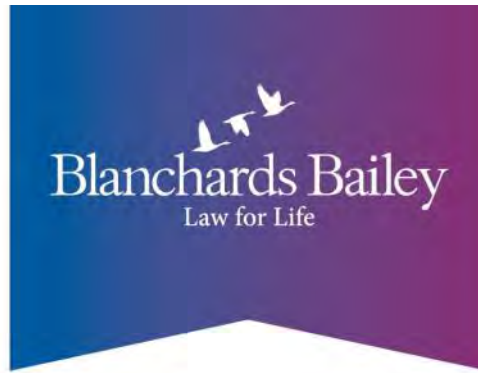
## Sunday 11th June

Mum got up early today to take me for my walk, I thought that was a bit odd but Dad was resting his knee, it was a bit sore from when he slipped yesterday. We walked into town along the lakeside so I could see the ducks and have a paddle. It all went well until Mum was clicking the black box at some baby Coots, I thought she had put the lead down so I could chase them off the jetty and into the water, but obviously not as I got grabbed and shouted at and marched off pretty quick, the dozens of onlookers did not look impressed with me either.

It got very hot for me in my fur coat even though I had been shaved so when we got back we jumped in the lake to cool off. I like it in the lake as it is very refreshing and I'm getting used to the little splashy waves, Mum carried me out to a bit where my paws couldn't touch the bottom and guess what? She let me go! I waved my paws about as fast as I could and to my surprise I started to move toward the shore, I think I was swimming. I was glad to get my paws back on the ground and I ran back onto the grass, that was enough excitement for one day.

*Sent with love from Rosie on Mum's iPad.xx*





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# Yorkshire comes to the Village Hall



FOLLOWING the success of the Lincolnshire Evening of Food and Drink in the Village Hall last year, the Food & Wine Club decided to introduce another region (Yorkshire) to its members and Rose and Ed Frost kindly 'volunteered' to organise the whole event on Saturday 5th August which was, without a doubt, a resounding success.

The most difficult thing the 36 members were asked to do beforehand was to choose their three courses. The starters were: 'North Riding Fish Trio' (Whitby kipper pate, Nidderdale smoked trout mousse, Yorvik gravid lax, served with Melba toast); 'Harrogate Blue Cheese, Spiced Pear & Walnut Salad'; and 'Yorkshire Puddings' (with steak and kidney gravy or onion gravy). The mains were: 'West Riding Meat & Potato Pie' (layers of steak and kidney and potatoes topped with shortcrust pastry). And we think the Dorset dialect is funny! The West Riding Meat & Potato Pie had a pastry top adorned with the words "eat all", "sup all" and "pay nowt". And another one had the words "ear all", "see all" and "say nowt"!! 'Flamborough Fish Pie' (white fish, salmon, smoked fish and prawns in parsley sauce with a layer of mashed potato and a topping of Wensleydale cheese and cherry tomatoes); and 'Bradford Balti' (vegetable curry served in a giant Yorkshire pudding). The desserts were: 'Yorkshire Heather Honey Pannacotta' (with rhubarb and strawberries, served with orange shortbread); 'Terry's Chocolate Orange and Cointreau Truffle Torte'; and 'Selection of Yorkshire Cheeses'. Red and white wine and Yorkshire beers were available to purchase, but a glass (or two) of Prosecco with a special Yorkshire liquor was served to guests on arrival.



During the meal a 'Yorkshire-based' quiz was given to members which meant there were many heads getting together in discussion. Prizes included freshly-pulled rhubarb, a Terry's Chocolate Orange and Basset's Liquorice Allsorts!



I would like to thank my Committee for all the hard work in setting up and dismantling in the Village Hall; plus all the washing-up and clearing up. And a very special 'thank you' to Rose and Ed for all their generous time and graciousness. The Food & Wine Club is so lucky to have members who care about their members.

