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Have You Met: Joyce, Brian and Nick Thorne

THE Thornes have lived in Milborne St. Andrew from 1958, initially in a Frogmore Lane farm cottage whilst Brian worked as a tractor driver for Mr Yockney, and in their current house from 1967. They have five children, Theresa (nearly 60), Diana 15 months younger, then Brian (55 years), Philip (52 years) and Nick the youngest at 51 years. He lives with his parents in specially adapted accommodation having been starved of oxygen at birth and



contracting cerebral palsy. His carers visit morning and night but often through unforeseen circumstances, his parents manage by themselves. Nick has a passion for cars and especially camper vans, as his impressive miniature collection shows, also country music. All the children, eight grandchildren (the oldest is 40 years, a translator, married to a Peruvian woman) and six great grandchildren (ages ranging from six years to 18 years) live locally. They are a close and obviously happy and supportive family including Joyce's 98 year old mother who is currently hospitalised awaiting a care home place in Blandford, of five generations. An important celebration was celebrated in the Village Hall on 8th April for the Thornes' Diamond Wedding Anniversary (April 5th). The last large family celebration was for Nick's 50th birthday.



Brian met Joyce outside a pub in Stourpaine. She was 18 years and he 22 years. They both recalled living in properties with a toilet across the yard and water drawn from a well. In the East Orchard cottage they shared following their marriage there were oil lamps and no electricity. She hailed from Sheffield and a hint of that accent can still be detected in her speech! Her father had died of lung cancer at the age of 38 years precipitating the move south settling in Bournemouth and Durweston before Stourpaine. Her mother remarried and two stepsisters joined Joyce and her sister in the family home. Sadly her sister died at only 43 years of stomach cancer. Her oldest step sister is now the same age as her own eldest daughter. Joyce has experienced a variety of employment from delivering milk, working in Lyon's Café, Clayesmore School, the Brewery, the factory and Milton Abbey School. Brian spent

eight years as a tractor driver having been brought up on a farm and working with animals from the age of seven years. He completed his National Service and beyond with the Royal Artillery in Germany from 1952 –1955. The constant gunfire affected his ears and he is now hard of hearing. His brothers and sisters died in recent years and at 83 years he is the remaining member of his original family. Following his tractor driving job Brian worked as a lorry

driver for the Sunparlour, then for Panda Pops, made redundant after 20 years and going on to work for General Haulage until he retired. He is a contented man with his Toyota Yaris, his gardening, passion for collecting tractor models and the constant care of his youngest son shared with his wife. This, despite the fact that they have been unable to take holidays together. Although Joyce has accompanied her mother to Paris and the West Country.

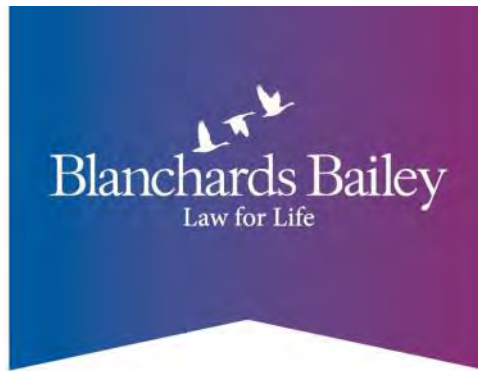
There have, sadly, been two major disruptions in their lives recently. One, the purchase on line of a sit-on mower for £600 which didn't materialise (a Weymouth Court case is pending in September) and an accident in Blandford. Four years ago Joyce fell heavily onto a pavement in Blandford, tripping over a raised, broken bollard. This had previously been hidden and marked with a cone which on that occasion had been removed. She now has to walk with a stick and it has curtailed her normal everyday activities and made her reluctant to go out and



away from home. They are having help from a solicitor with both cases but progress is slow and frustrating. However, Joyce has indulged her love of reading which sustains her and in the process created a mini library in her home. Their extended family rally round and shelves are built, needs are met. Contact is daily and the Thorne family unite to care and support each other whenever help is required.

Carole Fornachon





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UNFORTUNATELY, there is always something that needs attention in the Village Hall and surrounding lands. The committee do engage contractors to do many of the more 'technical' jobs such as install new equipment, replace windows, decorate, heating appliances, etc, etc. but many jobs can be carried out by volunteers. Do you see where I am heading now? We have arranged days designated for volunteer working parties on 20th May and again on 15th July. Please consider coming along between 10.00am and 3.00pm. The jobs that we expect can be done are painting the swing frames, cutting back brambles and other overgrown areas, picking up litter, cleaning walls in the hall, etc. Every little helps so please consider coming along even for just an hour or so.

Thanks to all hall users and locals for their understanding of our new policy of only allowing hirers of the hall to use the car park. It has meant a lot to groups and parties who do regularly hire the hall that they can use the car park and we expect that this will also be a positive for potential one off hirers of the hall.

Other news from the Village Hall includes plans to upgrade the security camera system, replace the flooring of the zip wire and 'baby' swings, buy an inclusive swing seat, transfer the hall 'assets' to our newly created CIO status, changing the broadband provider to have a more cost-effective package; to name but a few. *Pam Shults*

Looking back at busy year . . . at the April WI

AT a well attended annual meeting our secretary, Josie, highlighted our numerous activities over the year. It was good to look back and remember just what a varied programme we had enjoyed: we had many interesting speakers, a birthday celebration (*with bubbly*) a Christmas party (*with similar*) a lovely summer supper, again hosted by Sheila, not to mention outings and visits. Our book club and skittles remain active and vital parts. Josie is stepping down from the committee and she was thanked by all of us for all her hard work. Angela, at the end of her first year as president, thanked everyone for playing their part in helping to ensure that our WI runs so smoothly. She felt privileged to act as our president and had found it a most enjoyable experience.

Our new committee includes Val Andrews, Lin Chatfield, Lesley Clarke, Angela Jones, Nelda Oakes, Jenny Preston, José Thomas, Lesley Wreyford and Linda Wright. We are delighted that Angela has been re-elected as our President for another year.

Still to come: Arrangements for our summer outing on 9th August are well in hand, Jenny will give final details next month. Shirley reported that Bookends members had read Pat Barker's wonderful book, 'Regeneration', set against the background of WW1 and dealing with the treatment of shell-shocked officers. We move on to 'Hope Farm' by Peggy Frew, about a child growing up in a hippy environment, which promises to be an absorbing read. There is to be a Group trip to Longstock Water Gardens on 6th July.

Social time included a very noisy Beetle Drive – Meg was a deserving winner and Pauline received the 'lemon' (a slice of which was destined to accompany a refreshing gin and tonic later!).

Our next meeting is on Thursday 10th May. This is an open meeting when Pat Garrod will give an account of his travels around the world on a motorbike. *Bearback Travels* should be of interest to many people, so do come along and join us. There will be refreshments and good company.

Pat Bull

Village History Group report

Death and Destruction in Dorset – and beyond

AT our last history group meeting we heard how the 'black plague' entered through a port called Melcombe Regis (amalgamated with Weymouth in 1571) and the devastation that it caused throughout the country. We saw pictures of how the disease caused black swellings, called buboes, with death following quickly once they had appeared, which is how it became known as 'the black death' or the Bubonic Plague. A grizzly story of how 60–70% of the population died and what a catastrophic effect it had on society and structure.

Next meeting, we have arranged for a speaker to give us an illustrated talk about 'Interesting People and Places in Dorset'. We also hope to book a couple of other speakers, which will be advertised nearer the time. As always these are open meetings and anyone is welcome to come along, even for just for one talk, no commitment is expected.

We continue to explore our village and are discussing how to create an illustrated booklet. Linda has a variety of history books from other villages which she will bring so that we can decide which one suits our needs best. We are still collecting information about buildings and places of interest so if you know a lot about your home or another building please share it with the group.

Remember all are welcome, so do come along if you are interested.

Pam Shults

Songs for a summer afternoon

CANZONETTA means "little song" and the Dorset vocal group which bears the same name will be presenting a selection of songs for summer at their first concert to be given in St. Andrew's Church, Milborne on Sunday 10th June at 3.00pm. Canzonetta comprises ten female voices, presenting close harmony works in a variety of styles and from a range of periods. Music for this summer afternoon includes 17th century works by Purcell and Weelkes, folk songs from Somerset and Northumberland, a newly and specially composed arrangement of Bushes and Briars and one or two more modern favourites. The concert is free with a closing collection in aid of church funds. As befits a summer afternoon, the concert will conclude with tea and cake! More information from Barbara Rawlings on 01258 837280.

