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# Strictly is cancelled!

WE need you to tell us whether the landowner's ideas for your preferred housing (or possible mixed use) sites have the **X Factor!**

The three finalists, in no particular order, are:

- The Blandford Hill Group
- Land off Huntley Down
- Land opposite the Milborne Business Centre

Come to the Village Hall on Saturday 25th November, doors open 6.00pm, presentations start 6.30pm.

You will all be on the **judging panel** of what should be in our Neighbourhood Plan.

Your thoughts and responses are so important if we are to get the best plans in place for our village.

Every **vote** counts! *MSA Neighbourhood Plan Working Group*



## Vote to get Milborne St. Andrew First School on track!

FRIENDS of School have entered the Aviva Community Fund and we need your votes for a chance to win up to £10,000 to create an all-weather exercise track around the playing field.

The Aviva Community Fund gives out funding to local projects that are making a positive change in their community. It's quick and easy to register and vote, and your support is much appreciated – only projects with the most votes will become finalists, so every vote is vital!

Over the last year, Friends of School have been working with the teaching staff to improve and enhance the outdoor facilities for all the children at Milborne St. Andrew First School to increase opportunities for outdoor learning and physical activity. With the hard work and dedication of our parents, teachers and the local community during weekend work parties, we have already created an outdoor classroom and storage area called our 'castaway camp' and prepared the ground for seeding a wildflower meadow.

The next ambitious phase is beyond our fundraising capabilities, which is why we've submitted an application to the Aviva Community Fund. If we win this funding we can go ahead and develop the playing field by creating an all-weather track, which will be a firm and mud-free surface as it loops and meanders around the school sports pitch providing a fun and inclusive route for all children to run, walk, cycle or scoot.

**Voting will open on 24th October and the projects with the most votes will become finalists.** Anyone who registers on the Aviva Community Fund website can vote for projects between 24th October and 21st November. Once registered, you'll get 10 votes to cast, and we need everyone to vote and support our project so we can get through to the final.

To get behind Friends of Milborne St. Andrew First School and help make a difference here in the village, visit [www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk](http://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk), find our project and submit your vote before 21st November 2017.

We'd like to mention and thank Blueberry Mortgages who have submitted the project to Aviva on our behalf [www.blueberrymortgages.co.uk](http://www.blueberrymortgages.co.uk)

## Big donation for final defibrillator

Mark Revell, member of the Honour & Friendship Lodge in Blandford, presenting a cheque of £1,000 for the Community Heartbeat Trust to the Chair of Milborne St. Andrew Parish Council, Councillor Joy Robinson.

The CHT are working with MSA Parish Council to assist with the provision of another defibrillator for the village.



Councillor Robinson said that this donation should complete all the fundraising efforts of the village, to provide the final defibrillator.

She wishes to thank all the village for the kind donations and fundraising efforts, with final thanks to the Honour & Friendship Lodge for this large donation.

## Dahlias and Chrysanthms on show



SEPTEMBER'S meeting, which was a very seasonal talk on Chrysanthemums and Dahlias, was very well attended, and we were particularly pleased to welcome visitors from Gardening Clubs at Blandford and also Cheselbourne who were attracted by the topic. Now that we have made contact we hope to exchange programmes next year and have more contacts.

Our speaker, Bryan Madders, is a keen amateur grower and his talk was well illustrated by lots of slides taken in his garden and allotment. These showed very clearly the different stages of propagating and growing and he also brought many examples of the great variety of flowers, especially the dahlias. We all learned a lot as his explanations were very clear and laced with humour. Our own questions were answered fully and a few lucky members took home a small bunch of his sample dahlias.

We hope that in October we shall have an equally enthusiastic audience for our Question Time venture and then in November we hold our AGM and we hope all available members will attend. There will be a short talk afterwards on the otters of Blandford followed by a pre-Christmas social gathering.

The Reporter Team would like to thank Verina Cutler (Heather's daughter) for the use of her picture of the poppy on the front cover.





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"IT'S a privilege to work with people at a time when everything seems to be falling apart," says Weldmar's community nurse for Blandford and the surrounding villages Chris Senter.

"Everyone is an individual and I'm there to point them in the right direction. It's all about how I can make things better."

Chris covers Milborne St. Andrew, where she lives, and a wide area including Mappowder and Hazelbury Bryan. She regularly visits Milton Abbas, Eagle House and Whitecliffe GP surgeries to find out where she can help with complex cases as a specialist palliative nurse.

Chris currently has 35 cases on her book, though she usually has around 25 – she's covering a wider area to cover for a colleague.

She started nursing in 1975 and worked as a paediatric nurse in Birmingham before moving into orthopaedics then starting to specialise in soft tissue conditions. She was the only person in the hospital doing this for a while, and though another person was recruited she found she 'got a bit of burn-out' with all the travelling from her home in Coventry, and became a Macmillan nurse.

After a few years specialising in soft tissue tumours she entered a hospice as a staff nurse: "I wanted to go back to basics," she said, "to get that connection with patients again. When you've been working in a senior post you lose that."

Chris found she had much more time to be with patients in her new role, something she still appreciates hugely in her work for Weldmar, where she's been working for nine years after relocating to be nearer the sea.

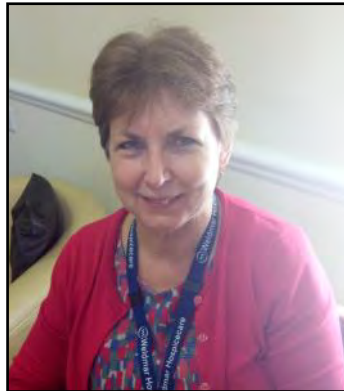
"Over the years you pick up a lot of expertise and contacts," she said. "It's very much tailoring treatment to the individual. People often don't know what help is available to them until we tell them."

"It's not a nine to five job. Though we try to fit it all in from Monday to Friday there's always someone on call. I think the best thing is having the time to give to people when they most need it, having a supportive network behind you and the resources you need."

"It's about helping people to live with their illness, about meeting the challenge of uncertainty. They expect it to be all doom and gloom but we're here to help them make the most of each day, to give them options. Life is about living."

"People can get so overwhelmed with what they've been told they sometimes can't see the wood for the trees."

"One of the nicest things about this job is that you meet so many lovely people at a very hard time in their lives. It's such a privilege to be able to give them control over their lives."



## 'Back in time for Christmas'

COME and join us for our Christmas Concert at **Puddletown Village Hall** on **Saturday, 9th December 2017** at **7.30 pm**.

Featuring an eclectic mix of music including carols and Christmas songs, you will also have the opportunity to join in with some traditional carols to get you in the festive spirit!

There will be a licensed bar and free Christmassy nibbles, a raffle and a table quiz.

**Tickets:** £8.00 (Accompanied children under 16 free) are available from Judy Cooper (01305) 260284, any choir member or email: [weatherburysingers@gmail.com](mailto:weatherburysingers@gmail.com). Enquiries: Brenda (01305) 251499. Charity Registration No: 1137187.

## Turning back the clocks

CHANGING the mileage on a car, 'car clocking', is on the rise. It is thought that this could be due to the fact that it is easier now that more cars have digital odometers.

Businesses can offer mileage adjustment services which will alter the mileage if a reading gets corrupted. Currently this service is legal but the EU is looking to make it an illegal practice by May 2018.

Under the Consumer Rights Act 2016 traders can be prosecuted for changing odometer readings. A case in the north-west earlier this year saw over 100 cars have their mileage adjusted amounting to 7.5 million 'lost' miles. The prison sentences for those involved ranged from 15 months to three years.

When buying a second hand car there are things that you can look out for:

- Chips on the paintwork may indicate lots of motorway driving and high mileage;
- Worn rubber pedals, steering wheels and seat belts indicate lots of use;
- Check the mileage on old MOT certificates and service history;
- Ask the previous keeper what the mileage was when they sold it.

