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Craft Fair

ON a very hot Saturday the St. Andrew's Church Events Committee organised a Craft Fair in the village hall. There were some wonderful craft stalls around but unfortunately not many customers; we expect they had all gone to the sea-side to enjoy the summer weather.

Craft stalls included cards of all shapes and sizes and for every occasion, pottery, books written by a local author, cushions, and more. People from our village had stalls with a good selection of items such as knitted garments, knitted toys for children and pets, bags and jewellery. There were home-made cakes for sale and tea and cakes were available. Thanks to the committee, helpers, visitors and stall holders, proceeds for St Andrew's church, after expenses were taken out, was around £200.

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Gardening Club's record plant sale



THE popular Plant Sale, held at the Village Hall on 12th May, was a resounding success this year. It has certainly grown in popularity in recent years, so much so that a queue had formed outside the Hall before it opened at 10.00am and there was a great rush to select plants right at

the beginning!

Inside there was a great variety of plants, all arranged according to type, and all contributed by Gardening Club members who were also on hand to give more details and advice to buyers. There were tables of annuals and perennials, mostly flowers, a good selection of vegetables and herbs, and some shrubs and house plants. They have the advantage that they have all been grown in the village, so buyers know that the soil and conditions will suit them here – also the prices are far more reasonable than in commercial outlets.

After buying their plants many enjoyed a chat with coffee or tea and beautiful home-made cakes, and also took the opportunity to buy raffle tickets.

Altogether the sum made was £482.40. Many thanks are due to the organising committee, led by Val Andrews, and all members who provided plants and cakes, and helped on the day, and also of course those who came to support us by buying plants.



A number of plants were left over which it was hoped would be sold at the Scout car boot sale the next week.

Future events at the Gardening Club include a discount shopping visit to Poundbury Garden Centre in late May and an outing to Cranborne Manor gardens in June. In July we will have our usual meeting with a speaker to talk about 'Naughty Plants!' Watch this space!

Sally Dyer

Traffic continues to speed through

Milborne St. Andrew!

Do you care?

I KNOW that many of you do care, as I read your complaints on social media. Are you willing to help to do something about it?

Find out about Speed Watch by coming along to a meeting at The Royal Oak in the skittle alley on Saturday 9th June at 4.00pm. Please don't knock it until you've tried it, it definitely works in Winterborne Whitechurch.

I have arranged for Martha Perry, District Speedwatch Co-ordinator and PCSO Mike Sinnock, responsible for Speedwatch in our area to give a short presentation of all that it entails.

The Parish Council have already agreed to fund the necessary equipment and short training involved.

Please come along, the more people that get involved the less time each person will need to give, but if you decide after the meeting that it's not for you, well, so be it, no pressure, but please don't be the one to complain that nothing is being done.

Joy Robinson

Flood Wardens' Statement

FOLLOWING comments received recently, the Flood Wardens would like to make the following statement:

The role of Flood Warden is entirely voluntary. We offer our time and our efforts solely to help village residents.

Flood Wardens have absolutely no authority to tell the Environment Agency, District Council, Parish Council or members of the public what they should do. If decisions regarding flood protection need to be taken, we meet and consider the issues, formulate opinions and then give those opinions with supporting justification at the proper forum, namely, the Parish Council Meetings. Subsequent decisions are made by the Parish Council, not the Flood Wardens.

The Flood Wardens will seek to help residents by raising awareness of bad practices that could make flooding more likely and directing residents to sources of information and guidance as provided by the Environment Agency and local authorities. The Flood Wardens also liaise with the Environment Agency and District Council as required.

If, as a resident, you feel strongly about flooding related issues and/or decisions that need to be made relating to flood protection; or you wish to make your thoughts known regarding the role of Flood Warden, the Parish Council Meetings are the proper and effective place to do that.

The Flood Team



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Fascinating facts, famous people and places in Dorset

AT this month's meeting of the Village History Group we had a speaker, Brian Bates, who skilfully presented a talk about famous people and places in Dorchester. His talk was illustrated through relevant pictures on the screen. We heard about many famous people such as the ambitious post graduate socialite and his wife who set up a public school in Langton Matravers. He had a swimming pool created at Dancing Ledge where he and his male pupils regularly swam naked. Apparently, his school was appreciated by 'the quality' including Ian Flemming. Amongst other famous people were the three Thomas Hardys, the last woman to be hanged in Dorchester, the eccentric millionaires who campaigned against hanging by protests at hangings e.g. paying for aeroplanes to 'strafe' the area of the hanging, etc. Also of buildings such as the original Thomas Hardy school (yes he is the third one), the Mill Street slums of Fordington and how a benefactor petitioned Prince Albert to grant money to rebuild many dwellings without much success but he did create a mission hall, public baths and wash houses. There were so many other interesting things. Unfortunately, there were only seven people who came to hear this talk which, although it did not affect Brian's presentation, it was disappointing that more people didn't come.

Next month on the 13th June there will be an 'in house' meeting where anyone can join the group to suggest topics, to tell us about the history of their home or WWI relative or to deliver a presentation.

On 13th July a speaker, Mr Forrester, author of 'Fordington Remembered', has been invited to deliver two talks one about the life and times of Mill Street the slum end of Fordington from 1860, renamed by Thomas Hardy as Mixen Lane. The other a true-life story recorded six months before the death of Ivy Gale born in 1917 one of seven children and two adults brought up in a one up, one down cottage, with one outside toilet and one outside tap, with only an open fire to cook on. Please consider supporting this session at The Royal Oak at 7.30pm.

Linda Wright

13th Leigh Food Fair and Vintage/Classic Car Display Saturday 21st July – Leigh Village Hall, DT9 6HL 10.00am to 4.00pm

AS I am sure many of you know this event is good fun, and a great way to taste and buy some of the best food and drink on offer from local producers.

The stallholders will include:- Alwston Jam and Chutney Empire, Chocolate Arthouse, Devon Fishcakes, Dorset Blue Vinny, Dorset Sea Salt Co., Fussels Fine Foods, Grown-up Marshmallows, James's Cheeses, James's Forager Spirit, Lavender Blue Food Company, Liberty Cakes, Little Groves Nursery, Meat Free Martha, Oxfords' Bakery, Reads Coffee Roasters, Percy's Bakery, Simply Sprinkle, Somerset Cider Brandy Co., Somerset Charcuterie, Sri Lanka Spices, Tim Hurren's Icecream Trike, Unusual Pork Pie Co., White Post Gate Honey, Wraxall Wines, Wyld Meadow Farm, and Yarty Cordials.

A variety of interesting vintage and classic cars and motorbikes will be on display.