Julie Johannsen

## 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.

**Deadline for the November Reporter is mid-day 14th October.**

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# Round Robin Ramblers

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**Sunday 1st October - 2.00pm**

**Broad Oak & Sturminster Newton**

Meet at Fiddleford Mill car park

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

**Wednesday 25th October - 11.00am**

**Milton Abbas & surroundings**

Meet outside St James Church, Milton Abbas

Grid reference: ST 806018 on Explorer Sheet 117 (approx. 6 miles)

Bring a packed lunch.

**Sunday 5th November - 2.00pm**

**Tarrant Crawford**

Meet near the church in Tarrant Crawford which is about 3 miles SE of Langton Long, driving from Blandford Forum.

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## Keep on your Toes!

AGE UK Dorchester is advising older people living in Dorset, about the importance of caring for their feet. Due to health and mobility problems, older people can sometimes struggle to reach their own feet, and they will develop some foot problems as they age, simply as a result of daily wear and tear.

Foot pain can be extremely debilitating, and over time it can become a significant health issue. If it becomes uncomfortable to walk for an older person, they are less likely to get out and about and take part in social activities or daily exercise that is vital for health and wellbeing.

It is also important for older people to get their feet checked regularly, especially if they have a long-term condition such as diabetes or arthritis, as their feet are particularly vulnerable, and any problems should be reported to the GP as soon as possible. The right footwear is also essential, and wearing comfortable, well-fitting shoes, is important.

Good nail care can also help to keep feet feeling comfortable; however, many older people find it hard to clip their toenails properly, partly as they can be hard to reach, but also because they become tougher with age - nails that become too long can press against the end of the shoe and the constant pressure can cause soreness, infection or ulceration. Toenails that have been poorly cut can also become ingrown.

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## Question Time for Gardeners



NO, this is nothing to do with the recent recording in Dorchester of the BBC programme, but our own version, which we hope will be just as entertaining and useful and for which you don't need a ticket.

The October Gardening Club meeting on Thursday 19th will take the same form. On our panel we are welcoming Sue Butterworth from Goulds Garden Centre and Maureen Lock our own village expert who runs Designer Gardens. Sue has visited our club before and is extremely knowledgeable about all aspects of gardening. She will also be bringing plants to talk about and for sale. Maureen is also a fount of information as you will know by her articles in the *Reporter*.

In order to prepare and to be able to give accurate answers we would like people to submit their questions in advance. They may be sent to Maureen at [maureen@designergardens.biz](mailto:maureen@designergardens.biz) You may, of course, ask questions on the evening as well and we hope this may lead to good discussions. So if, like us, you have had a major tomato failure, or want advice on what to grow, or not, or if something is taking over your garden – weeds? insects? Send in a question!

As usual, everyone is welcome to come and the cost is just £3.00 to non members.

This includes light refreshments – and I bet the BBC don't do that!

*Sally Dyer*

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## Drumming, Rumbling and Shaking ... at the September WI

THE summer break has been a busy one for our WI. Angela, our President, reported that despite torrential rain our produce stall at the Milton Abbas Street Fair had sold out and we had made well over £200. She thanked everyone for their support and help on the day. A lovely afternoon and delicious tea was enjoyed at the Blandford Fashion Museum for our summer outing. As well as organising the trip June remembered to sign the visitors' book on our behalf! At Dorset Arts and Crafts, Pauline Trim received the prestigious award of Champion of Champions. Well done Pauline!

Bookends have also been busy, enjoying a lovely strawberry tea at Shirley's, and then meeting recently to discuss Nevil Shute's *'On the Beach'*. Although written in 1957, it still had a somewhat prescient feel, the premise being the destruction of our world because of nuclear fall-out. Everyone had been touched by this book and had much of interest to say. We move on to more familiar ground with *'Noah's Compass'* by one of our favourite authors, Anne Tyler.

Skittles will continue on a friendly match basis, Lesley booking 2nd September for our first match of the season. All welcome.