Discover Music at Milton Abbey

Enjoy a Pastoral Potpourri with The Keyworth String Quartet at
7.30pm on Saturday 26th May.

THIS programme has been chosen as a celebration of the rural idyll in which Milton Abbey is set, including 'Spring' by Vivaldi, Haydn's 'Lark' quartet, Mozart's 'Bird-catcher's Song', the 'Flower Duet' by Delibes, and Puccini's 'Crisantemi'.



In 1918 Debussy and Parry died, and Bernstein was born, so to mark these 100th anniversaries we are also including some of their music.

After completing their studies at Trinity College and the Royal College of Music, the members

formed The Keyworth String Quartet. They quickly earned an enviable reputation for their large and varied repertoire and have performed at many fine venues across the South of England including Salisbury Cathedral, Wimborne Minster and Milton Abbey, and various stately homes such as Montacute, Trafalgar House and St. Giles House.

Rosemary Fraser and Elizabeth Sheppard – violin,

Aidan Fisher – viola, Michael Moorsom – cello

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New Programme Launched to Reduce Dorset's Carbon Footprint

Solar Panels on roof of Dorset County Hall – funding will support similar projects across Dorset, Bournemouth and Poole.



APRIL saw the launch of Low Carbon Dorset, a new programme of activities which will help boost Dorset's low carbon economy, and reduce its carbon footprint.

Through the programme, Dorset based businesses, public sector and community organisations can now access free support and a fund pot of over £2.15m to help improve their energy efficiency and develop renewable energy projects.

The three year programme, led by Dorset County Council in partnership with Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), is now open for applications and expects to benefit more than 100 organisations across the county.

Cllr Daryl Turner, Cabinet member for the Natural and Built Environment at Dorset County Council said: "This is a great example of Dorset's efforts to build a 'green' economy, and will enable local businesses, public bodies and community organisations to save money and work together to reduce the county's carbon footprint.

Low Carbon Dorset's Energy Efficiency Officer Erik Blakeley (centre) and DCC's Energy Efficiency Officer Max Bishop (left) visit Dorset History Centre to discuss energy saving options for their heating system with the Centre's Sam Johnston (right).



"It will be exciting to see what innovative low carbon projects and approaches this programme will inspire here in Dorset."

Support will be available to organisations and community projects through this European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) backed project in the form of technical advice and grant funding. A series of low carbon community workshops have also been scheduled for the coming months.

Further information about the support available, upcoming workshops, and how to apply can be found on the Low Carbon Dorset website www.lowcarbondonset.org.uk.

Milton Abbas and Milborne St. Andrew Surgery

IN March 2018 Milton Abbas Surgery took back a large amount of returned medications from our patients. The total cost to the NHS of this was approximately £860, which averaged over a year is approximately £10,320 of lost NHS money.

There are a number of different reasons that medication needs to be returned and **we are always happy to accept and dispose of it safely** but please be aware that any medication or appliances that are returned have to be disposed of, even if they are still in sealed containers.

With this in mind please could we ask that you **please only order the medication that you need**. If you are a dispensing patient, as a rule we can have medication available to you within two working days -this means if your circumstances change we can accommodate your needs.

Sadly today sees our NHS overstretched and underfunded so any way we can contribute to reducing costs will make a difference. If you have any queries regarding your medication please feel free to speak to a member of the dispensary team.



A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Please make a note of the date for our annual flu clinic at Winterborne Whitechurch Village Hall. This will be held on the morning of **Saturday 6th October**. If you are eligible for a flu vaccination, please make every effort to attend this clinic as this is the most efficient way for us to ensure we have time to vaccinate everyone. Thank you.

Gillian Brindle, Practice Business Manager

Puddletown Open Gardens Weekend

Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th June 2018

1.00pm to 6.00pm

Garden entry tickets and maps from the Village Hall (DT2 8RX)

Adults - £5, children under 12 – free.

Parking at Puddletown Surgery (DT2 8FY).

Free Children's Quiz

Plants, preserves, cakes, tombola, plant crèche and refreshments available at the Village Hall.

Church Tower Tours (timed ticket)

Subject to weather and requires suitable footwear

1.00 to 5.00pm

Tickets £2.00 per person, children must be over 8 years old and accompanied by an adult.

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An Extended Easter

The Season of Easter continues up until Pentecost (formerly known as Whitsun) in the Church, though many forget this after the initial celebrations on Easter Day. Throughout the first two-thirds of this month, therefore, Christians will continue to celebrate the gift of new life.

One of the greatest messages that comes from the Easter story is that the possibility of new starts is always available. The disciple Peter learned what this meant when he was given a new task by Jesus, even after he had failed him so badly by denying him three times before the crucifixion.

There are all sorts of reasons why a new start might be helpful. Perhaps our lives feel as if they are in a rut; maybe we are burdened by guilt for something we have or haven't done; possibly we feel as if our life is going in the wrong direction and we need to take a different pathway. Or it could be that a relationship has broken down or we are having to learn to live without a beloved partner, relative or friend who has died or we feel lonely or our ageing body means we have to begin to look at life in a different way.

The Easter story holds out hope that things can be different. The image of God overpowering death through the resurrection is a vivid one, from which those who believe take heart. Resurrection is at the heart of the Christian faith, but it is not always easy for people to believe in it, until they have experienced the abundant life God gives for themselves.

In God's kingdom, what counts are characteristics such as life, mercy, joy, justice, peace, care for others, generosity, kindness, loyalty, dignity, forgiveness and so on. Most people believe in these values, even if they are not practising Christians. If we all managed to live with them at the heart of our lives, the world would be a much better place.

Many of these are what enable people to take hold of a new start when they need one, either for themselves or when they walk alongside others in need of beginning again.

Can we offer that hope to someone today? Can we allow ourselves to believe that we can begin again? It's not always easy but it's never too late while we still have time left to us here on earth.

With best wishes

Sarah Hillman

Church Services May

6th May – Easter 6

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

Saturday 12th May

2.30 pm	Marriage of Carl Wood and Esma Geer	Puddletown
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13th May – Easter 7

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

Thursday 17th May

12.00pm	Lunch-time Communion	Puddletown
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20th May – Pentecost

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

27th May – Trinity Sunday

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

Thursday 31st May

2.00pm	Marriage of Ian Newby and Linda Knifton	Tolpuddle
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Morning Prayers (Monday – Thursday 8.15am)

Saturday 9.00am)

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

St. Andrew's Church Notes

The Easter period including Lent and Holy week were very busy with different services and study groups. Our compline services were appreciated by those who attended. Some of our

congregation were involved in the Sunday study groups which they found interesting and educative. They were based around the film 'The Way' in which Martin Sheen had



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the leading part. It was about a group of dissident people who were walking the El Camino de Santiago on a pilgrimage to the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in Galicia, Spain. We explored how their behaviour and attitudes gave rise to changes and comradeship similar to those who 'walk' the Christian paths.

The Messy Church event was attended by 27 children and 36 adults many of whom were helpers. Following a registration period, the families joined in with lunch after which the children enjoyed making Easter gardens in a jar, decorating eggs, stones and cards, making cookies and free painting. The session ended with a celebration led by Sarah. It was a successful event enjoyed by children, their families and the helpers, without whom it wouldn't have been such a success.

After Good Friday the church was beautifully decorated with fantastic flower displays and 'remembrance lilies' by our team of flower arrangers. It always amazes me what talent they have as the arrangements look terrific. We can never thank them enough. The flowers helped set the scene for a lovely joyful Easter celebration service led by Rosie.

We look forward to the coming month and its special services and events which include, Ascension Day, Thy Kingdom Come prayer activities and Pentecost. For more information see the church notice boards, Facebook page or website.



Dewlish Church Notes

OUR Spring Sale raised £386.90 for contributing to the running costs of our church. Thank you to all who gave so generously, to those who manned stalls and to those who came and supported the event. Our running costs last year were over £2,000 – more than the money received and obviously we cannot sustain these deficits in the long term.

Sadly, we are losing some of our people who give regularly. If you feel that you would like to give, to support All Saints, there are forms in the church for monthly standing orders, or please contact one of the churchwardens. We shall be grateful for everyone's contribution.