Barbecued hamburgers and sausages, refreshments, ice cream, beer and cider will be here! Entertainment includes children's activities.

It will be opened by Katharine Wright of Dorset Food and Drink.

This is proving to be a very successful show, AND will, of course, be at our amazing Village Hall. Please spread the word to your friends and relations – it really is a day NOT to be missed.

Proceeds go to Leigh Village Hall, The Hub, Yeovil and St Andrew's Church, Leigh and other charities.

Adults £2, children under 15 Free

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WORLDWIDE . . . at the May WI

WE had a full house at this month's open meeting, all there to listen to Dr Pat Garrod talk about his travels round the world on a motorbike with his wife, Vanessa. Both are GPs but, having developed 'itchy feet', they undertook a 100,000-mile round-the-world ride on a 1991 BMW R100GS between 1998 and 2002 during which they crossed 64 countries and six continents. They were touched with the spirit of kindness and friendliness wherever they went, circumventing their lack of foreign language skills with a smile – which always worked! They had no mobiles or internet, only a basic GPS system; they were living the life of their choice.



We marvelled at the sheer extent of their journeys, and our audience had many questions. Shirley thanked both doctors for sharing their passion with us so colourfully. Together they would be able to share this experience for the rest of their lives. During refreshments and cake, the conversation continued.

A shortened business session followed, with Lesley taking on the role of Secretary. Our recent Spring Supper at the Golf Club had been very much enjoyed by everyone, and June and Linda were again thanked for their help in organising this event. The next annual Literary Lunch will be held this time at Milton Abbey on 1st June, when Dilly Court will talk about her latest novel. Our Summer Supper on 6th July will once again be very generously hosted at Sheila Ryall's house.

Bookends readers move on to a classic, 'Moonfleet' by J. Meade Falkner. We meet at Sue Benn's house when we will also see a film of 'Regeneration', one of our recent books.

From the shortlist selections of Resolutions received from members, one has been chosen to go forward to the Annual meeting in Cardiff in June. We were asked for our vote, which was unanimously in favour of the Resolution: '

Mental health matters as much as physical health. The NFWI urges all WI members to recognise the importance of parity between mental health and physical health and take action to make it as acceptable to talk about mental health issues as much as physical health issues, and to lobby government for better support for mental illness.'

Our next meeting is on Thursday 14th June when Emma Munn will look at the 'Bankes Family Archive'. The exhibition invites us to bring along a family archive item. This should be an evening of local interest, so do please come along and join us.

Pat Bull



The Work of all God's People

In the past, there was in the Church of England a very unhealthy tradition that the work of the church was for the Vicar, and that everyone else was there to receive that ministry.

Thankfully in recent years we have returned to much better and more scriptural practice with the recognition that every baptised Christian has a vocation and calling from God, both within the church and perhaps more importantly outside in the world. In our benefice, we would not have churches were it not for the many people who give their gifts, time and money sacrificially. We remain grateful for all who help us to retain a Christian presence in our villages through our churches.

Some lay people are trained for specific ministries recognised formally by the diocese. These are Licensed Lay Ministers (LLMs) of which we have one in our churches, Lay Pastoral Assistants (LPAs) who have a particular role in visiting people in their homes and in hospital, and Lay Worship Leaders (LWLs) who help to lead Sunday worship.

Salisbury diocese recently held a celebration of lay ministry, which was well attended and provided an opportunity for people to renew their ministries, start new ones and share together in worship. They also attended workshops aimed at giving them new skills and ideas.

Two brief accounts of the day follow. The first written by the Revd Rosie Coldwell from Milborne and the second by Emma Hughes, one of Puddletown's LWLs

"On the morning of 21st April lay ministers from all over the diocese gathered at Salisbury Cathedral to celebrate Lay Ministry that is carried out in our diocesan churches. The cathedral was full and it was a joyful service when new Lay Pastoral Assistants (LPAs) and Lay Worship Leaders (LWLs) were commissioned by Bishop Karen. Existing ministers also stood to be re-commissioned and all had opportunity to commit themselves to serving others within their own parishes.

"Janet Voke was presented as a new Lay Pastoral Assistant for Milborne St. Andrew by Rev Rosie Coldwell and existing LPAs and LWLs from our benefice were also present to be re-commissioned and to re-commit themselves to God's service.

"Bishop Karen welcomed everybody and briefly explained the purpose of lay ministry which is to be God's 'agents of love, hope and care in the world' and to join with the clergy and other church workers in serving others within their parish(es) according to their various gifts. This may involve visiting the lonely and housebound, the sick and/or bereaved or prisoners, and offering practical help to those in need and praying for them. Or it may involve working with young people. Always they must be willing to work as members of a team to bring Christ's love and compassion to others." (Rosie Coldwell)

"I travelled up to Salisbury with Bob Todd (LWL/LPA Puddletown), Jean Jeffreys (LWL Puddletown) and Sue Britton (LPA Dewlish). After registration in the cloisters followed by coffee and a browse through the Sarum College bookshop stall we entered the packed cathedral for our re-commissioning service.

"After lunch we all went our separate ways to attend our chosen workshops on subjects such as Messy Church, Voice Projection, Photography, Sermons and Prayer. On our return journey back to Dorset we shared some of the things we learnt on our workshops with each other.

"The only bad thing was, after such an enjoyable day, we won't be back for re-commissioning for another three years now!" (Emma Hughes)

Serving God is a joy and a privilege for all Christians: God uses our hands, hearts, words and deeds to share his love and continue his work.

If you are a baptised Christian, unsure of where your calling lies or who has let their faith lapse, do come and have a conversation with any of us; we would be really pleased to walk with you as you seek to discern what God might have in store for you.

With best wishes

Sarah Hillman

Church Services

June

Saturday 2nd June

11.00am Marriage of Darren Loader and Francesca Lanfear Dewlish

3rd June – Trinity 1

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

10th June – Trinity 2

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

17th June – Trinity 3

9.30am Family Communion + Baptism Tolpuddle
9.30 1662 Said Morning Prayer Milborne
11.00 Parish Communion Puddletown
11.00 Pet Service Dewlish

Thursday 21st June

12 noon Holy Communion Puddletown Church Room

24th June – Birth of John the Baptist

9.30am Go Fourth Tolpuddle
9.30 Parish Communion Milborne
11.00 1662 Morning Prayer Puddletown
11.00 Parish Communion Dewlish
6.00pm Open Gardens Songs of Praise Puddletown

Morning Prayers (Monday – Thursday 8.15am)

Saturday 9.00am

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

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St. Andrew's Church Notes

We prayed

SARAH has asked us to be involved in Thy Kingdom Come. This is a global prayer movement, which invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension Day (which was on the 10th May) and Pentecost (on the 20th May) for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. What started out as an invitation from the Archbishops' of Canterbury and York in 2016 to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer.