Ralph Cree has been involved in drumming for many years, taking his enthusiastic art into schools, community groups and companies for team building. He brought along a large range of African drums and involved us all from the start. There were many different sizes, shapes and colours of drums, all with their origin in Africa, some being covered in goat, cow, buffalo and antelope skins. Simple language is used to produce different beats and tempos – eg *'a salami sandwich'*, *'pie and salad'* – amazingly produced a rumbling beat from us all (as well as fierce concentration). It will be hard to hear these phrases again without wanting to beat out the accompanying tempo! Many thanks to Ralph for one of the most enjoyable evenings in our calendar.



Next month's meeting on Thursday, 12th October, is an open meeting at which we will provide cake and refreshments. Jake Moore will talk to us about *'Cyber Crime Prevention'*; this should prove both informative and relevant. Do come along and join us, we would be pleased to see you.

*Pat Bull*

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# Small Businesses in MSA Number 8: The Lawn Doctors

*Knowing grass, I can appreciate persistence\**

Is your lawn infested with leatherjackets, entwined with speedwell, smothered with moss? Call Yorkshire based Greensleeves, locally known as the successful partnership of Linda and Peter Wright. With a winning mixture of practical, people and reliable skills they have built a 500 strong customer base stretching from Shepton Mallet to the North and Up Lyme to the West, their area dictated by postcode. Over an eight year period from zero knowledge and experience in this trade, the Wrights have trained studied and launched a winning business. An initial Royal Mail leaflet drop in the spring and autumn of 2009 set their joint enterprise in fast forward motion. They still retain their very first Yeovil based customer. Theirs is an exacting occupation. Peter is City and Guilds qualified to administer various chemical treatments. Surprisingly, he is rarely asked for his credentials. Due to regulation changes, organic methods such as nematodes will, in future, be used to tackle perennial pests, particularly leatherjackets brought by farmers' current rapeseed crop popularity frequented by daddy longlegs for which it has an overwhelming attraction! These are more difficult to administer which lengthens the overall process. A strict calendar of events at each property is kept. An initial assessment and lawn analysis is made on first contact, based on first impressions, generating a written report and an information pack provided. The latter, their own innovation, has proved popular and useful to each customer. Many keep their records of dates and visits within the pack. Five treatments a year are proposed, one every ten weeks. Planning and thinking long term are essential to the success of their craft.



Eighty per cent of business comes their way through recommendations and their website, the rest, village newspapers (such as ours!). Some clients they have never met face to face! Often it is sufficient for them to have had sight of their neighbour's lawn to instantly engage their services. Greensleeves take 7% plus 2% for an advertising contribution plus VAT. A total of 11%.

Their pattern of work is, by its nature, weather dependent. If fine they will start at 6.15am with their van packed and ready to begin their regular 15–25 treatments a day. The smallest lawn under their care and protection is 10sq. metres, the largest 4000sq. metres! The latter in Sturminster Newton. Every verdant stretch they foster is kept to this strict seasonal timetable from January through to the following February. To tackle moss, scarifying/aeration is necessary, followed by re-seeding. They carry two varieties, Bar Extreme and Bar Crazy. Interestingly, I am told, there are 20 Bars of different sorts, each one containing four or five varieties. Apparently it takes 15 years for a grass seed to come on the market having been tested all over the world. Currently, red thread, a fungal disease, is attacking lawns, caused by warmer winter weather. Also, difficulties and damage to lawns have arisen this year with the 'on/off' variations of wet periods and drying winds. They caution lawn owners against; digging up weeds (this spreads the problem); cutting grass too short in summer months. It should be no shorter than one and a half inches or could be destroyed during hot, dry spells; always grass should be watered in dry periods before it turns brown. They also comment that daisies with their waxy indestructible leaves, like compacted soil and that they have no weapons against speedwell. It sounds like war! The best time for them to go into battle, I understand, is late spring/early summer when weed elimination is crucial to future success.

Linda's amusing anecdotes such as the hen that followed her through the lawn pecking up the grass seed she had just sown, and the mini birthday cakes and bottles of wine exchanging hands with a long standing 96 year old client provide the levity to their daily tasks.