The church looked beautiful on Easter Day. Thank you to all our very talented flower arrangers. We had a good congregation too!

Our Lent Lunches and Agape Supper went very well with some delicious soups amid good friendly atmospheres. Thank you all so much. We even enjoyed one day despite a raging blizzard! The Agape Supper, led by Jim, was attended by 10 people and, as usual, was a very moving service. All proceeds will be sent to WaterAid.

We are having a Coffee Morning in aid of Christian Aid on Saturday 5th May in the Village Hall (10.30am-12noon). We look forward to seeing you there!

On Ascension Day (Thursday 10th May) we shall be holding our usual early morning service at 6.30am at the top of Greenways, weather permitting (if not, in church).

Daphne Burg

Annual Parochial Church Meetings

A BIG thank you to all those who have stood for election as churchwardens and members of church councils; we couldn't manage without you.

Thanks also to those who have stood down from various posts and activities, notably PCC members, a churchwarden and Puddletown's Three Musketeers who mowed grass, cut hedges etc.

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Transport research – an update

ON 12th April, we, the Neighbourhood Plan Group, received the draft traffic management report from AECOM. They had been commissioned to assess, and suggest remedial actions, taking into account what would be allowed (it's no good suggesting an overpass if it wouldn't be feasible, affordable, or sensible!). The Highways Authority have said to AECOM that as the road is a major route for long-distance journeys (connecting Portland Port to the M4) they are not keen on the road being narrowed or humps/raised tables to slow traffic. Some of AECOM's ideas are based on best practice in other areas in the west, in particular, South Perrott. We are looking at other examples, but it has to be a like for like road (a major connecting road) to be able to compare. We have provided some feedback to AECOM based on our combined local knowledge. Once we get their report, along with large scale maps, we will be running a consultation so that you too can all put your views forward – so watch out for notices advertising this event.

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Annie Hobell Administrator East and West Team

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News about the new Fundraising Preference Service (FPS) for communications from charities

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Visit the website: www.fundraisingpreference.org.uk where you can choose to stop communications from a selected charity. You will need to identify the charity/ies you no longer want to hear from. The easiest way to do that is to use the registered charity's number, which should be displayed on all their promotional material. If you cannot find the charity number, you can also search using the charity's name. To confirm your request, you will need either an email address or a mobile telephone number, which will enable a confirmation code to be sent to you that you will need to enter later. If you need help to complete the online form, there is a telephone helpline service: call 0300 3033 517.

You can also register via the same helpline number.

You will be asked to provide your name and relevant contact information so that you can be matched to the charity's records and the communication can be stopped. Once all details have been provided and the request submitted, the FPS will send an automatic email to the charity/ies, with a 28 day deadline to remove your details from direct marketing lists. You will need to specify every charity you want to block – you won't be able to opt out of all charity contact.

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More Housewives' Advice from the 1700s

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Doctor Colvin's Cure for a Thrush in the Mouth

Take a long carrot, boil it in a quart of water until tender, then beat to a paste with the water, let it settle, then pour off the clear liquid.

Sweeten with syrup of mulberries or honey.

'Tis nine days coming and as many going away'

To Sweeten the Blood (Dr Levet's Cure)

Take one dram of gum guaiacum and rub it with a pestle made warm in a marble mortar. Rub in the yolk of one egg. Put it in two ounces of Spanish wine. Take it in the morning with small broth or gruel – 'tis an extraordinary remedy for gout or rheumatism. Take this once every three days. Half this is the common dose for a woman.

Eye Water

Take red rose fennel and plantain water, of each a quarter of a pint, add tutty powder (zinc oxide) as much as will cover a shilling and twice as much white sugar. Shake it very well together when you mix it and every time you use it.

To Destroy Rats

Take an ounce of strychnine beaten to a fine powder, mix with butter or hog lard to a paste. Put it onto bits of thin paper about the size of a hazel nut and put it into the holes they frequent, it will kill them without danger of killing others. Should a cat or dog meet with one of these doses it will make it very sick, but a spoonful of oil will cure them.

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Reporter team members can be found on page 2.

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

Last month's answer can be found on page 31



Calling all Crafters

St. Andrew's Church Events Committee is organising a

Craft Fair on the 5th May at the Village Hall from 2.00–4.00pm

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Ladybirds has had a cracking Easter!

LADYBIRDS playgroup had a very successful Easter with a packed Village Hall enjoying a fun bingo night, and a village-wide Easter egg hunt over the holidays. Together with the sale of an Easter cake, the total raised was a fantastic £718.20!

The bingo evening attracted a wide range of ages, with children dabbling out the numbers in their own bingo game at the beginning then helping out with mums, dads, grannies and granddads in the games after. It was lovely to see so many of Milborne come – in fact, so many people came, we had to find some extra tables at the last minute to make sure everyone had a seat to play along! Teas, coffees and cakes were served and we also had the biggest raffle I've ever seen! We've had some lovely feedback from the night and we will be looking to hold another bingo evening at the end of the year.

If you saw brightly coloured pictures of Easter eggs in people's windows and doors in the last few weeks, it was part of the Ladybirds Easter egg hunt! There were 15 of them around the village and children enjoyed hunting them out and writing the places they were found on the answer sheet we had provided. Well done to all who took part!

Thank you also to Gray's Stores who helped in our Easter egg cake raffle, in which squares were sold to try to win the yummy cake, which was also kindly donated. We would like to thank everyone who donated prizes, those who collected donations and helped in any way – and of course, everyone who took part in any of our fundraising events. Ladybirds is a charity and all monies are very helpful and gratefully received. I personally would like to thank the



committee for their help and especially Liz, Kelly, Kate and Leanne on this occasion.

To keep up to date with events and the playgroup please like our Facebook page <https://m.facebook.com/Milborne-Ladybirds-1641009029550806/>

Ladybirds are seeking new committee members and especially a Chair and Secretary so please do get in touch if you could fill these positions.

Dione Andrews (Vice Chair)

Neighbourhood plan working group – latest news

Footpaths – use or abuse?

EARLY last month, as part of our task to put together a Neighbourhood Plan for the village, we contacted all the landowners in and around the village regarding the footpaths. Based on the feedback from the consultation days, you told us that you would like more circular walks, and it is true that some of the old footpaths no longer lead anywhere. We are proposing to include some suggestions in the Draft Plan, so, as a matter of courtesy, we informed and consulted with all owners.

The feedback was something we felt we should share with the village, as it seems so sad that some footpath users do not keep to the country code. As the landowners say, in recent years there has been a noticeable material increase in the number of incidents of trespass, gates being left open onto public highways, dog fouling, poo bags thrown into hedges, fly-tipping, livestock worrying, and crop damage by dogs allowed to run free (to name but a few), also, those dog toys that are thrown and lost can get caught up in farm machinery. Sheep are worried by dogs on a daily basis, and also dog faeces have infected lambs with worms. There have even been tents (with associated rubbish) left on local land, along with graffiti on trees. A professional dogwalker was spotted recently with five dogs running free early one morning, apparently a non resident!

The end result of this feedback is that the lack of respect and correct use of footpaths will probably prevent all the ideas that have been suggested about changing the destinations of some footpaths, and moving defunct ones to create more circular walks, being put into action, unless this situation can be improved.

What a shame if this opportunity is missed.

All change at Wednesday Club

WE were expecting to have a talk from a man from MS Society but unfortunately he telephoned the night before to say that he was unable to come. Jenny and Sheila then saved the day by quickly organising a Beetle Drive, as always these are a lot of fun and cause a great deal of hilarity. In fact we almost over ran our time as we were enjoying ourselves so much!

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 2nd May when we are going to visit the Sand Sculpture Exhibition in Weymouth, the cost is £4.50. We will meet in the Village Hall car park at 1.30pm to arrange car sharing.

Looking ahead to June we will be going to Moreton Tea Rooms for a cream tea on Wednesday 6th June.

Should you wish to join us for either of these events please call Sheila on 839033 to book a place.