At St. Andrew's we decided to invite our congregation to either walk and pray or pray for five friends. We printed off the resource sheets from the website and encouraged individuals to either do both or select a preferred option.

The prayer walking activity was as simple as it sounds – praying as you walk. When we prayer walk we are stepping into our authority as God's children to bless people and places in Jesus' name. This simple task is a great way to bring transformation to our local community by asking God to break in. A few people chose to undertake this activity to walk and pray as individuals.

The most popular was the praying for five friends. The suggestion was that you choose five people you would regularly like to pray for and write their names down onto a list. Once you have settled on five names, you should commit to praying for them regularly. We used the on-line resources of a selection of prayers to give to willing participants and gave each one a length of braid with five knots so that each knot represented a friend.

Ascension Day is when Christians celebrate the departure of Jesus Christ from Earth into the presence of God. A few people from Milborne joined others to attend a short service on the hilltop outside Dewlish. Pentecost which is celebrated on the seventh Sunday (49 days) after Easter, commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ. As last year parishioners from all the churches in our Benefice will walk together to Dewlish Church where we celebrate together and share a communion service.

Pam Shults

Dewlish Church Notes

AT OUR Church AGM in April all existing PCC members were re-elected, but, sadly, no new people came to the meeting. It was reported that the financial deficit of over £2,000 was unsustainable for the long-term future, and we would need to look for extra donations and fund raising if we are to keep the church going.

The Coffee Morning held in aid of Christian Aid (instead of a door-to-door collection) raised £210, which was very pleasing. Thank you to those who donated and came to support it.

On Sunday 17th June we are holding our Annual Pet Service at 11.00am in the churchyard. Please come and join us with your pet – we look forward to seeing you!

We were so lucky to have had such a lovely morning for our Ascension Day Service at the top of Greenways. After a night of rain the sun shone, the birds sang and we could not have had a better venue. Jim led the service and it was lovely to see our friends from across the benefice who came to join us.

Daphne Burg

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The Milborne Players

Propose



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Monday 30th July 6 – 8pm

Wednesday 1st August 3 – 5.30pm

Monday 6th August 6 – 8pm

And finally Wednesday 8th August 2.30 – 6.30pm

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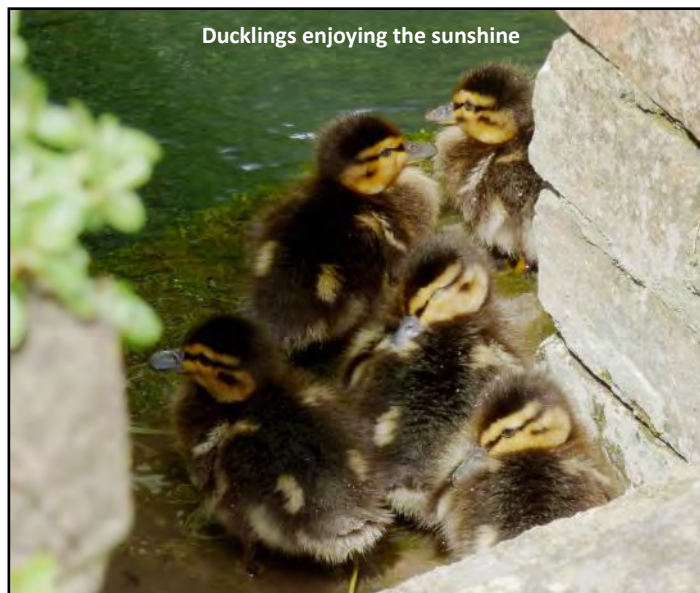
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Wild jewellery showcased in open studio weekend

A JEWELLERY workshop and school is throwing open its doors for a weekend to showcase their creations and studio facilities. Jesa and Al Marshall run Flux'n'Flame Jewellery School near Milton Abbas and are the creative team behind A Wolf and I. Magical mermaids, seahorses, unicorns, bears, wolves, magpies and mountains all feature and inspire their enchanting pieces and are handcrafted in their workshop at Luccombe Business Centre.



Husband and wife team, Jesa and Al, are celebrating their 15th year of running the jewellery school business, and their silver and gold jewellery is award winning. The open studio weekend on 9th and 10th of June also sees some special guests exhibiting under the same roof at the inspirational Flux 'n' Flame Jewellery School in Dorset. Among the guests include other jewellers such as Silver B, Heidi Gem and Beasts from the Bench, along with Eirlys and May, Lorraine Bowley and Gitta Dickson.

The eight friends, all professional designer makers, are showcasing a glorious mix of inspiring craftsmanship from handcrafted silver and gold jewellery to illustration, incredibly beautiful mix media art and acrylic landscape painting.

Al and Jesa welcome you to visit the jewellery workshop, have a chat with the designer makers, treat yourself to something nice and – you never know – you may find a new hobby or even career path!

As if that wasn't excitement enough . . . there'll also be oodles of tea and cake!

What a nightmare

THE Milborne Players are presenting 'Nightmare' a play by acclaimed author, Norman Robbins, at the Village Hall on Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd June. This begins apparently as a compassionate story about an ageing writer who is being cared for in her last few months of life, but rapidly develops into a tense, and enjoyable thriller. Many questions soon arise to keep the audience intrigued. Is her doctor all he seems? What secrets is he sharing with the new nurse? And why has this nurse adopted an alias?

As if that's not enough, just what is the shifty nephew plotting?

To find the answers, and to enjoy a really tense and twisting plot, you'll have to see the play! Tickets are available from the village 'Londis' store or by phoning 01258 839085. Enjoy the show!

Harry Thomas – Director

Puddletown Open Gardens Weekend

Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th June 2018

1.00pm to 6.00pm

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Brave Milborne resident!

IT'S amazing what you find looking at old newspapers this one is from The Salisbury Wiltshire Journal Monday 18th April 1808 (not for the squeamish) :-

"A wonderful instance of resolute and patient endurance of pain occurred last week at the Salisbury Infirmary – Henry Barton of Milborne St. Andrew, Dorset had been sent to the Infirmary with a large tumour on his back, which was extracted on Wednesday. During the whole operation he did not utter a single exclamation; though he once observed to Mr Coats, the surgeon, when the knife was blunted by the callous substance 'that knife does not cut so well as the last.' The tumour was 18 inches in circumference and when extracted weighed five pounds and a quarter!"

Linda Wright

Milborne Movies, June 8th "Maudie"

At Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall,

tickets £3.50 at the door.