This is not the Wrights' first joint enterprise. Their greatest

achievements are based on mutual strength, companionship and compatibility. On arriving in Dorset they looked with open minds for independent occupation. In the past they have owned and run a petrol station, paint stripping and mobile engine tuning businesses. In each case, Linda handled administration and customer support, a role she still fulfils. When their garage site in Hanwell/Ealing came up for

redevelopment they decided to move nearer their son, Neil, who lives in Poole. Their daughter, Helen, lives in Northampton. They have three grandchildren: Sophie (21 years old) living in Harrogate, Phoebe (9) and Theo (5). In order to have time with their family, Linda and Peter need to plan their contact at least ten weeks ahead. Despite Peter's sister attending the same school as Linda, the couple didn't meet until a friend's 21st birthday party.

Linda and Peter Wright have proved their adaptability, the transfer of their skills, the pleasure and satisfaction they gain from building successful enterprises. Nine years ago they made a creative transition from London to here, integrating seamlessly into the village making friends and contributing to local groups and organisations.

If you wish to contact them visit their website [www.greensleeves-uk.com](http://www.greensleeves-uk.com), email [dorset@greensleeves-uk.com](mailto:dorset@greensleeves-uk.com) or ring 01258 839255/07983 231956.

Carole Fornachon

\* Hal Borland (American Author)

## Places in Dorset anagrams

### The answers from August/September

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allow shutter .....	East Lulworth
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chill creek .....	Chickerell
antler filopods .....	Isle of Portland
a hog till .....	Goathill
fluent slower .....	Fortuneswell
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## Did you identify this?

The photograph in the August/September Reporter was taken from  
Chapel Street of number Six Dorchester Hill.

We had three correct answers in  
quick succession from Robin Keller,  
Chris Nowell and six-year-old  
Harrison Overton.

Try your luck this month on page 10



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## James Huntley Knight – The V.C. Winner Milborne adopted

HERE is a small biography of the Victoria Cross winner who lived in Milborne St. Andrew. He won his award and did all his active service before settling in Milborne, but I am sure we can be proud that he chose to marry a lady from Milborne and settle down to a peaceful life here after his adventures.

James was born in Yeovil on 5th November 1878 and enlisted as a band boy under the name of Henry James Knight, at the age of 14 in The King's Liverpool Regiment.

He was awarded the Victoria Cross for services in South Africa [London Gazette, 4th January 1901]: "H J [sic] Knight, Corporal, 1st Battalion The Liverpool Regiment, No 1 Company, 4th Division Mounted Infantry. On the 21st August during the operations near Van Wyk's Vlei, Corporal Knight was posted in some rocks with four men, covering the right rear of a detachment of the same company, who, under Captain Ewart, were holding the right of the line. The enemy, about fifty strong, attacked Captain Ewart's right and almost surrounded, at short range, Corporal Knight's small party. That non-commissioned officer held his ground, directing his party to retire one by one to better cover, while he maintained his position for nearly an hour, covering the withdrawal of Captain Ewart's force, and losing two of his four men. He then retired, bringing with him two wounded men. One of these he left in a place of safety, the other he carried for nearly two miles. The party were hotly engaged during the whole time". He was presented with his VC at Pretoria on 8th June 1902 by General Lord Kitchener and was later promoted Colour Sergeant.

After 19 years' service he retired from the regiment but when the Great War broke out he enlisted on 25th August in the 11th (Empire Battalion) Royal Fusiliers, later renumbered 17th Royal Fusiliers, and was rapidly promoted Regimental Sergeant Major. In January 1915 he was commissioned as temporary Lieutenant in the 20th Battalion Manchester regiment and promoted temporary Captain in May 1915. He relinquished this commission in October 1915 and re-enlisted the following month as a Private under the name of James Huntley Knight in the London Scottish Regt. He was promoted to Lance Corporal and then Corporal before being wounded at Gommecourt in the Somme on 26th June 1916. He was discharged from the army on 15th March 1917.