Lis Watts



Car Boot and Table Top Sale Saturday 19th May In aid of Milborne St. Andrew Scout funds at the Village Hall

In advance: £10 per table or car
On the day: £15 per table or car
Half table: £5

9.00am set up, sale from 10.00am until 12.30pm
Refreshments available and raffle
Contact details 01258 839033

Above and beyond: goodbye chairman George

AFTER several years as Ladybirds Chairperson, George is stepping down and we are in need of a new chair. George has gone beyond his duties by helping out when needed. As you can see in the photo he had plenty of help when asked to put the play house together. You may notice he built it around himself – not sure if that was to keep the children out or give himself space – but made it more difficult to get out! To be serious now. Ladybirds are in need of a Chairperson (building skills not essential). The volunteer role requires someone with some business knowledge, people skills, clean police record, sense of humour and a willingness to support staff, maintain and move forward your village Preschool. If you could fill this position please contact me to find out more – without a Chairperson we cannot operate.



This month continued the interest in Superheroes and it seems even a superhero needs to take a break and where better than in the doll's cot with a favourite book.

We are excitedly looking forward to the summer term when we are starting our Woodland Wednesdays. We will be spending Wednesday mornings away from the Hall in the great outdoors, investigating and exploring outside. The uptake has been good and we currently have a waiting list. Next month I will report on how this is going.

Summer term is always a busy time and this one is also long – over 14 weeks. We will be working with schools getting the children ready for their move into full time education and welcoming younger children who become old enough to join us. If you are looking for a place in September please call in at the Hall for an enrolment pack.



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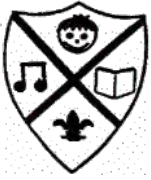
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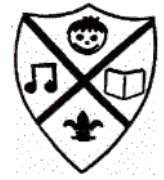
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MILBORNE ST ANDREW FIRST SCHOOL



Learning together, playing together

SCHOOL NEWS

Chinese New Year Celebrations at Milborne

As part of our learning the children in Seahorse class had a special treat . . . Miss Wittman brought in spring rolls, chicken and noodle soup, prawn crackers, chow mein, dumplings with soy sauce and fortune cookies. We investigated each using our senses, particularly enjoying the taste. Phoenix said that she couldn't choose her favourite because it was all yummy! In fact she has enjoyed her learning so much that she has asked her mum to take her on holiday to China! She's not the only one . . . Sophia has asked her mum every day to have noodles and prawn crackers for dinner while Brodie went home and ordered Chinese food for dinner. With our food tasting and the imaginative play in the Chinese Restaurant Role Play we had been trying to use chopsticks. Harry went home and wanted to eat his dinner with chopsticks. It took a while for him to get through his stir fry but he kept on trying.



Also as part of our learning, we had seen photographs of the Terracotta Army. So I added clay to the malleable station in class due to their interest. Brodie chose to go to this area and explore the clay using his hands, tools and water sponge. He was able to shape the clay into a person. "It's a China statue" he told me. He also joined Luke in the workshop, using an information book, to build the Great Wall of China.

We learnt a song for our Chinese New Year festival at school that Esme and Phoenix loved. During exploring they asked me to put the song on, which I did. Every time that the song finished, they pressed play.

We watched a dragon dance, Sophia and Finley went into the creative area to build a dragon. Sophia used a box and decorated it with different material in a collage style while Finley went in search of resources that he could use as eyes. He selected two bottle tops, a large and a small that he then glued on top of each other, before attaching them to the box Sophia was decorating. Once the dragon was dry and to finish off our celebration, Miss Wittman put the box on her head and the children used scarves to create the body of the dragon. We used musical instruments to create sounds we had heard on the film and danced our way around the school.



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 **School Secretary:** Mrs B Hosford

Chair of Governors: Matt Way **FOS Chairman:** Mrs Caroline Richards

e-mail: office@milborne.dorset.sch.uk website: www.milborne.dorset.sch.uk Tel: (01258) 837362 Fax: (01258) 837170

Community Contacts

Please let the *Reporter* know if any of these details change

More information about many community organisations can be found on www.milbornestandrew.org.uk

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Parish Council –	Clerk: Colin Hampton	01258 837011
Milborne St. Andrew	Chair: Joy Robinson	01258 837661

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GENERAL – ADULT

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Moonlight Swing Band	Gillian Pink	01305 260731
M.A. Neighbourcar	Nigel Hodder	01258 470333
Wednesday Social Club	Sheila Burton	01258 839033
Women's Institute	Josie Wright	01258 839090

GENERAL – YOUTH

Ladybirds (Playgroup)	Liz Dyer	01258 839117
Scout Group (Secretary)	Brian Burton	01258 839033
Under 5's Group – The Busy Bees	Leanne Brown	07899 808185
	Julianne Hall	07846 256694
Youth Club age 8 – 13 years	Joanne Miller	01258 881496

POLICE

Police – Non-emergency contact		101
Community Beat Officer	PC Dave Mullins	101
Safer Neighbourhood Team	PC Dave Mullins and PCSO Luke Goddard	101
Home watch Co-ordinator	Joy Robinson	01258 837661

SCHOOL

Milborne First School		
Headteacher:	Sharon Hunt	01258 837362
Chair Governors:	Matt Way	
Friends of School Chair:	Caroline Richards	

SPECIAL INTEREST

Bellringers	Pip Bowell	01258 837329
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MSA Gardening Club	Sally Dyer	01258 837061
Milborne Players	Roy Sach	01258 837033
Ranters' Folk Session	Roger Harrall	01258 837371
Round Robin Ramblers	Ian Bromilow	01258 880044
Tai Chi	Brian Burton	01258 839033
Village History Group	Pam Shults	01258 837203

SPORT

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Archers – Crossways	Sheila Ryall	01258 837504
Athletics – Junior	David Pearson	01258 837057
Badminton	David Payne	01258 837700
Circuit training	Grace Martin	01305 213885
Cricket – Dewlish	Elaine Kellaway	01258 837696

Cricket Club – Milton Abbas	Colin Chastey	01258 882162
Pilates (school)	Claire Barratt	07540 626174
Football – Under 12s		
Chairman	Joy Robinson	01258 837661
Manager/coach	Andy Brown	07427 503373
Treasurer	Simon Buckingham	01258 839122
Football – Veterans	Paul David	07841 506839
Running Group	Anne-Marie Pearson	01258 837057
Skittles – Dewlish	Frank Ross	01258 837366
Sports & Social Club	Chairman: Richard Lock	01258 837929
	Bookings: Richard Lock	01258 837929
Table Tennis	Pauline Pitfield	01258 839123
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
Yoga (at village hall)	Sarah Ryan	01258 839230

VILLAGE HALL

Dewlish		
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Booking Secretary:	Margaret Groves	01258 837617
Milborne St. Andrew		
Chairman:	Pam Shults	01258 837203
Booking Secretary:	Alison Riddle	01258 837030

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The Messy Church event was attended by 27 children and 36 adults

Community Events Diary

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

May

- Wednesday 2nd** **Wednesday Club visit the Sand Sculpture Exhibition in Weymouth** Meet in the Village Hall carpark at 1.30pm £4.50 – see page 13.
- Saturday 5th** **Coffee Morning** Dewlish Village Hall 10.30am to 12 noon – see page 9
Craft Fair Village Hall 2.00–4.00pm.
- Thursday 10th** **Dr Pat Garrod talk 'Bearback Travels'** Village Hall 7.30pm. Entry by donation – see page 18.
- Friday 11th** **Milborne Movies 'Paddington 2'** Village Hall 7.00pm for 7.30pm – see below.
- Saturday 12th** **Gardening Club Plant sale** Village Hall 10.00am to 12.30pm – see page 27.
Memorial concert for Elizabeth Goodchild MBE All Saints Church Dewlish 7.30pm – see page 27.
- Saturday 19th** **Car Boot and Table Top Sale** Village Hall 9.00am set up, sale 10.00am to 12.30pm – see page 13.
- Saturday 19th** **The Weatherbury Singers 'Buck the Trend!'** Buckland Newton Village Hall 7.30pm Tickets £8 under 16s free – see page 23.
- Sunday 20th** **Village Hall volunteer working party** Village Hall between 10am and 3pm – see page 5.
- Saturday 26th** **Village Lunch** Village Hall 12.15pm to 2.00pm £7 per head – see page 2.
The Keyworth String Quartet Milton Abbas 7.30pm – see page 5.
- June**
- Saturday 16th** **Vicar's 'Zero Birthday' Celebration** Puddletown church room 2.30pm to 5.00pm – see below right.