The average car travels 10,000 miles a year so if the car looks like it has more wear and tear than expected it may have been 'clocked'. Check MOTs on line at <https://www.gov.uk/check-mot-history>. Information held by the DVLA about a vehicle's identity can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/get-vehicle-information-from-dvla>.

Look out for trading standards approved car retailers displaying the Buy with Confidence logo, or visit the website [www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk](http://www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk)

Call the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 03454 040506 for advice on buying a second-hand car, or to report something to trading standards.



## Dorset child bereavement charity Mosaic awarded ground breaking donation thanks to local supporters!

LOCAL based child bereavement charity Mosaic is delighted to announce that it has been granted £15,000 from the Masonic Charitable Foundation's (MCF) Community Awards.

The donation comes as a result of the MCF's 300th Anniversary, recognising the importance of local nominated charities nationwide.

Margaret Hannibal, Mosaic CEO said: "We are absolutely delighted to receive such a large donation from the MCF and would like to thank not only the MCF, but all our supporters across Dorset who took the time to vote for Mosaic in these Community Awards".

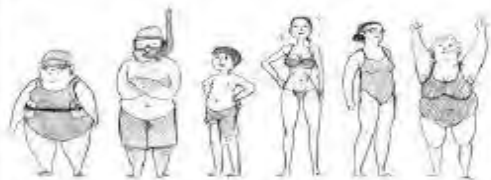
"The money will help us to continue supporting bereaved children, young people and their families across the county. We rely on fundraising and donations in order to provide a number of different pathways of support to the young following the death or facing the death of a parent or sibling. This includes individual counselling services, residential weekends and family activity days which give them the opportunity to share their experiences and make new friends who understand how they feel but most importantly to have fun!" We also provide a varied training programme for professionals and agencies working with children and young people.

**For further information** contact Margaret Hannibal telephone 01258 837071 or email: [beth@mosaicfamilysupport.org](mailto:beth@mosaicfamilysupport.org)



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Thank you also, for your patience with us during our change over to our new clinical IT system. We are all still learning how to use some aspects, so your continued support would be much appreciated by the team. Also a reminder to all those who order medication online that new passwords are available from the surgery. If you have not previously used online services, please contact the surgery and we can advise you about this.

Unfortunately, I often hear from other surgeries about problems their staff experience with violent or abusive patients. The whole of the NHS, and therefore Milton Abbas Surgery, has a zero tolerance policy with regard to threatening, abusive or violent behaviour towards staff. We are advised to contact the police if an incident occurs and this may result in the patient being removed from our list and allocated to another surgery. Our aim is to be as polite and helpful as possible to all patients, however shouting and swearing at staff will not be tolerated under any circumstances.

We are still experiencing staff shortages in the dispensary – it seems that qualified dispensers are a rare breed! Because of this, the dispensary will be closed from 1.00 to 4.00pm every day to allow staff uninterrupted time to focus on preparing prescriptions for patients. Dispensary is therefore open Monday to Friday 9.00am–1.00pm and 4.00–6.00pm, and Saturday 9.00–10.30am.

On occasion, patients and their relatives very kindly make donations to the surgery. We like to use this funding to provide care beyond that which is 'normal' for a GP practice and recent donations have allowed us to purchase two costly pieces of equipment: a new replacement defibrillator for our Milborne St. Andrew branch surgery and a new spirometer. On behalf of the staff and all the patients who will benefit from patient donations, I would like to thank everyone for their continued generosity.

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

### Get fitter before Christmas

THERE is a group of us that meet regularly for exercise and relaxed chat.

We meet at the Village Hall MUGA on Tuesday mornings at 10.30am for about an hour. Currently we are a group of gentlemen aged 60 plus and a football. We look to encourage more people of any age and gender to join us.

More information from Brian Burton on 839033 or David Payne 837700.

### Knight Fever is coming

YES, Camelot is coming to Milborne St. Andrew in February. Written by TLC Creative and under the direction of Caroline Nobbs and Mike Roberts.



Auditions have taken place and rehearsals start on 23rd October. We shall be attempting "knightly activities" and you can come and see if two young hopefuls will make it to join the Round Table.

There will be plenty to boo and Merlin will be trying out some of his wizardry and some other sorcery may well be in competition. Tickets will be on sale soon so keep your eyes open for more developments.

*Caroline Nobbs*

### Top notch nights out from £3.50!

THE Village Hall arranges showing of good films and of live ArtsReach performances throughout the year. I know that every home in the village gets flyers through their door and so knows about them but I thought that I should tell you how great these evenings are.

The films are fairly recent releases and admission is only £3.50, what a bargain! Once in the hall, drinks can be bought at really cheap prices and of course there are ice cream tubs for sale in the interval. I know that so many people access online films in their homes but by coming to the hall you get to chat to people as well and have company to share your thoughts about the story. If you have never been before now is the time to put the dates in your diaries and come along to find out how good these nights out are. The next film, "Their Finest" starring Gemma Arterton and Bill Nighy, will be on the 10th November, and also one on 8th December, "Hidden Figures".

I have recently bought a ticket to see a theatre production in Southampton which has cost me over £50 so I know what a bargain the ArtsReach productions show tickets are. The price for these are only a fraction of a cost of other theatre tickets. Just because the tickets are cheap doesn't mean that the performances are poor because they are not. We are lucky to have these shows in our village which means that we don't have to travel to see professional performances (or dress up!). The children's events are very well supported and during the school half term week in February 2018 (12th–16th) we are hoping to host Tessa Bide who will entertain four to 11 year olds with an intergalactic adventure on the Monday or Tuesday. Also in February (Sunday 25th) if we are very lucky, Artsreach will be sending us The Grahams, a dynamic folk duo from Nashville. More details to follow!

At our last committee meeting we sadly said goodbye to Amy, who has been such a wonderful member, always willing to take on a new challenge or responsibility. She has been very active in the running and management of the hall and in the organisation of many events. We wish her well and will try not to miss her too much. Good luck Amy with all your new interests.

*Pam Shults*

### History Group plans index of village buildings

AT the last meeting Linda explained her ideas about creating a record of the old and not so old buildings in the village. She has made a start by identifying some properties and relevant information about them. A few of the group have volunteered to research into some of the other notable buildings and there is hope that this project will grow and develop. The ultimate ambition is to produce some sort of booklet. If anyone has any details about the history of any building but doesn't want to come to the meetings please get in contact with one of the group and we can arrange to meet and share information.

For the November meeting, June has arranged for three metal detectorists to tell us about how they work and about their 'finds' in and around Milborne. This should be a very interesting evening for anyone who wants to attend. No membership is necessary so even if you just want to come and hear about their hobby and their 'finds', do feel free to come along at 7.30pm on the 8th November. We meet in The Royal Oak's Function room.

*Pam Shults*

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## In the path of the saints

Who inspires you to greater things?  
Whose life offers an example that you would like to follow?  
Is there anyone you look up to?

A philanthropist, maybe. Someone who lives with a disability but perseveres against all the odds to help others, perhaps. A sports star. A celebrity. A teacher. A friend or neighbour who is always there for you

Christians aspire to lead a Christ-like life. Jesus is, of course, our primary role model. That's what a Christian is – someone who gives their life to following Jesus Christ. But, through the ages, there has also been a tradition of looking to the lives of others for inspiration. There have been Christians from earliest times who appear to have led lives so dedicated to God that they have become an example for everyone. These are the saints.

Different Churches have differing definitions about what exactly makes someone a saint. For instance, the Roman Catholic Church requires of those whom they formally canonise as saints that they have performed at least two miracles: one before the first stage of beatification and one that has occurred afterwards. But it recognises too that there are many other definitions of sainthood, and that at heart a saint is an example of holiness which we can all follow.