Door and Bar open 7.00, film starts 7.30pm.

This is the true-life tale of arthritic Maudie Dowley (Sally Hawkins). Living with her disapproving aunt in Nova Scotia in the 1930s, she's the proverbial square peg in a round hole – not that that can overcome her indefatigable spirit. After meeting fellow loner Everett (Ethan Hawke), against all odds her life starts to fall into place, including a burgeoning career as a painter.

The film focuses on Maud's austere romance with ill-tempered, emotionally stifled fishmonger Everett Lewis (Ethan Hawke), and her concurrent development into one of Canada's loved folk artists.

Theirs is a difficult start, and there's no soft-soaping here: Everett is even seen hitting Maud on one occasion. It's a challenging moment, and kudos is due to both writing and actor that we are prepared to give Everett even half a chance. Still, astonishingly, this "pair of odd socks" gradually fall into a quiet, undemonstrative kind of love, Maud drawing out his vulnerabilities as he cautiously supports her developing career as a painter.

Like the central pair's romance, Maudie is a slow-burn, unshowy film, as much about looks and silences as what's being said. Hawkins' and Hawke's nuanced performances make this complicated, unconventional but delicately moving relationship ring perfectly true.

Shot in Newfoundland and Labrador, the achingly beautiful locations give a striking context to this sensitive, beautifully acted film, which lingers long after the final frame.

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Green Spaces, woods and Sids at the Parish Council meeting

THE Annual Parish Council meeting of Milborne took place in May, where re-election of Chairman, Joy Robinson, and Vice-Chairman, Sarah Fox, were agreed by the councillors attending. Other specific posts such as Flood Wardens, Rights of Way Officer and Neighbourhood Plan officer were also agreed for the coming year of the Parish Council. It was noted that the Flood Wardens contact details were not readily available for residents to access if required (as was the case very recently), and the clerk said he would look into it.

Neighbourhood Plan issues occupied the meeting with, first, a consultation document from the NPG referring to Green Space designation. This is a way of protecting specific areas of land that are seen as being beneficial to the character and context of a community. Land that is designated as 'green space' is provided a level of protection from development or other activity that may change the nature of it. The map that accompanied the NPG's request showed Parish Council-owned land, such as the allotments - although there was some discussion about the actual boundary - as well as privately owned land, such as adjacent to The Grove. Although there was some disagreement with the need to designate council land in this way, the majority of the PC accepted the NPG's comments.

The second Plan discussion arose from correspondence from residents regarding the NPG's survey's preferred site of Camelco, opposite the old dairy site. Residents were concerned about the 'community woodland' close to The Rings that was included in the proposal. Councillors sympathised with the correspondence, noting that there was a huge amount of problems associated with this part of the development scheme, such as cost and current poor state of the woodland, forward management and safety issues of access and surroundings. But there was agreement with Cllr MacNair who said there was a duty to assess the proposal by the developer as it stands however unsuitable it may now appear to all parties.

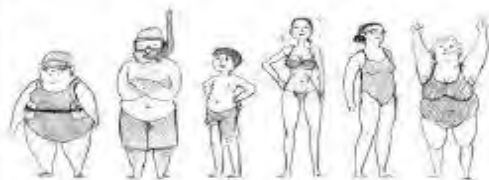
The call for volunteers for a community speed watch was discussed, with the meeting at the skittle alley in the Royal Oak on Saturday 9th June with the attendance of District Co-ordinator, Martha Perry, and PCSO Mike Sinnock, was formally announced. On the speed theme, Clerk, Colin Hampton, said he now had the 30mph stickers which are to be given to residents living on the main road and Milton Road to put on the sides of their wheelie bins.

The site meeting with Highways was reported back on, which was to assess Milborne's roads against the criteria for installing a speed indicator device (SID), which displays the current speed to an oncoming vehicle. An informal survey by Highways showed that the Dorchester Hill position (near to the existing '30' flashing sign) may be a suitable location for a SID. Likely costs were said to be £450 for surveying three possible locations, £2000 for the sign and £750 for three posts. The SID could then be moved from post to post by volunteers, who would also be required to change the batteries every fortnight or so. A solar pack is available to negate the need for this, but can only be added after the SID warranty period expires.

County and District Councillors, Hilary Cox and Jane Somper, were present earlier in the meeting to give their reports. Cllr Cox spoke about the effect that the reorganisation of Dorset councils were having on NDDC; day-to-day delivery of services and functions of the council were continuing but the big decisions - or those that may impact upon forward decisions of the new council - were being held. She said that there was uncertainty about what jobs and how many would be lost due to the amalgamation of Dorset district councils. Cllr Smith asked why, against the backdrop of savings from jobs being cut, that NDDC tax payers should be expected to pay more Council Tax. NDDC payments are currently the lowest in Dorset and the likelihood is that 'levelling up' will occur, meaning higher bills for Milborne residents. He suggested to Cllr Cox that if this is the case, then NDDC residents should see improved services for their increased rates - although speculated that this wouldn't happen.

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Dorset day 1st June/Thomas Hardy birthday 2nd June

Dorset lamb steak braised with cider topped with rosemary cobbler

DORSET is famous for many food and drink specialities. Among them are Dorset Knobs, Blue Vinny cheese, Dorset Apple cake and Dorset cream tea, although this is claimed by Cornwall and Devon as well.

Thomas Hardy often wrote about Dorset food and drink in his novels and poetry.

One culinary scene from Thomas Hardy's *The Woodlanders* describes Giles Winterbourne's dismay when being told a slug had been spotted in Grace's salad when he had been trying so hard to impress her.

"Not but what that snail might as well have come upon anybody else's plate as hers". "What snail?" "Well, maister, there was a little one upon the edge of her plate when I brought it out; and so it must have been in her few leaves of wintergreen".

"He wasn't alive, I suppose?" said Giles, with a shudder on Grace's account. "Oh no. He was well boiled. I warrant him well boiled. I don't mind 'em myself – them small ones, for they were born on cabbage, and they've lived on cabbage, so they must be made of cabbage."

In *Two on a Tower* Hardy writes about an old grandmother scraping down and eating the outside of a pudding and then serving up the remains to her disapproving grandson. This strikes a chord with me as I have been guilty of doing this myself on more than one occasion with home-made frozen Christmas pudding!