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
- Tai Chi** Tuesday mornings 9.30 run by Geoffrey Bellinger. Local contact Brian Burton 839033.
- The Busy Bees** Under 5 Group from 9.30am to 11.30am on Thursday term time only. Contact Leanne Brown on 07899808185.
- Nightsabre Dog Training, Behaviour and Rally Group.** Tuesday mornings; Wednesday evenings; Saturday mornings. Contact details 01305 849221.
- Yoga (Mellulah)** Thursday (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.

Dates for your diary

LAST year we held our first Pentecost Pilgrimage. We plan to do so again this year. Instead of starting at different churches as we did in 2017, everyone will meet up at Milborne church to set off on our walks to Dewlish where there will be a communion and picnic (outdoors if weather allows). More details next month.

Please keep Saturday 30th June 10am–3pm free for a training day for ALL church members relating to the Weekend of Invitation. I hope as many people as possible will come and learn more about how to create a culture of invitation and welcome in our church communities. Church growth is not just the Vicar's job but requires every church member to take part.

The Vicar has a "zero birthday" coming up next month and would love you all to join her for celebrations. Bring teatime treat to share, Saturday 16th June, 2.30pm to 5.00pm in Puddletown church room.

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Mint Julep and Kentucky Burgoo

THIS month we celebrate the Royal wedding between Prince Harry and Meghan Markle. Meghan was born in Los Angeles, California and so the recipes this month have an American flavour.

My daughter lives in Kentucky and each year looks forward to attending the Kentucky Derby. The race is held on the first Saturday in May and has many traditions associated with it. Eating Burgoo (a thick beef stew) and Kentucky Derby pie and drinking Mint Julep are just a few of them. 80,000 cups of mint julep are served each race day. Traditionally mint juleps are served in silver or pewter cups and held by the handle or rim for the cup to maintain optimum frost. The Kentucky Derby is known as the most exciting two minutes in sport with a purse of over \$2 million.

My father was very much a betting man. He would bet on the outcome of most sporting events, the boat race, the cup final and, of course, The Grand National. He took every opportunity to go to the races and spent a lot of time at the bookies and studying form in the newspaper.

We went to Wetherby Races as a family each Easter Monday in the 1950's and this was such a treat for me as a horse-mad child. Just being able to watch the enormous thoroughbreds parading in the ring before each race was awe inspiring, they seemed such different creatures from the plump and hairy Shetland ponies I was used to riding at the local stables. In those days a blind eye was turned on any underage betting and plenty of bookies would accept 6d each way from we children. Studying form wasn't for me, although dad enthusiastically went to great lengths to try to explain the system to me. My system was to go for the most intriguing sounding name and I always bet on any dapple-grey horses.

We invariably took a picnic to the races and mum would prepare and pack the usual hard-boiled egg and salad cream sandwiches, we'd never heard of mayonnaise. No "deep-filled" either in those frugal days, two hard boiled eggs would be mashed up and eked out to make sandwiches for the four of us. They were wrapped in greaseproof paper and put into a metal tin because plastic boxes or foil or cling film was yet to reach us. A thermos flask of milky sweet coffee, a slice each of home-made seed cake, flavoured with caraway seeds and a banana apiece completed our al fresco meal.

One year my father invited one of his friends from the golf club and his family to join us at the races. We met up in the car park and my brother and I were very impressed that Mr Hopkinson drove a large flashy Jaguar car. Mrs Hopkinson was a stout, exuberant and very friendly lady wearing a sable coat and a hat with an oversized feather in it. She immediately offered to share her family picnic with us all; Mum was a bit taken aback at this unexpected generosity but found it hard to refuse. I could see she disapproved of the feathered hat but was envious of the beautiful fur coat. Mum was wearing her best camel coat and a silk headscarf with horses heads on, in those days everyone wore some sort of hat or head covering, men, women and children, no one would have dreamed of going out with a bare head, summer or winter, especially not in Wetherby in March or April.

Mr Hopkinson opened up an enormous wicker picnic basket in the boot of his Jag but instead of food it was full of booze! There were bottles of whisky, gin and vermouth and also tonic water and Malvern water as well as bottles of red and white wine. We children were not forgotten and there was lemonade as well as my favourite dandelion and burdock. After a couple of drinks each, the mums and dads were getting on famously. My brother and I did our dutiful best to be pleasant to the Hopkinson's two young boys, but one of them pulled off my pixie hood and the other one laughed at my brother's home-knitted balaclava, so we didn't like them much.

When, at last, Mrs Hopkinson proudly produced her very smart picnic hamper our whole family's eyes were out on stalks. What a feast! There were fresh salmon sandwiches, (real fresh salmon as Mum said

later) sausage rolls, a huge pork pie cut into massive portions, cold cooked sausages by the dozen, and something called pate with Ritz crackers, (I didn't really rate the pate) and, to our amazement, a large round Stilton cheese. When we were full to bursting a biscuit tin was produced containing a selection of chocolate biscuits including KitKats and chocolate teacakes. My brother and I each loyally ate one of mum's sandwiches but I noticed that no one else did. I think she noticed too.

Anyway, we had a wonderful day together, I lost every penny of my pocket money but was happy because, drawing inspiration from the race card, I had decided that when (if!) I ever owned my own horse I would call her "Dappled Sunbeam". My father had, as ever, been very lucky with his bets and in his usual generous style was happy to treat everyone to a few rounds in the pub on the way home. Children were not allowed in pubs of course, so we children piled into the Jag in the pub car park and completely thrashed the Hopkinson boys playing "Beggar my neighbour" while eating packets of crisps containing a tiny blue twist of paper with salt in it. Our dads came out from time to time with more crisps (no squabbling about flavours) and bottles of lemonade with straws in. This was well before the breathalyser had been invented of course. We used to sing songs together at the tops of our voices on the last leg of the journey home. I especially loved "In the quartermasters store" and even now after all these years I can almost hear my dad's deep bass voice booming out the chorus.

The Quartermaster's Song

There are rats, rats,
Big as alley cats
In the store, in the store,
There are rats, rats,
Big as alley cats
In the Quartermaster's Store.
(Chorus)

My eyes are dim, I cannot see,
I have not brought my specs with me!
I have not brought my specs with me!



Mint Julep

Ingredients: 1 teaspoon powdered sugar, 2 oz. Bourbon whiskey, 2 teaspoons water, 4 mint leaves

Preparation: In a highball glass gently muddle the mint, sugar and water. Fill the glass with cracked ice, add Bourbon and stir well until the glass is well frosted. Garnish with a mint sprig.

Kentucky Burgoo – The Bluegrass State's official dish

Traditional burgoo was made using whatever meats and vegetables were available – typically, venison, squirrel, opossum, raccoon or game birds.

A particularly grand burgoo party written up in the *New York Times* in 1897 included "400 pounds of beef, six dozen chickens, four dozen rabbits, thirty cans of tomatoes, twenty dozen cans of corn, fifteen bushels of potatoes, and five bushels of onions".

A slightly more restrained and anglicised recipe

2 chopped onions, 1 tbs oil, 250g venison cubed, 2 pheasant breasts cubed, 2 smoked pork medallions or smoked gammon steaks cubed, 1 can sweetcorn, 1 can chopped tomatoes, 1 can kidney beans, slightly squashed with a fork, 250g potatoes, peeled and chunked, 200ml chicken stock or water, 2 tbs Worcester sauce, 25g flour, salt and pepper, ½ tsp dried chillies.

Start with a very large flameproof and ovenproof dish. Soften the onions in the oil, then remove and add the meat and brown in batches. Replace the softened onions and sprinkle over the flour. Add the rest of the ingredients and bring to the boil. Transfer to the oven and cook for about 3 hours or longer to taste. A traditional Burgoo is cooked for up to 24 hours and has a very mushy texture, with the meat almost disintegrating. It should be thick enough to stand a spoon up in it. Serve with traditional American biscuits or corn bread. This is a very brown looking dish which tastes much, much better than it looks. If it looks pretty on the plate or in the bowl then it isn't a typical Kentucky Burgoo!

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Reif and the Green Boots – a story for the young at heart by Josie Wright

Reif knew what was what, from his blond curly head to the toes of his shiny new green boots. Mum wasn't keen on them, she liked ordinary colours, but Reif knew what was what.