Holiness as a concept has dropped out of favour over the years. I think partly because it has been associated with a sense that those who aspire to holiness think they are better than others. This is not what it is about. Real saints are not those with a "holier than thou" attitude but humble, Christian people seeking to serve God and other people through the way in which they live. In the Bible the word saint had a very wide meaning – it included all Christian people.

November begins with the Feast of All Saints', when the Church remembers saints of past times, united with us now because they are alive with God in heaven as we are here on earth. It is an inspiring time, which can draw us back to God as we reflect on the lives of past Christians who have made a difference to the world, because they lived out their faith.

Perhaps this month we might like to think about where our inspiration comes from, and how the example of those people can spur us on to lead a better and perhaps more holy life.

With best wishes

*Sarah Hillman*

## Church Services November

### 5th November – All Saints' Sunday

9.30am	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30	Celebrate	Milborne
11.00	Parish Communion	Puddletown
11.00	Patronal Festival Songs of Praise	Dewlish
3.00pm	Service of remembrance and thanksgiving for those who have died + tea	Milborne

### 12th November – Remembrance Sunday

8.15am	1662 Said Communion	Puddletown
9.30	United Methodist Service	Tolpuddle
10.00	Service of Remembrance (followed by procession to the Memorial Stone for 11.00am)	Milborne
10.50	Remembrance Day Service (starting at the War Memorial at the Crossroads)	Dewlish
11.00	Puddletown Praise	Puddletown Church Room
3.00pm	Royal British Legion Service of Remembrance	Puddletown

### THURSDAY 16th November

12noon	Lunch-time Communion	Puddletown Church Room
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### 19th November – 2 before Advent

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

### 26th November – Christ the King

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 9.00 am)

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

## Praise for God's Acre at Milborne

GOD'S Acre at Milborne St. Andrew is the winner of the final Dorset Wildlife Trust's top Gold Award. Three of our gardening volunteers attended the prize giving at the trust's



headquarters at Brooklands Farm, Forston. I was invited to give a presentation, which after many years of not delivering one, made me very nervous. To my relief the technology worked so that my visual presentation went without a hitch and I managed to talk without too many glances at my notes. We all enjoyed listening to the two other Gold Award speakers and learned a lot from them as well. The keynote speaker was 'The Plant Doctor' who was not only very knowledgeable but also witty and informative. I personally learned a lot about managing wildflower areas from his talk. As churchwarden I am so grateful to all the parishioners, volunteers and the groundsman for helping to keep the balance of tidiness whilst allowing areas of wildlife to flourish in our churchyard.

Our Events Committee are now turning their energies to organising the

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village's annual Christmas Market. This is to be held on the 25th November in Milborne St. Andrew's Village Hall starting at 12 noon. It has been extremely popular over the last few years with many different stalls to suit both adults and children. We expect it to be as good this year especially as good old Father Christmas can visit us again.

At Christmas, St. Andrew's church will be hosting the benefice Christingle service on December 3rd at 4.00pm. All are welcome even if they don't get a personal invitation,



so join us in the fun of making our own Christingle oranges, making other craft items and joining in with the service when all the candles will be lit. We look forward to welcoming as many children and grown-ups as would like to come to celebrate Christmas in this traditional way.

*Pam Shults*

## Dewlish Church Notes

WE WERE so pleased to have had such a good congregation at our Harvest Festival service which was led by Jim. The church looked beautiful once again, with many lovely flower arrangements, fruit and vegetables. The pillars also looked beautiful, decorated as they were with leaves and fruits from the hedgerows. A big thank-you to all who contributed to the service.

The next evening 55 people enjoyed a splendid Harvest Supper served by our loyal helpers and arranged by Margaret. Many thanks! The proceeds of £259.80 was raised for church funds. The auction of the flowers and produce followed and raised £330 for Water Aid. Many thanks to Andrew for managing to squeeze so much money out of the bidders! It was a most enjoyable evening.

### Have you a favourite hymn?

We shall be holding a **Songs of Praise** service at 11.00am for our **Patronal Festival** which falls on Sunday 5th November this year. Please let Jim know (Tel: 01258 837466) if you have a favourite hymn you would like sung.

The **Remembrance Day Service** on Sunday 12th November begins at the War Memorial at 10.50am, followed by a service in church.

Our **Christmas Bazaar** is on Saturday 2nd December at 2.30pm in the Village Hall. We shall be delighted to receive any donations for the stalls (no jumble or bric-a-brac, thank you). We look forward to seeing you there.

*Daphne Burg*

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## Preventing Cybercrime . . . at the October WI

AT our open meeting, we were pleased to welcome visitors to hear Jake Moore talk about the prevention of Cybercrime. As many more of us shop and bank on-line, so there has been a huge increase in computer-related crime and it is now one of the country's most common offences. Jake talked at length about many of the tactics used by such fraudsters, including phishing emails, where scammers attempt to trick you into giving out personal information, including bank account numbers and passwords.

The vulnerability of passwords was explored; they should be long, never short, or they are hackable within minutes. Family photos are precious to us, but how many of us actually print them out now? If they are on our laptops, tablets and phones for instance, they should be backed up, using an external hard drive, or we run the risk of losing them.

Jake covered many more aspects of cybercrime and gave useful advice on how to avoid vulnerability. To summarise, he stressed that prevention is the only answer, that 80% of such crime is preventable, and we should always stop and think before we commit our personal data to the internet. Needless to say, informal discussion of the topic continued over delicious cake and refreshments.

Limited business matters followed, with a date being set for the next pub lunch on Monday 6th November, all welcome. Our Christmas lunch in January will be discussed at next month's meeting.

At the latest meeting of Bookends Shirley said that there had been a lively discussion on the Anne Tyler book, but a mixed response. Our next read is a classic, George Eliot's *'The Mill on the Floss'*. Carole Fornachon has a copy of the film of our previous book, *'On the Beach'*, and we will meet to watch this later in the month. We are also starting the process of choosing the books for next year, so a busy time lies ahead.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 9th November when Kay Townsend will talk about *'My Life on the Fairground'*. Do come along and join us, we would be pleased to see you.

Pat Bull

## Half a choc orange each for Wednesday Club quiz winners

ON Wednesday 4th October twenty of us met at the Village Hall for one of Jenny's famous quizzes! There was a lot of laughter as we attempted to answer a wide variety of questions. Two groups tied and were rewarded by sharing one Chocolate Orange, you certainly can't say we are not generous!

Next month is our AGM in the Village Hall at 2.00pm on Wednesday 1st November. This will be followed by a talk by Pam Shults on "Painting Around the World" based on the places she visited on her long cruise earlier this year. Non members will be welcome. We always welcome new members so please come and join us.

Looking ahead to 6th December we are having a Christmas Party for all members in the Skittle Alley at The Royal Oak starting at 2.00pm. Father Christmas has promised to attend and there will be a gift for everyone, there will also be a tea and games. The cost will be £8 per head.

Lis Watts

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## A Good Read: "Castle Dor" by Daphne Du Maurier and Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch

THIS unusual book is the result of an unfinished novel started by Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch (known as 'Q') and handed to DDM (as many of her fans know her) by his daughter to complete after his death. It seems they were perfectly suited as co-authors for some see this as a seamless transfer of styles and story line. It is set in the early 1840's and is a magical retelling of the Celtic myth of Tristan, a Cornish Knight, and Iseult the wife of King Mark (ruler of Little Britain). This is translated into the love story of Amyot Trestane, a Breton onion seller and the newly wed Linnet Lewarne. It is a magical retelling and a compelling read from the Queen of the Gothic novel who settled in and loved Cornwall, and a man born in Bodmin who died in Fowey, a writer of Viking and supernatural tales, poetry, historical fiction, and satires who reformed the education system in Cornwall and whose legacy is its Grammar schools, The Oxford Book of English Verse (1250-1900), The Oxford Book of Prose, and the Oxford Book of Ballads.