But my very favourite Hardy food-related scene is of Tess being offered a strawberry by Alec and being persuaded to take it. "D'Urberville began gathering specimens of the fruit for her, handing them back to her as he stooped; and, presently, selecting a specially fine product of the "British Queen" variety, he stood up and held it by the stem to her mouth. "No – no!" she said quickly, putting her fingers between his hand and her lips. "I would rather take it in my own hand." "Nonsense!" he insisted; and in a slight distress she parted her lips and took it in." (Perhaps a for-telling of the later scene in the forest?) The descriptions of Giles as a travelling cider-maker in *The Woodlanders* are so realistic you can almost smell the apples. When reading this we remember that Hardy helped his father make cider every year. Also, the Harvest supper in *Far from the Madding Crowd* and the carousing of Sergeant Troy at the time of the storm make one aware that these celebratory country feasts were all part of Hardy's early life. On his death bed, Hardy asked for kettle broth, which was a dish of his childhood made of finely chopped parsley, onions and bread cooked in hot water. Also, a rasher of bacon cooked over the flame of his bedroom coal fire, just as his mother used to cook in the kitchen of the family cottage at Bockhampton.

This month's recipe uses cider and also lamb, perfect for a midsummer Dorset feast. Dorset Horn is one well-known local breed of sheep,



Dorset Horn

also the Portland is a smaller sheep but very hardy. It would have to be to cope with the strong winds of the Isle of Portland! A bit like the Shetland sheep, which is the smallest British breed of sheep. I would start a Dorset themed meal with watercress soup and finish off

with Dorset Apple cake and clotted cream.

Ingredients – to serve 6

For the braised lamb

6 lamb steaks
2 onions, chopped
2 carrots, diced



Portland sheep

2 sticks of celery, diced
200 ml cider
4 tablespoons oil
2 tablespoons flour
2 tablespoons of rosemary jelly* or mint jelly/sauce

*Rosemary jelly can be bought in most good supermarkets or delicatessens. Worth tracking it down as it's also lovely with rack of lamb as a change from mint sauce or mint jelly.

Method

Heat 2 tablespoons oil in a frying pan.

Gently fry the onion for a few minutes then add the carrots and celery and fry until softened.

Spread the softened vegetables onto the base of a very large casserole dish.

Add the remaining 2 tablespoons of oil to the frying pan and when hot fry the lamb steaks over a high heat, in batches, until well browned.

Arrange the lamb steaks in a single layer on top of the vegetables.

Add two tablespoons of flour to the fatty juices in the frying pan then gradually stir in the cider and lastly add the rosemary jelly. When smooth and slightly thickened, pour on top of the lamb. Cover the casserole dish tightly and bake in a moderate oven for about one and a half hours.

Add the cobbler topping, turn up the oven to high and cook without the casserole lid until the cobbler is risen and brown.

For the rosemary cobbler topping

200g self-raising flour

1/2 teaspoon salt

75g butter

1 teaspoon very finely chopped fresh rosemary

Milk to make a soft but not sticky consistency

Method

Mix the flour with the salt and rosemary

Rub in the butter until like breadcrumbs

Add enough milk to make a soft but not sticky dough

Knead the dough gently and roll out until about 3/4 of an inch thickness

Using a cutter, make into 6 rounds, brush with a little milk or beaten egg. Turn up the oven and place the rounds on top of the lamb in the uncovered casserole for the last half-hour of cooking.

Serve with buttery mashed potatoes or Jersey Royals and some green cabbage – making very sure there are no slugs hiding!



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The Great Outdoors with Ladybirds



AS promised last month I can now report on our adventures in the woods. The Wednesday group have now spent a couple of their sessions in the woods and are really enjoying the wonderful freedom of the great outdoors. We often take for granted our beautiful countryside in Dorset and forget how some children in England don't have this on their doorstep. Our first week was spent getting to know the area and learning our rules, knowing where we could play and what not to touch. The children have been brilliant and have gained in confidence and are beginning to give themselves more physical challenges of climbing and balancing. We walk through farmland to get to our base camp and were lucky to see new born lambs; they were still a little bloody which fascinated the children.

At the Hall we have been outside everyday with water play being very popular. The outside café was set up and the children mixed mud, grass and water to cater for guests. As for washing the bikes, most seem more muddy than before. Digging in the mud unearthed a 'fossil'. The child who found it excitedly ran inside saying he needed to wash it. The clean fossil turned out to be a tooth, this led to suggestions of what it had come from - a dinosaur; a badger; a dog or even a vampire! What do you think?

Liz Dyer



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Wednesday Club visits Weymouth's Sand World



WEDNESDAY 2nd May was a beautiful sunny day and we met in the Village Hall car park to begin our trip to see the amazing sand sculptures at Sand World in Weymouth. The theme this year is TV and Film Favourites and the display is fantastic. There are two versions of Jungle Book, Star Wars, Game of Thrones, Finding Nemo and Kung

Fu Panda, to name a few. The sand used is from Weymouth beach, apparently this sand has grains that are cube shaped and when mixed with water to the correct consistency is perfect for sculpting. Sculptors come from various countries including Italy and Australia and work during daylight hours as there is no lighting in the display area. Most sculptures are changed annually or biannually but one, The Origin of Species, has been there for four years and they are keeping it to see how long it can last. A few sculptures have areas that have been painted, a PVA wash is used to create a film which when dry is like paper and can easily have the colour added. The sand is reused each year and if it has been painted is washed clean when remixed. We were then able to relax with a coffee or tea and cake while Jeremy from Sand World gave us a talk.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 6th June when we are going to Moreton Tea Room for a cream tea, we will meet at the Village Hall at 1.30pm to arrange car sharing.
Lis Watts

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

No prize, just a bit of fun.

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Royal Wedding day at The Royal Oak

Photos by the editor



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June

- Wednesday 6th** **Wednesday Club meeting** Moreton Tea Room meet at Village Hall at 1.30pm – see page 15.
- Friday 8th** **Milborne Movies 'Maude'** Village Hall door and bar open 7.00pm, film starts 7.30pm tickets £3.50 – see pages 11 and below.
- Saturday 9th** **Speedwatch meeting** The Royal Oak skittle alley 4.00pm – see page 5.
- Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th** **Open Studio Weekend** Flux 'n' Flame Jewellery. Luccombe Business Centre, Milton Abbas – see pages 11 and 26.
- Sunday 10th** **Canzonetta Concert Music for a summer afternoon** St. Andrew's Church 3.00pm – see page 23.
- Thursday 14th** **WI Emma Munn** will look at the 'Bankes Family Archive'. Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 7.
- Friday 15th and Saturday 16th** **Dorset Midsummer Music Festival** Bulbarrow – see page 28.
- Saturday 16th** **Vicar's 'Zero Birthday' Celebration** Puddletown church room 2.30 to 5.00pm – see below right.
- Wednesday 20th** **Cream Teas** Heathcote House 3.30 to 5.30pm – see page 16.
- Wednesday 20th** **Parish Council** Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 12. for report on May's meeting.
- Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd** **The Milborne Players 'Nightmare'** Village Hall 7.30pm Tickets £7 – see page 23.
- Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th** **Puddletown Open Gardens Weekend** Puddletown Tickets £5 adults under 12 free – see page 11.
- Sunday 24th** **Quiz Night Rivers Arms** Cheselbourne 7.00pm £5 per head – see page 21.
- Saturday 30th** **Village lunch** Village Hall 12.15pm to 2.00pm £7 per head – see page 2.