He spent the remainder of his life in his wife's home village of Milborne St. Andrew in Dorset. He was a friend of T E Lawrence who lived nearby, and was actively involved with the local British Legion.

He died on 24th November 1955 and his medals were later presented to The Kings Regiment for safe keeping. They are now on display at The Museum of Liverpool. There is a memorial to him in the churchyard at Milborne St. Andrew.

*Susan Wilson*

## Encore Singers Autumn Concert in aid of the Royal Voluntary Service Dorset

THE Encore Singers under Musical Director Julia McFarlane will be holding an Autumn Concert on Saturday, 21st October 2017 at 7.30pm (doors open at 7.00pm) at Weymouth Bay Methodist Church, Melcombe Avenue, Weymouth. They will perform Songs



from the Shows and popular melodies with instrumental interludes. Tickets cost £5.00 (children free) and are available from the Royal Voluntary Service Office in Dorchester, The Old School House, 49 High West Street, DT1 1UT, tel. 01305 236666 (the office is open Monday – Thursday 9.00am – 3.00pm). Tea, coffee and homemade cakes will be available during the interval. The RVS will also sell crafts hand made by their supporters, and there will be a raffle. All money raised will go to the RVS to support their work with older people in the community. Come and join us for an evening of music and good company, and support a very worthwhile cause!

The Royal Voluntary Service supports older people by providing the Home Library Service and a Befriending Service across Dorset. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact the office on 01305 236666.

Service Manager Maria Jacobson says: 'We are very much looking forward to this event. The Encore Singers are known for their wonderful music and cheerful performances, and I cannot wait to see them at the beautiful Weymouth Bay Methodist Church. I would like to thank them in advance for their support, as well as the church for letting us use their building for free, and the PRS for not charging their standard fee to support our fundraising efforts.'

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## Can you help keep the May Fayre going?

MILBORNE St. Andrew May Fayre has been held since 2008, taking place on alternate years at the Village Hall and recreation ground on the third weekend in May. The main event is a dog show, together with other displays and activities as well as lots of stalls, games and plenty of food and drink on offer. It is a village fundraiser, with all the local groups taking part having a share of the money collected, after costs of putting on the event have been deducted.

The fayre was originally the idea of the late Mike Mullett, who wanted to mark his 50th birthday (and '50 years in the village') with a village event. Together with his family, Elizabeth Humphrey and Ed Richards have run the fayre from the beginning and it has proved to be a popular event and successful fundraiser for all involved.

However, after five Fayres it has started to become repetitive, with many of the same stalls and games occurring in the same format each time. While some stalls have been very successful in

raising money on the day, others have been less so and the equal distribution of funds has proved inequitable, both for the stall holders and for the organisers. We had planned an updated event for the last fayre, in 2016, with new outside attractions and displays. However, as many will remember, the event was scaled back drastically at the eleventh hour due to the (very accurate!) forecast of torrential rain for the whole day, so the fayre went ahead inside the hall only. However, it is now time for a refresh and a new approach and, following Mike's sad death and the Mulletts moving out of the village, we will need more help if this event



is to continue. We have some ideas about how the fayre could be taken forward but we need further suggestions and support. We want the fayre to continue, but if it becomes unfeasible we will consult further about how to distribute the funds that we still hold. Please would you contact either Elizabeth or Ed on [elhumphrey@hotmail.com](mailto:elhumphrey@hotmail.com) or [edr.etc@gmail.com](mailto:edr.etc@gmail.com)



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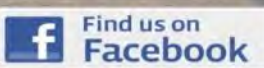
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**Family Friendly Dining  
Area available**



**What's on in October**  
*Thursday 12th  
Italian Theme Night  
£9.95 all you can eat*  
*Thursday 26th - Pie Night  
£9.95 all you can eat*  
*Saturday 28th - fancy dress  
Halloween karaoke*  
**What's on in November**  
*Sunday 5th - fireworks*

**Christmas menu now available**



**takeaway  
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