The lovers' tragic story follows in the fateful footsteps of the doomed pair of Cornish legend. Lovers of Cornwall and its wildness will revel in Daphne Du Maurier's lyrical words set in period, captivating and engaging as they describe water, heathland, moors and woods. Elements of the legend are placed in the realities of rural (19th century) life. The central and most commanding figure is the local Doctor, Carfax whose ultimate role seems to be to start and drive the narrative to its dark conclusion. All the Gothic elements are there, an older husband, a young wife, a talented, handsome young foreigner who casts a spell on the whole community and a betrayal from an unexpected quarter. Into the pot is cast time travel, a theme to which Du Maurier returns in 'The House on The Strand' to devastating effect.

If you wish to curl up these cool autumnal evenings and enter that fantasy borderland of buried knights, fair maidens and lovers, this is for you.

Carole Fornachon

### St Andrew's Church



## Christmas Market

25th November 2017

Doors open at 12.00

In the

Village Hall

Father Christmas  
will be in Milborne  
again this year.  
Come and meet him



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# Milborne St. Andrew First School

## Open Morning

Milborne St. Andrew First School can be found at the top of the hill, at Hopsfield, Milborne. It can go unnoticed, hidden away, quietly getting on with the education of children in the area. Many people locally have never been inside, and we would like that to change. We are very proud of our school and what goes on here day to day and want to share that with you.

Our Early Years, Phonic and Key Stage 1 results have improved year on year in all areas. We believe our children become good citizens and are socially aware, making decisions and taking responsibility in such things as choosing charities to support and suggesting ways to fundraise for them.

They are kind, thoughtful and always polite. Children here take responsibility for their own learning and help others to learn. There is a 'can do' attitude while children and adults explore possibilities and find possible solutions.

We would like to invite you to visit us if you have a child you are thinking of sending or if you are local and have never had the chance to have a look around before. Everyone is welcome!

The children will give you a tour and share their views about school and what is important to them.

Please come in and see us on Thursday 16th November from 9.15-10.30am. We will meet in the hall briefly at 9.15am before going around the classes and then return to the hall for coffee.



### Fines can be issued



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Why do some people think it is alright to leave their dog poo for someone else to clear up? Have **YOU** ever given it a thought how you would feel if it was on your lawn? It may only be a verge but it is quite obvious that it is cut and it is disgusting when it is sprayed all up your legs. **YOU** know who this is referring to! **Please Pick Up!**

# 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 on 01258 880044.**

### SUNDAY 5th November - 2.00pm

#### Tarrant Crawford

Meet near the church in Tarrant Crawford which is about three miles SE of Langton Long, driving from Blandford Forum.  
Grid reference: ST 923035 on OS Explorer Sheet 118 (approx. 4.5 miles)

### WEDNESDAY 15th November - 11.00am

#### West Stafford and surroundings

Meet near the Wiseman pub in West Stafford (DT2 8AG)  
Grid reference: SY 727897 on Explorer Sheet OL15 (approx. 5.5 miles)  
Bring a packed lunch.

### SUNDAY 3rd December - 1.30pm

#### Hambleton Hill

Meet near St Mary's Church, Shroton  
Grid reference: ST 860124 on OS Explorer Sheet 118 (approx. 4.5 miles)

#### Please note:

- Who** All welcome including well-behaved dogs and their responsible owners. No pre-booking required just turn up.
- Wear** Suitable clothing for wet conditions and location, walking boots or Wellington boots.
- Bring** Waterproofs and refreshments (packed lunch on Wednesdays).
- 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.

## "We don't care"

WITHOUT the active support of local volunteers the Sports & Social Club cannot survive . . . that may be OK for some but not for those who care.

You don't even have to play an active role on the committee, a supporting role would be absolutely fantastic, who knows you might even get to ride the mower or mark out the pitch! There is plenty to do: events organiser, treasurer, secretary, chairman, grant finder, wedding reception organiser, teas/refreshments, cleaning.

We are not a stuffy committee, far from it and we don't care who you are, or your age just so long as you believe in us and want to help in ANY way you can in achieving something special for the village.

It was very refreshing to read that virtually everyone present at the June meeting of the Parish Council supported the objectives of the Club and our efforts broaden the appeal and encourage wider use of the facilities.

If you can or want to help please make contact either by Facebook: Messaging or telephone 837929. *Richard Lock*

## Milborne Movies! Their Finest

Showing at Milborne St Andrew Village Hall, Nov 10th.  
Doors and Bar open 7.00 for 7.30pm start.

IN 1940's London, writer Catrin Cole (Gemma Arterton) gets a job at the Ministry of Information. Her knack for writing believable women's dialogue lands her a role in making a feature-length propaganda film. Cue a battle against sexism, bureaucracy and hammy British actor Ambrose Hilliard (Bill Nighy).

'Anchored by a superb Gemma Arterton, Their Finest is a funny, winning, beautifully acted ode to working women and cinema' (Ian Freer)



In our Puffins class we have been learning all about volcanoes in our science topic. The children were asked to 'Make a Volcano' with free rein to make it out of whatever and however they liked. Needless to say we have some very creative minds and their creations were amazing! They were all exhibited in the Puffins classroom. We then used a safe acid (vinegar) and baking soda to 'erupt' our volcanoes. It has helped us all learn about chemical reactions!



Our topic has sure got off with a big bang!

*Miss Young*  
(Puffins Class)



**Back To School**

By Brooke Howells

Back to school, a new term has begun,  
A little sad, as my summer holiday ends,  
Carrying my satchel bag, pencils and pens,  
Keen to learn new things, and make new friends.

Together, in our houses, we vote for our Captains,  
Off to the field to run in our wellies!

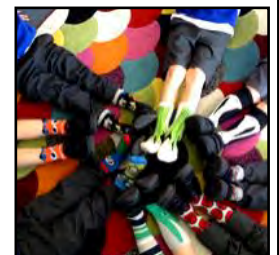
School teachers, tell us our topics this term  
Carefully planning, how to help us to learn  
Hoping we can behave and take it in turn  
Opening our brains like a huge can of worms,  
Open to funny, interesting ways,  
Learning is fun, now my year 4 journey's begun.

### Brook – Winner of the latest school writing competition



### News from the School Council

THE School Council organised Crazy Sock Day on the 6th October to raise money for the charity Mosaic. We wore our craziest socks and made a donation of £1.



Our Harvest collection this year is socks! Each class will collect socks and put them in a box to be delivered to refugees in France. Brooke and Tess (our student voice representatives) will deliver the 'socks in box' to St. Osmund's Middle School where they will be collected by the 'Blandford Cares' charity who will take them directly to France.

*Freya and Kim* (Year 6 School Council members)



On Monday 2nd October Dolphins Class enjoyed an interesting day with members from Trees For Dorset. Pete talked to us about the changes that happen to the trees through the year and especially during autumn. He showed us examples of seeds and berries that we may find in our outside area and how they are dispersed. After play we all went on a seeds and berry hunt. Pete gave us a basket and we collected lots of seeds and berries including dogwood and acorns. In the afternoon we made some observational drawings and planted some seeds.