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 07899 808185.
- 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 10.00am–3.00pm 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 this month and would love you all to join her for celebrations. Bring teatime treats to share, Saturday 16th June, 2.30pm to 5.00pm in Puddletown church room.

Milborne Movies
Friday 8th June
at 7.30pm
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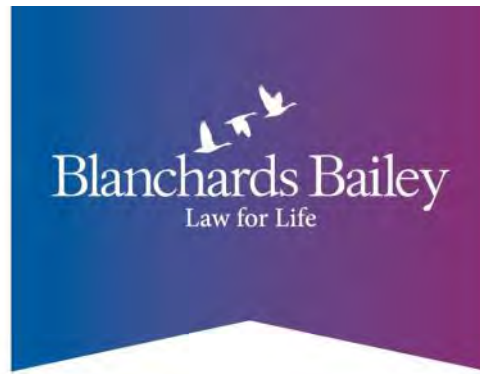
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We have finally received the concept plans from our transport expert, they looked at the Village, divided by a major trunk road, and attempted to come up with some ideas to try and slow traffic, or make them think about their speed as they come through the village. This will be part of the Draft Neighbourhood Plan, which will be presented to the Parish Council soon.

But we need you, the villagers, to have a look at the plans, and, once again, tell us what you think.

We also want you to review the areas designated as woodland, recreation, local green spaces and the revised thoughts about the settlement boundary.

*Milborne St Andrew NP Group
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Sunday 4th June

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One Milborne family's war

part two



LAST month we saw the Lock family at the outbreak of World War 1 with all six sons in the forces. This was so unusual that their father Edward Lock received a letter from the King. This was reported in the Western Gazette on 22nd January 1915 along with a photograph. (There was also another family of six from Frome)

“An unique example of loyalty to King and country comes from Milborne St. Andrew a little village between Blandford and Dorchester, the six sons of Edwin (sic) Lock all being with the Colours five in the army and one in the navy. The parents have received the following letter from the King –

Privy Purse Office Buckingham Palace 14th December 1914 Sir I have the honour to inform you that the King has heard with much interest that you have at present moment six sons serving in his Majesty's forces. I am commanded to express to you the King's congratulations and to assure you that his Majesty much appreciates the spirit of patriotism which prompted this example, in one family, of loyalty and devotion to their sovereign and Empire. I have the honour to be sir your obedient servant F M Ponsonby Keeper of the privy purse.”



Left to right

Private H Lock a reservist of the Somerset Light Infantry who has been wounded at the Front and is at present in Connaught Hospital Aldershot. Leading stoker F Lock of HMS *Queen Mary*. Sergeant W Lock B Company 1st Hants who is at the Front. Private A (Alec) Lock D Company 2nd Dorset who has been in the fighting in the Persian Gulf. Private A (Augustus) Lock H Company 2nd Hants who has returned from India for service at the Front. Private V Lock the 2nd Company 1st Dorset Regiment.

As we can see Henry was already wounded and as I have been unable to trace his army records we do not know if he returned to France but he was an army pensioner.

1916 was a very bad year for the family. In April Alec was reported missing after the fall of Kut al Amara and presumed to be a PoW (350 men were captured). On the 31st May Frank was killed when HMS *Queen Mary* was sunk at the Battle of Jutland. One thousand, two hundred and sixty-six men perished on his ship and as a stoker Frank had little chance of surviving. He is remembered on the naval memorial at Portsmouth. In June Augustus was discharged from the army being physically unfit due to TB, his condition worsening after three months in Gallipoli. On July 1st William was killed on the first day of the Battle of the Somme. He has no grave but his name is on the Thiepval memorial. On September 8th Alec died of dysentery whilst being a PoW he was buried in Baghdad North Gate War Cemetery. His death was not officially known until 1918.

From 1916 until 1920 Augustus's health deteriorated. He spent sometime on the Isle of Wight at the Royal National Hospital for Consumption and was examined regularly by the pension medical board. For Henry he suffered three personal losses when in 1917 his elder daughter, Ida Kate, died aged eight, and the following year saw the death of his eldest son, Ivor George, aged 11 and his wife, Eliza, aged 34.

With the end of the war Henry, Augustus and Vernon are still alive but for Henry and Augustus their health worsened and on the 22nd February 1920 Henry died aged 42 in Taunton and on the 15th October the same year Augustus died aged 29 and was buried in Milborne. For Edward he had lost five sons it is impossible to imagine his grief: there is no record that the King acknowledged this! Vernon was the only son to survive and he died in 1958 in Middlesex. Their sister Kate Newham died in 1945.

At the time of writing only Henry has no mention on the Commonwealth Commission War Graves role of Honour. I have sent all the information and documents I have for him and they are considering this; hopefully as the only Lock son not to be recognised this will be rectified soon and all five boys will have the honour they deserve.

Linda Wright

The Village Hall

MILBORNE ST ANDREW

The Village Hall's Annual General Meeting

ON Wednesday 2nd May the Village Hall Committee held their Annual General Meeting. There were more interested villagers who attended than usual. Eric Crichton, President, opened the meeting and after agreeing the minutes of last year's AGM asked for the reports from Pam Shults, chairperson and Ed Frost, treasurer. Both were voted back to their posts as was Sarah Ryan, Secretary. Most of the other committee members and representatives agreed to continue except Sarah Fox. The committee will miss Sarah but gave thanks for all her input over the years.

As expected, there were a few residents who came to discuss the new process of keeping the car park locked except for hirers of the hall. After a lot of discussion, it was agreed to set up a new focus group consisting of residents and the committee to explore options to meet the residents parking needs.

The committee members were shocked to hear that some people are allowing dogs to run freely on the grounds and not, as requested, keeping them on the lead. In particular, three Stafford Bull Terriers regularly are brought to the hall grounds, always let off the lead, and their owners obviously do not pick up after them. Children regularly play in that area and dog poo can be very dangerous. It was decided to raise this issue with the local community officers.