As soon as he had first seen them in the strange little shoe shop on the corner he had to have them. The lights in the window made them sparkle. He pressed his nose to the glass and stared and stared until the huff from his breath made them disappear in a breathy mist. He fetched mum over to look, 'Can I have them, can I, can I?'

'Green mugwump? How about those brown ones over there?'

Reif looked at her, 'Brown? Boring!' He didn't stop talking about the boots all the time mum was buying her other shopping. She couldn't think what she was doing and bought six loaves of bread and one egg by mistake.

'All right, all right you can have them as long as you wear them.' Reif smiled.

Back in the shoe shop a strange lady with a very pointy nose and a long black skirt went to fetch his size.

'I bet she's a witch,' he thought. He didn't mention it to mum. The boots slipped on easily and he shivered a tiny little shiver as he waggled his feet to and fro.

'No Reif, they're going in the box to take home, you can wear them tomorrow, if you're a very good boy.'

Reif wanted to say lots of things but mum wasn't calling him 'mugwump' any more, and, because he wanted the boots so much, he nodded.

In the morning he got washed and dressed very quickly and quietly. He ate his breakfast and put the bowl in the dishwasher.

Mum laughed, 'Perhaps I should buy you green boots every day.'

She fetched the box from the cupboard and gave it to him. He sat down on the kitchen floor and carefully pulled off the lid, under the crispy tissue paper nestled the boots - his lovely green boots; he pulled them on.

On his way to playgroup he didn't splash in any puddles. He did nearly bump into a lamppost though, because instead of looking where he was going he kept looking down at his boots.

When mum had gone home Reif decided he would be a soldier. The boots went stomp, stomp, stomp as he marched up and down the hall. Stomp, stomp over the jigsaw, stomp, stomp over the railway track.

'Reif, go, sit down on the carpet and read a book for a while you're making too much noise,' said Liz.

As he sat there he thought very hard about the witchy lady in the shop and his new green boots. He was sure there was something special about them, but what could it be? Perhaps they granted wishes. He thought hard, 'I wish there to be jaffa cakes for snack time.' He closed his eyes tight as he said it and crossed his fingers for luck. But when the biscuit box came round it was those plain ones with pictures of cows.

'Hmm, not wishing boots then.'

After Mary had read them a really exciting story about giants, he wondered if perhaps his magic boots would make him grow taller. But although he spent the rest of the morning with his hands on his head, just to check, there didn't seem to be any difference by the time mum came to take him home.

That night as he lay in bed, he looked at the boots. Mum had cleaned them and he put them by the window and the moon shone on them.

Sleepily he said, 'Can't you tell me what you do?'

A rusty old voice answered him, 'Why didn't you ask before? These are 'green for go' boots. These are the most wonderful boots in the whole world. They will take you anywhere you want to go; to the top of a mountain or the bottom of the sea.'

'Won't I get very tired, and wet, if it's the sea?'

'Not if you say the magic word and clean the boots every night. The magic word is squizzle-wizzle.'

Reif giggled, 'That's a funny word, squizzle-wizzle.'

As he said it the boots stood to attention and clicked their heels together. Quick as a flash Reif jumped out of bed, pulled on his jeans and jumper and the green boots. 'Squizzle-wizzle to the bottom of the deepest sea, please.'

Out of the window jumped the boots; he didn't have time to feel frightened. Soon they were speeding along the ground faster than the fastest motorcar. Onto the beach and into the water. Down, down into the dark green sea, past stripy fish and floaty seaweed. On and on, past an old sunken pirate ship, he saw the gold and jewels gleaming inside, but the boots didn't stop. Whales and sharks looked up in surprise but Reif sped on. At last he stopped, this must be the deepest bit of all. It was very dark and gloomy, but suddenly an enormous fish with a light on his head swam up. When it opened its mouth Reif saw rows and rows of sharp teeth - and it looked hungry.

'Squizzle-wizzle, home please as fast as you can.' Before he knew it he was back home in his bed.

In the morning when his mum came to wake him up she said, 'There's a very funny smell like fish; you haven't got something nasty in here, have you? And look at those boots I cleaned them last night now they're all damp - the rain must have wetted them in the night. I'll dry them out, you can't wear them today.'

Reif was very impatient for bedtime again. But that night as he lay in bed looking at his boots, he saw that even though mum had done her best they didn't look quite as nice as they had yesterday. Tonight, he had decided, it would be a trip high, high into the mountains.

'Squizzle-wizzle'. The boots raced off again, and soon he was standing on a rock up above the clouds, looking through them at countries far below. Sadly his boots were now not quite as green as they had been from the scuffing on his climb.

In the morning mum just looked a bit puzzled as she took them away to clean. Reif peeped at her over the top of the duvet and smiled a secret smile.

At playgroup that day they had a story about desert islands in the middle of the ocean. 'I'll see for myself tonight,' he thought.

The desert island wasn't quite like in the book. He could hear animals growling in the trees and he felt a bit scared. Sand had got into his boots too and he felt very hot. So he took them off and rolled up his trousers to paddle in the sea. He felt much cooler as he splashed about.

When he came out he looked for his boots but they weren't where he had left them. How would he get home? An animal must have taken them. He would just have to be brave and search for them. As he got closer to the trees he found one boot, it was chewed away all down one side. Just a little bit farther on he saw a tiger cub. It had the other boot in its mouth and was shaking it - and eating some. He rushed forward; the cub ran off in surprise, luckily dropping the boot.

Reif sat down on the sand and cried; his poor boots were ruined. He tried to put them on, but they were too ripped. What could he do?

He searched his pockets; perhaps he had a bit of string or something. Aha! Some sticky tape he'd been using at playgroup. How did that get there? He put the remains of the boots on his feet and wound the tape round and round. They felt very strange.

'Squizzle-wizzle, home please poor boots.' The boots seemed very tired and slow and Reif was very glad to see his home. They stopped in the garden when the tape fell off, so he had to ring the bell for mummy to let him in.

She was very cross with him for being outside and for ruining his boots.

'They're only fit for the bin now, you naughty boy!'

Reif cried and cried; his lovely boots were gone.

But when he thought about things later he remembered there had been some red boots in that little shop. Perhaps they were 'red for danger' boots.

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'A Day in Dorchester'

Summer event for the Friends of the Congregational Library and the Dr. Williams's Library United Church Dorchester, 2nd June 2018, 11.00am–4.00pm

THESE libraries are two of the oldest and most internationally known and important libraries for the history of Nonconformity and Dissent in this country.

The Congregational Library, which holds the records and literature of the United Reformed Church and the continuing Congregational churches, was established in 1831 in the newly built Memorial Hall in Farringdon Street, London, which was on the site of the old Fleet prison, where many Nonconformists had been incarcerated for their beliefs. During the Second World War the Memorial Hall was taken over by the BBC and the library was dismantled and stored for safety. At the end of the War it was reassembled, but the hall was then sold and an office block built in its place. The library was generously offered accommodation by the Dr. Williams's Library and is now housed in their premises at 14 Gordon Square, London.

The Dr. Williams's Library was established in the early eighteenth century under the will of Dr. Daniel Williams, and it is owned by an independent charity, the Dr. Williams Trust. It is the pre-eminent research library for English Protestant Nonconformity. Both these libraries are now administered by the Dr. Williams's Trust.

We have put together a programme which we hope will interest not only our special guests, but also the members of our local churches and all those interested in local history and Thomas Hardy. By coincidence, this is also Thomas Hardy's birthday weekend celebration, so we will be inviting members of other churches and of the Thomas Hardy Society. Admission will be free and everyone is welcome.

The day begins with a welcome and reception in the hall from 11.15–11.30am. We have planned four half hour talks, the first to be given at 11.30 by Rev. David Cuckson, who is one of our retired ministers, and is the author of the recently published book, *John White: Dorchester's New World*, about the 17th century Rector of St. Peter's Church, who is remembered as the founder of the colony of Massachusetts in America. David's subject is the first minister of the Dorchester Congregational Church, 'William Benn and the Great Ejection'. Benn was a Puritan minister who was ejected from All Saints Church in 1662. A window at the United Church Dorchester is dedicated to him.

At 12.15pm our choir member and former Mayor, Mr. Peter Mann, who is the author of the history of our church's 'Rejoice and Sing', will be speaking about 'McClune Uffen', who was the minister of this church from 1891 to 1911, and a leading personality in this town. He also has a window dedicated to him at this church.