On Wednesday 11th October the children from Milborne St. Andrew First School celebrated the wedding of Cinderella and Prince Charming. Dorchester's Mayor, Susie Hosford, was guest of honour and joined in with the celebrations. The bridal party, including the Bride, Groom, Fairy godmother and Best Man, arrived at Milborne Church on a beautiful and suitably decorated vintage tractor and trailer. They were met by the rest of the school who had walked to the Church, all dressed as fairy tale characters or wedding guests. The service was conducted by Sarah Hillman whose address included the importance of remembering to show how much we love our families and friends. The couple exchanged edible crisp rings and signed a register. The Ball was held in the skittle alley at The Royal Oak which had been decorated by parents for the occasion. The Mayor, best man and Prince Charming all gave speeches and the guests were treated to squash and cake. Cinderella and Prince Charming cut a beautiful wedding cake and then there was dancing before returning to school. This was the fantastic end to the



Key Stage One topic this term which was 'Once upon a time.'

We would like to say a **BIG Thank You** to all the parents and grandparents who helped make this the big success that it was.



## 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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Women's Institute	Josie Wright	01258 839090

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## SPECIAL INTEREST

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Village History Group	Pam Shults	01258 837203

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Milborne St. Andrew		
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**St Andrew's Church**




**Christmas Market**

**25th November 2017**  
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Father Christmas  
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Come and meet him



**Kids craft activities**  
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**Toys lucky dip**  
**Gifts Craft sales**  
**Mulled wine**  
**Soup kitchen**  
**Mince pies**

**And lots more ....**






# Community Events Diary

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

## November

- Wednesday 1st** **Wednesday Club AGM** followed by a talk by Pam Shults on "Painting Around the World" Village Hall 2.00pm – see page 11.
- Sunday 5th** **Songs of Praise** Dewlish church 11.00am – see page 9.
- Wednesday 8th** **History Group** The Royal Oak 7.30pm – see page 7.
- Thursday 9th** **WI** talk by Kay Townsend about 'My Life on the Fairground'. Do come along – see page 11.
- Friday 10th** **Milborne Movies** *Their Finest* Village Hall tickets £3.50 Doors open at 7.00pm for 7.30pm – see below.
- Saturday 11th** **Remembrance Day** meet at the War Memorial for 11.00am.
- Sunday 12th** **Remembrance Day services** various venues – see page 8.
- Tuesday 14th** **Reporter mid-day dead line** for the December issue. Send your articles and photos by e-mail to [msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk)
- Thursday 16th** **Open Day** at Milborne First School. All welcome from 9.15 – 10.30am – see page 13.  
**Gardening Club AGM** followed by talk on the otters of Blandford. Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 3.
- Tuesday 21st** **Final day to vote** for First School on Track – see page 3
- Saturday 25th** **Christmas Market** in aid of Milborne church Village Hall 12noon.  
**Neighbourhood Plan** Your vote counts. Village Hall doors open 6.00pm, presentations start 6.30pm – see page 3.

## 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](mailto:phillip_harris@hotmail.co.uk)
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## LETTERS to the Reporter

Dear Sir,

I read with interest the update from the results of the Consultation Event held earlier this year and I would like to congratulate the team who put in so much effort to achieve the response from the village and a splendid report.

I would however, like to make the observation that as previously has occurred, the plan is presented as just that, a two dimensional plan, with no representation of the topography. It should be a significant observation that this is a village set in the valley of a winterborne and as such has minimal skyline impact.

One of the proposed development areas is in conflict with this village appearance. That is the land at the top of Huntley Down. This is an area of considerable elevation above its surroundings, and as such, would have a significant impact of overlooking the rest of the village as well as being on the skyline from many vantage points in the village. Additionally, the level of the land is such that the footings of any buildings there would already be at the peak of existing bungalows roofs in Bladen View even before any levels were put in.

This site has had previous applications for building, but have sensibly, been refused by the local planning authority. This area has always been outside the development envelopment for the reasons given above and I hope it will remain so or the appearance of the village will be changed for all.  
Philip Bowell

### The Gift of Water

Think how much water you have used today (page 8 of the October Reporter). Our Forefathers decided at the end of the war what this country needed to supply the population with water. They could not have foreseen that the population would explode so rapidly with the influx of immigrants and all their children. As Peter the Druid said, we will soon run out of water.

It is disgusting that three out of four churches will be collecting money for "Water Aid".

"Water Aid" to supply water to all the people who cannot get water easily, is this nature's way of trying to keep the population down? It would have been far better for the world, had the money been used to provide a good method of birth control.

The children that were produced during the 35 years of "Water Aid's" help are now producing their own children. The world's population is now out of control. The third world war is fast approaching. Will this be nature's way of controlling the exploding world's population?

Robin Keller

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## Hedgehog news: Hector's house

IN late August we received the most recent of our stray hedgehogs. It came to us with the name of Hector, having been found wandering in the enclosed yard of a high street bank. All the time he was with us he never properly uncurled for us to be able to sex 'him', so that goes unknown. As previous hedgehogs found in the day he was light and dehydrated and certainly not happy, but not injured in any way, and, unlike the previous one, he had no obvious ticks. He just needed some TLC. So as not to be caught as before, with one so small escaping, we decided to house him in the plywood sided puppy pen



in the utility room where he settled down initially in the box in which he arrived. He set to, devouring 'Spike' food and moist puppy food and live mealworms. He drank a lot of the fresh water we put out nightly for him. He was inclined to make his first appearance around 10.30pm and then at nearly hourly intervals for a snack until about 4.00am. This resulted in him starting at 130grams on 25th August and gaining weight rapidly until he weighed 430grams on 13th September by which time he was outside. We recently acquired a very substantial hedgehog house made of tongue and groove boards with a good bitumen felted roof and entry chamber. We got it at the Oak Fair at Stock Gaylard and should anyone require one I would recommend Pete and Jilly Snelson of Holwell, near Sherborne. E-mail [coppiceworks@aol.com](mailto:coppiceworks@aol.com). This was filled with dry beech leaves which they seem to like. Once he was outside and settled, we watched clips of him taken on our camera and then allowed him access to leave, but still with the opportunity to return to the box. He left, and has not been seen since, perhaps he went back to the bank!



I have recently read an article in the *Mammal News* of research into where Hedgehogs are thriving best. It is in village and low density urban settings with some access to fields but minimum exposure to the predation by badgers. So Milborne is just the best place for them so keep up the good work and let me know of any sightings or any that are in need of help.  
Pip Bowell

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## Question Time for Gardeners



THE Milborne Gardening Club ran its own version of the popular BBC programme at its October meeting. It was well attended by members who put a range of questions to our experts. One was our own club member, Maureen Lock, who brought quite a library of gardening reference books which we were afterwards able to consult. The other was Neil Lovesey, an eminent horticulturalist and local nursery owner who stepped in at the last minute when our original other panellist went sick. He has a vast knowledge and also many humorous anecdotes and we were very grateful for him coming at only a day's notice.

They dealt with diseases and pests, ranging from deer to aphids, recommended plants for different locations, discussed sowing and harvesting and getting rid of overgrown or unwanted plants and pruning everything from gooseberries to wisteria. Many extra topics came up during the answers including the fascinating (yes, really!) life cycle of greenfly and a law of 1834 which states that any vegetation overhanging a road or footpath is public property!

When questions were all finished we broke for tea, coffee and a selection of delicious refreshments. Gardening chatter and discussions with Maureen and Neil continued, which made for a very convivial evening and one where we all learned something new and useful.



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# Curry Sauce for Remembrance Sunday

EVERY year just before Remembrance Sunday I think about the time not long after my small son had started school. He came home one day very excited because his teacher had told his class that poppies would be on sale in school the next day. He was so bright eyed and enthusiastic, telling me that anyone could have one; you just paid what you could afford. There were loads of them, he said, enough for everyone in the school to have one if they wanted one! He rushed off to empty his piggybank and could hardly sleep with excitement that night. The next morning he swallowed his breakfast and dashed off to catch the school bus, clutching his pocket money and telling me that he could hardly wait.