Pam Shults

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A Good Read: Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman

THROUGHOUT this compulsive read, Eleanor is having an internal monologue. As other reviewers have said it is a treatise on loneliness and the power of small acts of kindness. She narrates her own journey from darkness into light with absolute precision laced with flashes of unexpected humour. Her true circumstances are only revealed gradually like a veil being drawn aside to illuminate tragedy and cruelty. This is done with an absence of histrionics or hyperbole. Without the reader realising what is happening profound facts are explored and gently remoulded. Tears may be an inevitable response to some of the scenes and thoughts of this most damaged but valiant woman. To reveal any more would be to spoil the experience of reading this amazing debut novel. I highly recommend this book as more of an immersion than a read.

Carole Fornachon

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 Rawlins on 01258 837280.

Midsummer festival is back at Bulbarrow

DORSET Midsummer Music Festival is a family-friendly music festival that runs across Friday 15th and Saturday 16th June with a range of great music and other entertainment. The line-up includes Ben Waters, Lionstar, Mission Impossible (with Neil Cowley), Zoe Schwarz, Graffiti Classics, Threetles and Galaxy Thief to name a few.

As a family festival, there's a range of children's entertainment on the day including Jamie Jigsaw with his circus tricks, Creative Clay workshops and face painting. For the grown-ups there are a range of stalls to browse, including handmade jewellery, art from Marilyn Allis and clothing. There's even a Holistic Zone for those who want to take a moment to relax, run by the award winning Mellulah Therapy and Yoga Retreats.



To keep the energy levels up, there's an amazing selection of food that includes Thai, wood fired pizza, seafood, hog roast and more. Drinks include Cerne Abbas beer and award winning Langham sparkling wines.

You don't even have to feel guilty about having fun, money raised goes to maintaining three historic churches dating back nearly 1,000 years and also Weldmar Hospicecare, a charity providing speciality care for people living in Dorset.

For more information visit www.midsummermusic.co.uk

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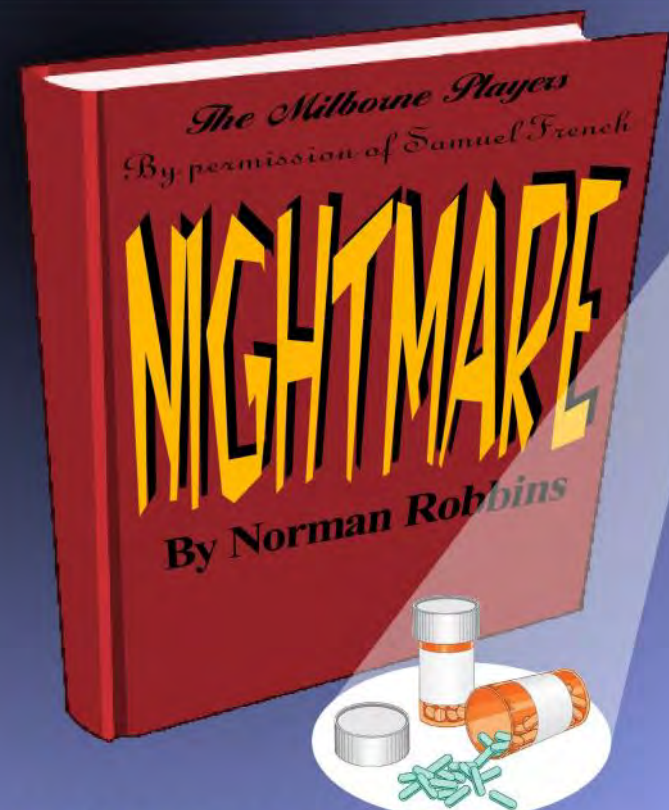
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Understanding dementia

"I am a dementia champion; this means I can deliver fun and informative sessions to potential 'dementia friends'. This project, started by the Alzheimers Society, aims to change the language we use to talk about dementia, help people be more supportive and informed about how they can help be 'dementia friends' in their community.

After hearing about Barbara Windsor's Alzheimers diagnosis and her husbands words about how he needs to know people will understand when she acts 'strange', I feel it is time we all take a moment to learn a little more about this disease of the brain. Ten per cent of people over 65 are likely to get dementia, Alzheimers is a form of dementia; there are many forms. People are affected differently by the disease; that is why we have to treat each person as an individual.

I work in a care home, some of the residents have dementia, some are content, a few are sometimes distressed. The symptoms of this disease do not define the person or represent the person, that is why we must understand that it is an illness and can be frightening for the person living with it and incredibly difficult and sometimes lonely for their carers and supporters.

Things you can do to help; start with understanding and empathy.

Sometimes highly patterned carpets or tablecloths can be confusing and frightening to a person living with dementia.

Sometimes people may ask the same question many times, be patient. A person living with dementia can not remember many facts, but they will remember how you made them feel. This fact in itself should help you to adjust your behaviour, no one wants to be the scary person who makes people feel sad!!

People can live well with dementia, the illness is not curable at the moment but, with support, we can help those living with the disease to stay independent for longer. How many people live in your community aged over 65, please remember 10% are likely are to be living with a form of dementia. Understand that you and your community can help them to feel better, live better and continue to live well."

It would be great if the various clubs and societies in the village would host a talk by a Dementia Champion, since everyone is likely to be touched by this condition. Please get in touch with me if you would like to arrange one: Adrienne.Rogers@outlook.com.

The very long arm of the law!

YOU may have recently heard about a case that Dorset County Council Trading Standards Service took to court involving animal cruelty. A Somerset farmer and haulier took some cattle to a Dorset slaughterhouse in the middle of the night when no staff were present. When he tried to unload them into a holding pen one of the cows was down on the floor in the back of the lorry and was unable to stand up. He first tried to encourage it to stand but soon lost his temper and kicked, punched and pulled its tail violently. Fortunately, this was all captured on CCTV and we could start an investigation which soon revealed a whole range of other offences the farmer had committed. Just at the point we were ready to charge him he decided to leave the UK for America with no intention of returning. What he hadn't accounted for was the fact that the investigating officer had recently retired from the Metropolitan Police after a career of tracking down international money launderers. The officer managed to not only track down the farmer to a hotel in Arizona and revoke his ESTA tourist visa but also arranged an arrest warrant for when the farmer returned to the UK which was duly served.

The farmer eventually pleaded guilty and was fined as well as being ordered to pay the prosecution costs. Furthermore, as his American ESTA visa was revoked he will never be allowed to visit the USA again.

For advice on this, or to report something to Trading Standards, call the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 03454 040506.



Milton Abbas and Milborne St. Andrew Surgery

AT the surgery we are aware that some of our patients seem to be here a lot, particularly those with more than one long term condition. This is because each condition requires patients to have various tests and be reviewed on a regular basis. In discussion with Patient Voice (our patient participation group) we have decided that it would be sensible to ask patients to attend to have all of their reviews at once. This means that around the month of your birthday you will be invited for your reviews. Obviously, to begin with we will have some patients who may have been reviewed within the last year, but we ask that you still attend so that the system runs smoothly in the future. Hopefully, this will save you time, as well as freeing up appointments for all our patients.