There will be a break for lunch from 1.00 to 2.30pm, and for those interested a tour of the town with the Town Cryer, Alistair Chisholm, has been organised. At 2.30pm the afternoon session begins with a talk by Rev. Dr. Alan Argent, who is a Research Fellow at the Dr. Williams's Library, a Congregational historian and author, and minister of the Brixton Congregational Church. Alan's subject is 'Thomas Hardy's Congregational Schooling'. Hardy attended the British School in Greyhound Lane, Dorchester, which was run by Isaac Last, who was a brilliant classical scholar and a member and deacon of this church.

At 3.25pm Rev. Dr. John Travell, Chaplain and historian to the Society of Dorset Men, will give the last talk on 'The Casterbridge Congregationalists'. These were members of this church who were the leading members of the original Thomas Hardy Players, who from 1907 to 1924 became nationally famous for presenting stage versions of Hardy's novels both in Dorchester and in London.

We aim to end with a cup of tea soon after 4.00pm so that those who need to will have time to catch their trains. For those interested in Hardy, the New Hardy Players will be performing outside the County Hall at 5.00pm, and then at 5.30pm wreaths will be laid by the Mayor of Dorchester and members of the Hardy Society at Hardy's statue at Top of Town and at William Barnes's statue at St. Peter's Church.

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Annual Parish Meeting – a call to arms (speed guns and litter lances)

The Annual Parish Meeting took place in April, which is an event for residents to hear of the parish's progress and an opportunity to air concerns and contribute to local issues. There was a dozen or so residents who attended and the Chair expressed disappointment with the low turnout despite the meeting having been publicised.

The subject of a village community speed watch (CSW) was discussed after a presentation by the coordinator of the successful Winterborne Whitechurch CSW. Aideene Turley told the meeting that speeding in their village had decreased since regular speed checks were started four years ago. It is simple to set up, she said, and is fully supported by the police with a start-up cost of around £300 from the Parish Council for the speed device, hi-vis jackets and other essentials. A small team of volunteers monitor a given road location, with the details taken of speeding vehicles. These are then passed to the police who issue warning letters to owners of the vehicles. Mrs Turley said that the police also used their speed watch van in Whitechurch and that the CSW data greatly helps in proving that there is a need for official police speed traps. Later in the meeting, it was decided that a separate meeting be arranged for a Milborne speed watch group. It is hoped this will take place in June and will be publicised widely and a show of hands indicated that there are willing volunteers. Cllr Fox offered the use of the pub for the meeting and the police and Mrs Turley's group will be invited to take part.

Annual reports were given by county and district councillors, Mrs Hillary Cox's was read by the clerk in her absence. In it she talked of the coming council reorganisation and the reduction of councillors. She said the council's aim was for a "safe, healthy and prosperous county". There will also be an increase of 5.99% on Council Tax.

Cllr Jane Somper gave the last annual report on behalf of her and Cllr Emma Parker, and looked back on their joint time serving Abbey ward – fighting wind farms, carrying the Olympic torch and helping

residents with issues. They also pledged to continue to fight the corner of residents, and face the day to day challenges. Reading her script from a tablet, Cllr Somper stopped abruptly; there was a problem with her gadget. She re-found the text minutes later and continued with the script, "Emma and I are 'Digital Champions' for the council, embracing technology . . .", which drew roars of warm laughter.

Cllr Robinson (Chair) gave her annual report, summarising the year's work of the PC, including successful negotiation with the district and county councils on bus timetabling and roadworks. She thanked all councillors and clerk, Colin Hampton, for their service.

Annual reports were also given by the Rights of Way Liaison officer, Wayne Lewin, who monitors the local footpaths and RoW, walking every mile, every three months, and the Neighbourhood Plan Group, whose representative, Mick Hopper, said the draft plan would be ready in the coming months.

Steve Lord gave the report on behalf of the Flood Wardens, saying whilst the only reported flood was due to a deluge, all the signs were that the drainage and prevention works were proving successful. However, maintenance and vigilance were necessary, especially engaging riparian owners in their responsibilities. Standing down, he handed over the flood brief to the three other wardens. Later, the flood wardens' recommendation of stopping the free issue of sand in the Village Hall car park was approved by the PC. Residents are encouraged to keep their own supplies or use alternatives. The current sand is available for residents to take away; any that remains will be removed in September.

A community litter pick was suggested and plans were made to publicise the event, with involving the Milborne cub pack a possibility. Fly tipping was commented on from the floor, with the council blamed for the increase in dumping since charging for specific waste. It was also mentioned that at least two individuals did their own regular litter picks.

Ed Richards



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One Milborne family's war



WHEN our church put on a display to mark the centenary of the Battle of the Somme as part of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Living Memory Project we looked at the three war graves in our churchyard. Alfred Parsons, Tom Jeans and Augustus Lock, all tragic losses for their families; they had survived the war only to succumb to ill health brought on by the conditions in the trenches.

For one family, however, this was just the last of many deaths.

Edward (sometimes Edmund) Humphrey Lock was baptised at Winfrith Newburg on the 28th June 1857. On May 27th 1876 at the age of 19 he married in Milborne a local girl Edith Emily Way and in October that year their first child Kate Louisa was baptised. She was followed by Henry Richard (sometimes Harry) in 1878, Ella Louisa 1881, Frank 1884, William Frederick 1886, Alec Charles 1889, Augustus Arthur in 1892 and Vernon George in 1896. Quite a family all to be kept on Edwards wages as a traction engine driver.

Some of the children appear in the school log book, Henry more so. He seems to have been always up to mischief, putting stones in the new school gate lock and throwing Charlie Parsons hat in the river to name but two. Bad language also seemed to be a habit of his and for all these misdemeanours he was caned. His sister Kate was also caned for carelessness in dictation – her mother complained about this but was told that if she didn't like it she could find another school! We don't see her complain again! In 1889 there was an outbreak of diphtheria in the village and the Lock family were among those affected.

The first tragedy occurs in June 1898 when the younger daughter Ella Louisa dies of TB she was 19. On a happier note in September that year the elder daughter Kate marries Alfred Newham. Alfred works on the railways and they live first in Ringwood then Poole.

The 1901 census sees the remaining children living with their parents at White Lane, Milborne St Andrew (anyone know where that would be?) Edward is a thrashing machine driver and his son Harry his stoker.

But once again the family were in mourning as Edward's wife Edith dies in 1902, again of TB she was 48. The following year Edward remarries to another Way girl; Amelia. In 1905 the family begins to break up: William joins the Hampshire Regiment, he's an ostler and 5ft 5ins tall and Frank joins the royal navy as a stoker he's 5ft 6in, his first ship is "Nelson". Henry marries Eliza Totterdell in Somerset in 1908 and the same year sees Alec join the Dorsetshire regiment he's a farm labourer and 5ft 3ins tall. Not to be out-done Augustus joins the army reserves of the Hampshire Regiment age 17 in 1910. His occupation is a baker and he is 5ft 5ins tall.

In 1911, only Vernon is at home; Harry is living with his family in Wrantage, Somerset, Frank is in Portsmouth with his ship, William is with his regiment in South Africa, Alec is with his regiment in India and Augustus is living with his sister Kate in Poole and is a delivery porter. Later in 1911 Augustus joins the regular army, the Hampshire regiment, and Frank marries Louisa Allen.

At the beginning of World War 1 in 1914 all six sons are in the forces Harry a reservist with the Somerset Light Infantry and Vernon joins the 1st Dorset Regiment. The war which was to be over by Christmas lasted another four long years and the Lock family would pay the ultimate price.

Linda Wright

To be continued . . .

Milborne Movies

Friday 11th May, 7.00pm for 7.30pm
The Village Hall, Milborne St Andrew, DT11 0JX

OUR film this month, Paddington 2, was nominated for 3 Baftas. "For once, a sequel that doesn't disappoint", and "one of the year's biggest delights", are two of the many complimentary reviews on the IMDB website, which gives it a rating of 88 out of 100.

It has a host of excellent actors in the cast, and appeals to adults as much as children, so bring the whole family for a good evening out!