Alas, after school he arrived home holding a red poppy but looking so very disappointed. Sitting on my knee, he dissolved into anguished tears and in between the sobs told me that he thought they were selling puppies not poppies. He had simply misheard.

It used to be traditional (and I think it still is) for military families to attend a Remembrance Sunday church parade followed by a buffet curry lunch. I can remember in the early 1970's this was my very first experience of eating curry (apart from Vesta chicken curry!) and I was rather suspicious of trying this unusual spicy food. I was intrigued to see all the little side dishes to accompany the curry. As well as rice and poppadoms, there were chopped hard-boiled eggs, chopped tomatoes, desiccated coconut, sultanas, currants, chopped cucumber, sliced bananas, chopped raw onion, chutneys and many more. I could see the people in the queue ahead of me liberally sprinkling a bit of everything on top of their curry. Not sure if I was doing the right thing I followed suit and ended up with a very large pile of what looked like fruit salad combined with chopped raw onion! It tasted delicious.

This month's recipe is for a curry sauce which is easy and cheap to make. It doesn't pretend to be an authentic Indian recipe; in fact the recipe here was one of the first meals I learned to cook after I got married. I still have the scrappy piece of paper it was jotted down on by a fellow army wife and includes the original ingredients although 40 years ago things like fresh garlic and chillies and ginger and creamed coconut were almost unobtainable.

The basic curry sauce can be mixed with a variety of meats, vegetables and fish, it's a very economical way of making a bit of leftover cold chicken go a long way and is so much cheaper (and tastier) than a jar or tin of supermarket curry sauce. My favourite curry at the moment is made using a mixture of frozen white fish fillets and a good sprinkle of frozen prawns to go with the sauce. Having sampled Rick Stein's Pondicherry cod curry at his restaurant in Poole I was inspired to try something similar but a bit more down to earth for everyday cooking.

Just cook the fish and prawns on top of the sauce at the very end of the cooking time and gently stir them through at the last minute so the fish doesn't break up too much. You can add extra fresh or dried chillies or leave them out depending on how mild or hot you prefer your curry.

The curry sauce is also very good with the addition of leftover turkey at the end of the year for an impromptu party.

## Curry Sauce

**Ingredients** (ingredients in brackets are the more up to date equivalent)

1 tablespoon of oil

1 teaspoon of garlic salt (or 2 cloves of garlic, crushed)

1 large onion, chopped

1 large tin of tomatoes, chopped

1 cooking apple, chopped

1 teaspoon of dried ginger (or finely grated fresh ginger)

4 teaspoons of curry powder (+ fresh chillies finely chopped to taste)

2 tablespoons of tomato purée

$\frac{3}{4}$  pint chicken stock made with a stock cube

3 tablespoons of chopped celery leaves

2 tablespoons of desiccated coconut (or 1 sachet of creamed coconut)

## Method

Fry garlic and onion (plus chillies and fresh ginger) in a little oil and then, when soft, add the other sauce ingredients. Simmer for 20 minutes and then add the fish and prawns (or cooked vegetables, chicken, turkey etc.) and heat through. Serve on boiled rice with mango chutney and poppadoms.

*By the way, we acquired our family's first puppy a few weeks after my small son cried his heart out for one and have never been without the blessing of a dog or two since.*

## In Flanders Fields

by John McCrae, May 1915

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

## Inspiration for "In Flanders Fields"

*Lieutenant Alexis Helmer, 1st Brigade Canadian Field Artillery.*

During the early days of the Second Battle of Ypres a young Canadian artillery officer, Lieutenant Alexis Helmer, was killed on 2nd May 1915 in the gun positions near Ypres. An exploding German artillery shell landed near him. He was serving in the same Canadian artillery unit as a friend of his, the Canadian military doctor and artillery commander Major John McCrae.

As the brigade doctor, John McCrae was asked to conduct the burial service for Alexis because the chaplain had been called away somewhere else on duty that evening. It is believed that later that evening, after the burial, John began the draft for his now famous poem "In Flanders Fields".



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# Thoughts on Trafalgar Day – If it wasn't for Lord Nelson we'd be French!

THE Royal Oak held a Trafalgar Day supper on 21st October, but many people nowadays are not necessarily aware that along with the Battle of Britain and the Battle of Waterloo, Trafalgar was fundamental in maintaining Britain's independence from a despotic dictator who had taken over Europe and wanted to include us in their Empire. At the time of the victory at Trafalgar the nation was so grateful for our salvation that we named a London Square for Nelson, gave him a pension for life, and erected the Column so that no-one would forget that the nation was saved and normal business and freedoms could continue.

The war against Napoleon was just as frightening to the people of eighteenth century Britain as the Second World War to those in the 1940s. Napoleon had gained power after the four-year bloodbath of the French Revolution. Like Hitler, he was all-conquering at first, and his military genius won several battles so that by 1803 he dominated most of Europe, and Britain stood alone against him. Fighting on land was proving difficult at the time, despite naval victories at Cape St Vincent in 1797, the Nile in 1798 and Copenhagen in 1801.

The statistics from the Battle of Trafalgar are eye-watering. The 33 ships of the British Fleet met the 40 of the combined French and Spanish Fleets who were on their way to force a passage through the English Channel and pave the way for invasion. Nelson used a new tactic of splitting his force in two, in a change from the usual Naval Battle order of sailing past each other in single file, shooting broadside after broadside. This enabled him to split the enemy fleet and pick the ships off in smaller groups. 438 sailors were killed and 2313 wounded from the British Ships. They were not necessarily all British, as the Royal Navy had sailors from all around the world in its ranks. No British ships were sunk, but many were damaged severely and it took weeks for them all to return to port. Over 2,000 Spanish and French sailors were killed, with a similar number wounded. 22 of their ships were lost, either on the day, or foundering later on their way home.

Victory at Trafalgar in 1805 meant that Napoleon gave up his plans for invading Britain, a great relief to the people of England, particularly the coastal areas of Dorset, as mentioned by Thomas Hardy in plays which have as characters the lookouts kept permanently along the coast, tasked with lighting beacons if French ships were seen.

The other famous Dorset connection to the battle is Vice Admiral Hardy, who is famous as the person addressed on Nelson's death bed at Trafalgar with the phrase 'Kiss Me Hardy'. He lived at Portesham and his family owned the Portesham estate which stretched from the middle of Portesham to Black Down. The site for the Hardy's Monument, visible from all around Dorchester, was chosen because the Hardy family wanted a monument which could be used as a landmark for shipping. The monument has been shown on navigational charts since 1846 and is visible from a distance of 60 miles.

Horatio Nelson overcame a great deal to become a hero and saviour of our nation. He was one of many children of a Norfolk Vicar, who had a large family without much money. Horatio was not a strong and healthy child, but volunteered to be the one who went to sea when an

uncle offered to pay for one family member to do so. At twelve years old he joined the Navy and started his service with a voyage to the Arctic. By twenty years old he was a captain, well respected by his men. When in command of the 'Agamemnon' he led a daring raid on Corsica, Napoleon's home. In this action he lost his eye when gravel was scattered into it by a cannon ball. Later, in the Battle of Cape St. Vincent, his fleet of fifteen ships fought off a Spanish Fleet nearly twice its size. He lost his arm at the Battle of Santa Cruz in the Canary Islands, attacking a well-defended Spanish position, leading from the front, unusual behaviour in ships' captains of the day. His victory over the French and Spanish, saving Britain from invasion, is more awe-inspiring when you consider that in the modern world he would be in receipt of Disability Benefits!