Unfortunately, there is limited room for parking close to the surgery and this can present problems for staff and patients, with one of our staff vehicles being damaged recently. Please can I remind everyone to be careful when driving and walking in the area of the surgery.

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*

Round Robin Ramblers The local villages' walking group

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

These are the last walks of this season. The walks will start again in early September and will be communicated via the village newsletters etc.

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)

Wednesday 13th June – 11.00am Hilton and surroundings

Meet at the Old School, Hilton DT11 0DB

Grid reference: ST 780031 on Explorer Sheet 117 (approx. 7 miles)

Bring a packed lunch.

Coffee and cake will be served from 10:30am.

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.

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Parish Council *continued from page 12*

Later, Cllr Smith was appointed as the PC's representative to DAPTC (Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils) for the coming year. A survey from the organisation about services and assets controlled by councils was discussed, with dozens of categories listed with one of three responses for each requested – retained by the council, a preference to retain and to be removed from ownership or obligation. The questionnaire had an open category for items not listed; a proposal for a gibbet was put forward and unanimously carried – light-heartedly of course. It may be too late for submission to the Neighbourhood Plan. *Ed Richards*

All welcome for tea and cake!

ALL residents are invited to a 'pop-up' café for tea, coffee, cakes and a natter – plus also helping Milborne's schoolchildren practice their numeracy. The children will be on hand to take your order for the delicious home-made cakes and drinks, adding up how much the very reasonably priced goodies comes to and working out how much change to give you. Don't worry though, you won't be overcharged – or sadly undercharged! – as teachers will be near by to make sure the café is run above board.

Everyone – and we mean everyone! – is welcome to come along to our café at Milborne St. Andrew First School on **Wednesday 6th June from 10.00am to 11.30am**. We'd really like to welcome you to our school, whether on your own or with friends, to enjoy this event which we're running for the first time. It's so useful for the children to practice their maths skills in a real-life situation and we're sure they will get a lot out of it.

All produce is provided by Friends of School volunteers and all proceeds will go towards the school fundraising so please come along to enjoy some cake, good company and marvel at their maths skills!
Caroline Richards



CREAM TEAS at HEATHCOTE HOUSE on WEDNESDAY 20th JUNE From 3.30–5.30pm

We are very pleased to have been invited by Sue Dawson to hold our Cream Teas at her lovely house and gardens again. Parking is limited but you can park in the top car park of The Royal Oak

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The photograph in the May Reporter was taken from the A354 in The Square

No correct answer sent in this month



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Flooding and sand at the village hall

FURTHER to the decision taken at the Parish Council AGM not to keep sand at the village hall, we would like to remind anyone who feels that their property is at risk to keep their own stock of sand. The sand at the village hall needs to be removed so please feel free to help yourself to sand from the bulk bags in the Village Hall car park to build up your stocks; once it's gone . . . it's gone!

An alternative solution is the Hydro Snake/Hydro Bag which is easier to store and quicker to lay in the event of flash flooding. They can be purchased from the likes of B&Q. To find out more please log onto "Gravitas Flood Defence".

Just to reassure everyone the ground water level rose to 137cm at its highest level for this year in April. This was monitored once or twice a day by the flood wardens and the new infrastructure instigated by Steve Lord seems to be working.

As you will probably know we can call in a pump that has been allocated to MSA to move the water through our flood defences and out of the village more quickly, this was put on standby but was not needed.

We will be using the Reporter to keep everyone informed regarding flooding matters and remind you that fresh sand bags can be delivered to the village if the village as a whole is under threat.

The Flood Team

**Deadline for the July Reporter is mid-day
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Britain's rarest reptile found at Thorncombe



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Love Your Verge!

Litter Free Dorset recently launched a campaign to highlight the different wildlife and flowers that can be found living along the roadside – but are threatened by discarded litter. Artist Claire Nuttall got involved with the campaign and produced large signs featuring different creatures to celebrate hidden wildlife areas and urge

people not to throw litter out of their car windows. Charlie Wild, Litter Free Dorset Project Officer, said: "We want to remind drivers that these verges that they drive past, sometimes on a daily basis, are home to a whole host of wildlife; from black-eyed daisies, moths, poppies, hedgehogs, dormice, all the way up to deer which can frequently be spotted."



Getting involved in Dorset's Greenspaces

Evidence shows that we can all benefit from being outdoors in the fresh air and around nature . . . And we have a great suggestion for enjoying both! Our East Dorset Greenspaces Team is looking for volunteers to become part of an expanding network of enthusiastic individuals who help maintain our **rights of way** and conservation sites. You'll be able to enhance or discover more about conservation, rights of way maintenance, countryside furniture (gates and stiles) and more. We will provide the training, tools, gloves and refreshments! For those who volunteer regularly, there may be an opportunity for additional advanced training in the use of power tools, wildlife ID and first aid.

Call Kate Martin on 01425 483809 to find out more and get involved.

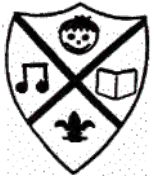
THEN . . .



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 down Dorchester Hill, from the junction of Dewlish Road. Most of the original buildings in the early photograph are still visible today.

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MILBORNE ST ANDREW FIRST SCHOOL

Learning together, playing together

SCHOOL NEWS



MILBORNE ST ANDREW FIRST SCHOOL CELEBRATES OFSTED REPORT

Pupils and Teachers at Milborne St. Andrew First School have been celebrating their recent Ofsted report



In judging Milborne St. Andrew First School to be 'good', the Ofsted Inspector highlighted that 'leadership team has maintained the good quality of education in the School' and that 'the proportion of pupils who achieve higher standards has improved'. The School was seen to be lead with 'clarity and compassion' and to have 'a strong culture of safeguarding' with the School a 'calm, happy place in which to learn' with pupils enjoying their learning.

The inspector was impressed with the small class sizes and the quality of teaching. In looking forward Ofsted recognised Milborne St. Andrew First School was focused on continuing to improve the quality of teaching, learning and keeping expectations high.

Head Teacher Sharon Hunt said 'We are extremely proud that the hard work of the pupils and commitment from all the staff has been recognised by Ofsted and we are committed to continuing to improve this wonderful School.

Chair of Governors, Matt Way, said: 'It is an exciting time to be

associated with Milborne St Andrew First School. It was a pleasure to read this good school report and particularly one that praised all at the School and its continuing good performance.



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

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