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Round Robin Ramblers

The local villages' walking group

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Sunday 6th May – 2.00pm Tarrant Gunville and Pimperne Long Barrow
 Meet near the village hall in Tarrant Gunville
 Grid reference: ST 925128 on OS Explorer Sheet 118 (approx. 4.5 miles)

Wednesday 16th May – 11.00am Abbotsbury and Ashley Chase
 Meet at the lay-by on the Bishop's Road, NE of Abbotsbury, where the SW coastal path crosses this road,
 Grid reference: SY 588866 on Explorer Sheet OL15 (approx. 6.5 miles)
 Bring a packed lunch.

Sunday 3rd June – 2.00pm Fifehead Neville
 Meet in the centre of the village.
 Grid reference: ST 769110 on OS Explorer Sheet 129 (approx. 4.5 miles)

Please note:

- Who All welcome including well-behaved dogs and their responsible owners.
- No pre-booking required just turn up.
- Wear Suitable clothing for wet conditions and location, walking boots or Wellington boots.
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The Milborne Players' next production, on **22nd and 23rd June "Nightmare" by Norman Robbins**, is an enthralling thriller from start to finish. There are some sinister characters, some original twists and turns in the plot and some surprises for the audience. Add an excellent cast and this is a play not to be missed by those who enjoy a thriller and those who are curious. See you there!

Tickets available from the village Londis and from the Box Office 01258 839085.

An affordable evening's entertainment. Bar refreshments will be available to quench your thirst from the thrilling excitement and tension.
Caroline Nobbs for the Milborne Players Committee

"Songs for Libby"

Memorial Concert For Elizabeth Goodchild MBE

Saturday 12th May 2018 – 7.30pm (doors open 7pm)

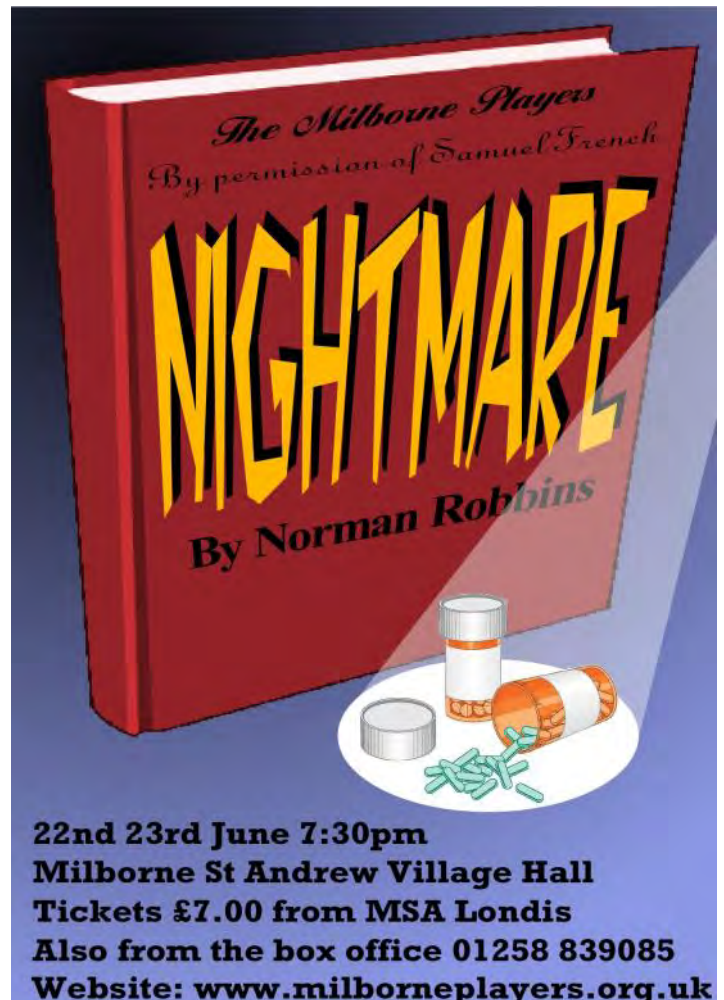
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Singing Recital by Anita Law Narrated by Elizabeth Friend

AN EVENING of traditional unaccompanied folksongs selected as a tribute to Elizabeth Goodchild; special friend and avid supporter of the Arts, sorely missed but her legacy lives on!

Admission is free. There will be a retiring collection in aid of: The Centre for Animal and Social Justice and Brooke (Action For Working Horses and Donkeys).

For reservations please contact Anita on telephone 01258 837034 or email: enquiries@artist-anita-law.co.uk



22nd 23rd June 7:30pm
Milborne St Andrew Village Hall
Tickets £7.00 from MSA Londis
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MILBORNE St. ANDREW.

In a new feature, *Then and Now*, the *Reporter* looks at how Milborne has changed by comparing an archive photo of the village with the same view today. This month's is looking up Dorchester Hill, from the junction with Chapel Street. Only the pub building has survived on the far side of the road, but the Reading Rooms and Lakeshell on the other side appear faithful to the early photograph.

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Did you identify this?

The photograph in the April *Reporter* was taken from the A354 on Blandford Hill

Try your luck this month on page 12



Online marketplace fraud advice for sellers

ACTION Fraud has received several reports indicating that sellers of items on online marketplace websites are falling victim to fraud by bogus buyers. Typically, the bogus buyers contact the seller wanting to purchase the item for sale and advise they will be sending the requested amount via PayPal or other electronic payment method. The seller then receives a fake, but official looking email stating they have been paid more than the asking price and to send the difference back to the buyer's bank account. In reality, no money has ever been sent to the seller; the bogus buyer has spoofed an email and purported to be an online payment company. All contact is then severed with the seller.

It is important to remember that selling anything could make you a target to these fraudsters. However the NFIB has identified that those offering sofas, large furniture and homeware are particularly vulnerable.

Protection Advice

Don't assume an email or phone call is authentic. Remember criminals can imitate any email address. Stay in control. Always use a trusted payment method online, such as Paypal, and have the confidence to refuse unusual requests for payment like bank transfers.

Don't be rushed or pressured into making a decision. Always verify that you have received payment from the buyer before completing a sale.

Listen to your instincts. Criminals will try and make unusual behaviour, like overpaying, seem like a genuine mistake.

Visit Take Five (takefive-stopfraud.org.uk/advice/) and Cyber Aware (cyberaware.gov.uk) for more information about how to protect yourself online.

If you have been affected by this, or any other type of fraud, report it to Action Fraud by visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk or by calling 0300 123 2040.

View the Reporter each month in colour at
www.milbornestandrew.org.uk/Reporter/index



A thank you to Steve Lord

We would like to, publicly, register our appreciation, and that of the village, for the work, time and sheer determination that our retiring Flood Warden, Mr Steve Lord, has shown. His efforts on behalf of the village, particularly, the low lying areas around the river/stream have been huge, with obvious benefits for all concerned, now and for the future.

It is not often that one determined individual can manage to achieve the bringing together of various official "bodies" to create a positive outcome which does and will effect the lives of so many in the village.

So well done, Steve.

May we welcome the new joint Flood Warden team and wish them well for the future and understand that Steve will be supporting them with his fount of hard earned knowledge.

Yours truly,
Ian and Lis Watts

Dear Editor

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION – ARMISTICE DAY 2018

In December you kindly published my letter about Armistice Day suggesting that we might raise awareness of the Local Observance of the Centenary of Armistice Day on Sunday 11th November.

It has been said that, even today, many of members of village organisations will still have family stories and mementoes of their forebears who fought in the Great War.

To mark this important Centenary is it hoped that more village organisations may consider joining in the Act of Remembrance at the Memorial Stone by laying their own wreaths. At present three wreaths are laid on behalf of the Royal British Legion, Milborne Scouts and the Sports Club. A letter will be circulated shortly with more details of this.

It is also proposed that there should be a fund raising Curry Lunch following the Act of Remembrance with proceeds going to the Royal British Legion to support its work with ex-service people and their families. To this end the Village Hall has been booked.

Putting on a large lunch party will take a certain amount of organisation and we would need some help as the RBL has only a handful of members in Milborne.

I am writing to the larger village groups inviting their members to become involved to a greater or lesser extent, especially if they have a personal interest.

It would be appreciated if people would send their thoughts and comments to me, Tony Dyer by email (anthony.dyer013@btinternet.com), by the end of May, with a view to an exploratory meeting, of interested parties, in mid to late June.

Incidentally, it would be most interesting to know if there are any more RBL members in Milborne.

Yours sincerely
Tony Dyer

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