How ironic that nowadays there are people who wish to use the freedom that Nelson fought so hard for, to protest about his Trafalgar Square statue because they judge that his eighteenth century life fails to live up to twenty first century values and they allege he owned slaves. The Royal Navy was instrumental in the closing down of the African slave trade, and taking slaves was used by civilisations throughout history. Are we going to stop eating Pizza because the Romans took slaves, stop eating Danish bacon because the Vikings took slaves, stop using mathematics because the Arabs took slaves, or eat no more haggis because the Scots took slaves, bin our Japanese and German cars because of their World War 2 slavery? Of course not. Are we grateful that we are not French, and Napoleon did not conquer the whole of Europe? I certainly am. Let's remember Lord Nelson along with the Duke of Wellington, the Duke of Marlborough and Winston Churchill as heroes who have made a wonderful contribution to the history of our nation!

Susan Wilson



## Groundwater Flood Warning Service for the Bere Stream

THE Environment Agency (EA) has launched a new service which could alert people in vulnerable communities to the onset of groundwater flooding, in some cases up to a few days in advance. This service is available for the Piddle Valley.

The flood warning for your area is called *The Bere Stream including Hilton, Milton Abbas and Milborne St. Andrew*. To find out if you are at risk and to register to receive these Flood Alerts and Flood Warnings for groundwater, call 0345 988 118 (24 hour service) or go online at <https://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings>.

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## Preparing for Christmas

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# Small Businesses in MSA. Number 9: The Yoga Teacher

SARAH Ryan practises/studies/teaches and trains in the tradition of *Krishnamacharyo* Yoga. It is a tradition which tailors the practice to each student's unique condition assessing what upsets or hinders the harmonious union of body, mind and spirit drawing on Ayurvedic traditions to restore health and well being, quite the reverse of the normal rigorous activities that one expects to have to undertake to improve one's body and health. Krishnamacharyo, descendent of a long line of yogis, was born in a small Southern Indian village in the province of Tamil Nadu.

Krishnamacharyo's son and student, T K V Desikachar, became well known worldwide through his teaching and his book "The Heart of Yoga". It is now a text book for nearly all teachers on yoga training courses. Sarah continues this individualised teaching, considering it a positive activity, the practice of which can always do something practical; for the body, for changing attitudes to life and to relationships. She believes that working with the breath or the voice, (mentioning *Mantra* as one of the oldest forms of yoga) demonstrates how many 'tools' it provides for change. Sarah adds the rider 'providing someone wants to do something for themselves'. If this is the case all can derive benefit from it. Everyone is completely different and what may be best for one may not be for another or for that person in 15 years time. Yoga, she states, will always help. *Hatha* yoga is practised by some teachers that see *asana* as the first tool, that is, working with the body. It is a Sanskrit word meaning posture from a root meaning 'to be', a state of being.

In the west, Sarah adds, what most people think of as yoga is *asana* but it is much more than that. It was developed thousands of years ago, one of the classical philosophies of India. At the time the problem of suffering was exercising everyone's mind; what causes it and what could be done about it. Yoga is a holistic therapy benefitting the whole person; body and mind, breath, emotion, energy and feelings. When we feel we are doing what is right for us it is very often right for everyone else and the world around us. She believes that if we look after ourselves, generally, we can look after others better. This is called *dharma*, another Sanskrit word. By doing *dharma*, you are supporting yourself and therefore supporting others at the same time.

Sarah's first contact with yoga was in 1970 through the medium of a 30 x 20 minute television series 'Yoga for Health' hosted by Richard Littleman featuring Lynn Marshall and Cheryl. This was an influential programme for many based on his 28 day exercise plan. After the series ended she realised that she wanted and needed to learn more. Eventually through the medium of 'Yoga for Health' magazine she found a yoga centre in Fulham and commuted regularly from Surrey once a week. After a while she was asked to teach. By then she had her first child and offered her services to the local Adult Education Centre, teaching enthusiastic groups. Twelve years later she completed her training. This was a four year, eight module course based in Austria. Part of this was to spend two months in India. She speaks of these amazing experiences observing therapies and knowing and understanding herself more. She feels the studying and practising of yoga has helped her own self-development a great deal.

Sarah talks of "never having had a proper day job" for she married her husband Alex whilst at Keele University studying history and sociology. There was an intention to teach history but when she became pregnant this was shelved. She was born and brought up in Surrey, the oldest of six children, having four sisters and one brother,

currently distributed between London, Bath and Sussex. Sarah has three children of her own, one, Audrey, a hospital based doctor, married with four young children, lives in Milborne St. Andrew. So

when Alex died in 2008, she decided to move here in 2009 buying The Old Bakery, Blandford Hill, a large cottage with four bedrooms to accommodate the many members of her large family when they come to stay. She also runs yoga mini-retreats six times a year in her home. The difference, she says, between yoga and many other therapies is that it is self-empowering: the practitioner must be prepared to practise regularly as it works by changing habits of mind, body and breath. Old patterns of behaviour cannot be destroyed, they can only be changed by developing new patterns – and this can be done only through repetition. Getting better at knowing yourself and what is good/beneficial for you and what is not, is a very important part of how yoga works. Again she reiterates it is different for different people.

Apart from her one to one work and mini-breaks, Sarah teaches yoga with a group in the Village Hall on Thursdays at 1.30–2.45pm. She is secretary of the Village Hall Committee which she joined four years ago, and has taken over the management and organisation of the Arts Reach events and Milborne Movies, from the Harralls,

adding, 'with five others'. There were three children's workshops in August and a play coming in October. The films will start again after the Summer break. Living with her at The Old Bakery is the 13 year old wire haired dachshund Ella, once cared for by Peter Dow. Her custodianship of what were his two dogs was, (as she comments on the old, aforementioned TV yoga programmes), what felt right for her at the time. Her move to this village has also proved to be right for her. She speaks of it with great fondness for its mix of people and activities helping her integration whilst emphasising her 'immense good fortune, in family and in this place'. Yoga, she believes, gives the mind something to do, 'it is the difference between worrying and thinking clearly'. She is a persuasive and positive example of the exotic and seductive world of yoga.

It sounds like something from which we could all derive great benefit. If you would like to take it further, Sarah's contact details are as follows: telephone: 01258 839230; email: saryan6630@aol.com; website [www.sarahryanyoga.co.uk](http://www.sarahryanyoga.co.uk)

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## Travels with Rosie – part 4

**Monday 12th June** Today we all got back into the tin box on wheels, I sat on Mum's lap in the front and got a good view of the lake and the mountains. We went through some long bits with no sky until we got to the top of the lake at a place called 'Lovere'. There was an giant dish of water for dogs, with a fountain in the middle. The dogs in this town must get very thirsty to need such a big bowl.

**Tuesday 13th June** Luckily Dad's knee was better today so we went off by ourselves to have a nice long walk in the forest and mountains. Came across two large bits of wood on the top of this cliff (dad called it a cross). He got worried and cross with me as I went near the edge of a very long drop. It was so hot that Dad looked like he had been swimming by the time we got back but it was fun (I think).

I had some more swimming lessons and I'm nearly ready to try it with my paws off the floor on my own soon, maybe tomorrow.

**Wednesday 14th June** We walked into town to get the big floating tin box up the lake to Pisogne. Mum found a big garden for me to have a run around, which made a change from being tied to Dad's arm.

We did some more swimming when we got back, I decided to have go by myself. I've really got the hang of this swimming lark now, I can even turn around with the ball in my mouth Everyone was clapping and saying "clever girl", I was pleased with myself and I tried to smile but it's hard to smile with a tennis ball in your mouth, you should try it sometime.

It got very windy later. There were some big black clouds, the lake got rough and splashy and I got wet when it splashed over the wall, There were some loud rumbles in the sky, some big flashes of light, lucky we were cosy in our caravan.

**Thursday 15th June** Up extra early today as we took the floating tin box to Monte Isola. We walked around the island on the quiet road near the lake, no cars here only a few mopeds and bikes, so I was allowed to run around sniffing and exploring.

**Friday 16th June** Dad and I got up early again and went for a nice walk to see a waterfall but when we got to the waterfall what a disappointment - not a drop of water anywhere, let alone any water falling! Still it was a good walk and I enjoyed not being tied to Dad's arm all the time.

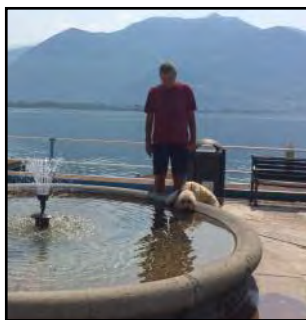
**Saturday 17th June** A lovely bright morning, Dad said to it was great for clicking the black box. After clicking at the lake we went off for a walk. Poor Mum tripped over a tree root and fell over onto the ground, luckily she was ok (she must be getting better at landing now).

We had a lovely afternoon swimming, some other people were trying to get their dog to swim with no luck. Mum gave them my old ball, blooming cheek! As soon as they threw it in the water I swam off after it and got it back! I did let her have the old plastic bottle I had been using so she did eventually go in and do a few strokes of dog paddle so everyone was happy.

**Sunday 18th June** Oh no, we packed up our stuff and hooked up the big tin box behind the small tin box on wheels, looks like we're off again! Why can't we stay in one place?

When we got to the new place called Les Abrets we found a good pitch with big trees so there was some cool shade for me sit in.

**Monday 19th June** Dad got up early and took me for a walk along a quiet lane with pretty green fields and trees everywhere. We got back to the site in time for breakfast.



Mum and Dad went off in the tin box on wheels and left me alone, I jumped up and looked out of the window, not much to see though, very quiet, I suppose that's why it's called Le Coin Tranquil! They came back with bags, some of them were clinking with bottles of the red stuff.

Mum got changed and went off for a swim in the pool, shame I'm not allowed I would had liked a dip too. Dad just lazed about all afternoon in the chair that tips back, he said he felt 'zonked out' in the heat, how does he think I feel wearing a fur coat all the time?

**Tuesday 20th June** Mum and Dad kindly drove 15kms to Lake Paladru so that I could have a swim, but the French aren't as 'chien' friendly as the Italians. I wasn't allowed on the beach or in the lake. We went for a walk around the lake anyway and found a quiet place for me to have a dip to cool off.

After dinner we went for a walk to visit some donkeys in a field, they had lots of annoying flies around their faces. Mum felt sorry for them she gave them carrots, that cheered them up a bit.

**Wednesday 21st June** Good old Dad, he got up early again to take me for a long walk before it got too hot. There were cool woods and grassy paths with interesting smells but I was glad to get back for breakfast and a doze under the big tin box.

Lazy afternoon back at the site and the only bit of excitement was seeing two fluffy creatures with a white furry balls on their bottoms, I tried to chase one but Dad told me off and tied me back on his arm (I think he was impressed with my speed though, 0-60 in 6 seconds)!

**Thursday 22nd June** We went for a walk to the little town of Abrets. We had a sit down for the oldies to have a coffee and then went to the Patisserie to choose cakes.

We got some new neighbours today, they talk funny but their dog sounds just like me so when another dog goes by and he barks, it means I don't have to, why have a dog next door and bark yourself (as the saying goes).

We are moving on tomorrow and after dinner, Dad got a bit keen packing up the car with all our stuff, he loaded up the chairs and Mum had to sit on a step, she didn't seem too pleased! I don't know what her problem is, I have to sit on the floor most of the time.

**Friday 23rd June** Off early in the tin box on wheels, Dad said it was a long drive, nearly 6 hours until we got back to the place with the lake and the hissing white birds. Mum and Dad left me alone to go for a swim so I just sat under the caravan and got as greasy as I could, Dad had to scrub my head and back with bubbles to get it off.

**Saturday 24th June** I don't believe it! Back in that blooming tin box on wheels AGAIN! It was an uneventful journey (in other words, boring) and would you believe it, we ended up in the place where we started 6 weeks ago!

Dad went off to fill up the tin box with petrol, and Mum took me for a walk up to a famous bridge called 'Pegasus Bridge'. She tried to get me to sit still so that she could click her phone at me but after me sitting still for 6 hours there was no chance. A kind Frenchman offered to help so Mum said 'wee' (I already had) so she picked me up and he clicked the phone at us.

**Sunday 25th June** Up very early today, anyone would think we had a boat to catch... Oh we do! We didn't have far to go so were there nice and early. I was given a tasty piece of cheese. Bit odd I thought, treats this early (there was a strange crunchy bit in the middle).

We eventually drove into the enormous floating tin box. I was feeling very sleepy so didn't mind when the oldies went off and left me. After a few hours they were back and Mum must have felt a bit guilty because she let me sit up the front with her. There was lots of clonking and clanking then we were able to drive off the floating tin box onto dry land.

Guess what, after a short drive we got back to my proper home in our lovely village. I never thought I'd see this place again, what a relief, can't wait to see my Nan and Grandad!

All that travelling around, visiting lots of lovely places was such an adventure, but there's no place like home.

Sent with love from Rosie on Mum's iPad xx

## Congratulations, Hayley and Laurie!

MILBORNE-BASED Cherry Picked Hampers has won an award for best new business at this year's Dorset Magazine Food, Drink and Farming Awards. The business, run by Laurie Griffin and Hayley Davis, won Newcomer of the Year at the awards ceremony held at The Italian Villa, Compton Acres in Poole at the end of September. The pair are delighted with the award for their enterprise, set up 18 months ago, which features only products made exclusively in Dorset. Laurie said, "When we heard we had been nominated we couldn't believe it let alone winning the newcomer award!"

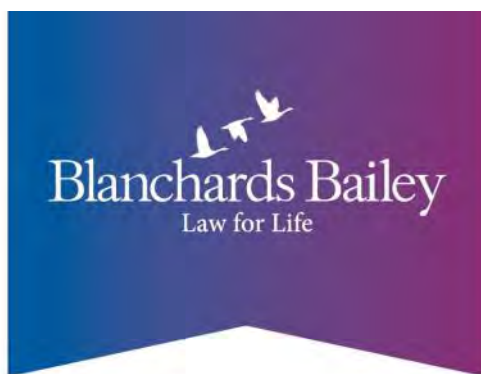
The business selects premium produce for



their hampers, including wine, cider, cheese, chocolate and chutney from around the county and presents them in classic wicker baskets. The

newcomer award recognises the hard work that Hayley and Laurie have put in to make Cherry Picked Hampers a successful and stand-out business. They added, "Thanks to the Dorset Magazine for hosting the awards ceremony and the sponsors Orchard Park for selecting us. Congratulations to everyone else involved with this prestigious event."





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# Huff, puff and . . . sneeze at Ladybirds!

THIS month we have concentrated on traditional stories to encourage the children to enjoy books, join in with repeated refrains and act out the stories. We started with the Three Little Pigs – learning about what houses are made of and of course the Big Bad Wolf! The alternative book of Blow Your Nose, Big Bad Wolf seemed very apt with the number of children with runny noses leading to talks about hygiene and how important it is to use a tissue and wash

hands. Craft activities included using shapes to collage a pig picture and marshmallow biscuit pig faces.

The Gingerbread Man story was even more popular with shapes to decorate a gingerbread man cut-out and of course we had to bake gingerbread men – yummy!! The photo of the children listening to another read her version of the story is magical.

Then came Jack and the Beanstalk with the Giant and his castle.

Some of you may have seen the big cardboard box that the children painted with rollers – a lesson in taking turns and sharing. This was then decorated with leaves incorporating numbers to aid number recognition. The castle was particularly popular and was played in constantly.

Then finally we read Little Red Riding Hood. Not such a popular story but red capes were with children becoming super heroes instead.

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