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# Bob and Maureen Lovett, a 60 year partnership forged in London and settled in Milborne St. Andrew

A SPELL in Dorset at Blandford Camp during National Service aged 18 years together with the recommendation of his, then retiring, business partner led to Bob Lovett bringing his wife, Maureen, and two young sons, Mark and Andrew, to live here in 1967 having established Spring Grove Forge, Puddletown a year earlier. They have lived at Five Bladen View ever since being its first occupants when the builder, Mears, began construction. Their time together has been happy, creative and fully occupied with work, home, family, Country and Western, and golf. Bob began as an apprentice at age 14 years in Froy's Builders Merchants, Hammersmith. This skilled trade was only interrupted by the aforementioned National Service involving time in Singapore and Malaya as a Regimental Policeman dealing with communist terrorists together with keeping troops in order whilst travelling across country. Until then the furthest he had travelled was in a paddle steamer from home downstream to Southend.

Picking up a story left hanging by Jo in the November 2011 *Reporter* article (Have you met . . . ), we discussed Bob's short stay in a Monsoon storm drain in Singapore along with several indignant bullfrogs following a night on the town aged 19 years! The first he knew of it was waking up in his billet minus his wringing wet clothes, which were hanging on a locker door, having been hosed down by his friends. Returning to London he found his family living in a newly constructed house in Twickenham Cemetery, his father having been promoted to Superintendent of Heston and Isleworth Borough Cemeteries. A keen cyclist he would cycle with friends all over the country, once to Leamington Spa. Weary and looking for a bed for the night they asked at the local police station and were given a cosy cell! Having been offered a partnership in a forge he built it up ready to buy a house for his, then, wife, Maureen. Twice Bob had to move premises, once when his forge was overtaken by road improvement in



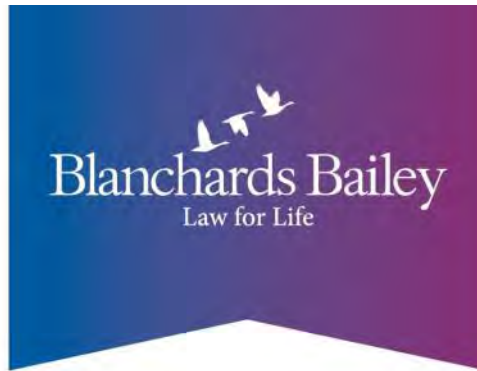
Hammersmith, then the creation of a reservoir on the site of the derelict public house he moved into near Heathrow Airport. But it is in Puddletown that it has come to rest with his son, Andrew; grandson, Nicholas; long term partner Dave Watkin, and Maureen as Company Secretary and Director running the highly successful business. They freely admit to being technophobes and leave the use of computers to their family, whereas in the past, Bob would deal with all financial matters himself it now needs to be done online. Maureen has worked as a cook at both Puddletown and Bovington Army Schools. Both took up golf in their 50's, originally members of Dorset Heights, (which closed down and was redeveloped) now of Ashley Wood Club, Maureen winning many trophies, recently the over 70's, the King's Cup, the Adam's Trophy and a lovely glass bowl from a Sherborne competition. She plays three times a week. They both play together on a Thursday when Bob allows himself a day off but he still works a four day week. As he is over 80 years he gets his membership half price! All this despite having suffered two strokes in the last six or seven years. and wearing a pacemaker. Maureen praises their neighbours as she could go to them for help at those times when in need. They have always enjoyed their time in Bladen View having no desire to move away from its peace and quiet. Maureen keeps a tight ship on the home front both inside and out their neat, attractive home.

By huge contrast, some of Bob's biggest jobs have been working on Hammersmith Flyover manufacturing hoists, making ladders for giant fuel tanks at Portland Naval Base DOE down to some of the smallest; bike and scooter racks and pegs for Puddletown First School children. Spring Grove has made most of the railings, fencing and balustrades for C.G.Fry's Poundbury development; gates and railings for Prince Charles' Highgrove House; built balustrades for flats by the Prison in Dorchester; a staircase for a million pound house. Bob has met with the Royal family through his work.

Bob and Maureen married in, 1958 at St. Nicholas Church, Shepperton-on-Thames having met when she was only 15 years old on New Year's Eve in her friend's parents' pub in Hounslow. When asked which have been their happiest time they recall taking the children fishing and enjoying the company of their parents when they came to stay. Two celebrations were in hand when we met. One a meal with the whole family (including two nieces who are travelling from Canada and Florida) at Yalbury Cottage, Lower Bockhampton on 20th September and a much larger affair in the Village Hall arranged by their daughters-in-law, Jo and Sam, on 22nd September involving family and their many friends both in the village and further afield. They are the very model of a successful partnership surrounded by the love and care of their family who have all stayed close. This is, I believe, a testament to the stability and success of their lifelong partnership both at work and play.

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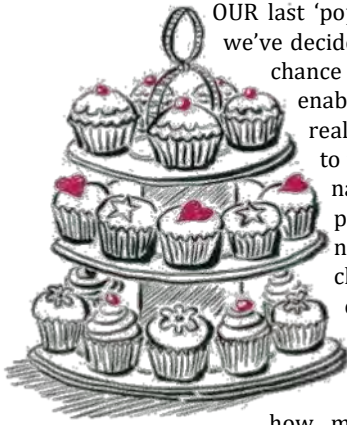
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## All welcome for tea and cake!



OUR last 'pop-up' café at school went so well, we've decided to do it again and offer you the chance to enjoy delicious cakes whilst enabling our school children to have a real life maths lesson! All are invited to the café for tea, coffee, cakes and a natter – plus also helping Milborne's pupils practice their numeracy. The new Year Four children of Puffins class 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 **Thursday 4th October** 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 popular event which we're running again. It's so useful for the children to practice their maths skills in a real-life situation, as was found by last term's Year Fours, who said they had so much fun in serving and working out how much change to give customers.

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*

## Milborne Cubs – and urgent plea

FOR the last 41 years there has been a Cub Pack in Milborne St. Andrew, but no longer. The Scouts are still here, as are the Beavers, but the Cubs have lost their Leader and without a Leader, they cannot run.

We are temporarily re-locating the Cub Pack to Puddletown, where they have a number of Leaders and a strong Pack, until we can find a new Leader (or even an older one) to pick up the reins and allow us to come back to Milborne.

Scouting is interesting but most of all **fun** for both young and not so young so if you are a Scouter who has moved to the village and wish to continue your Scouting, or even if you enjoyed Scouting (or even Guiding) as a child and want to put something back. Are you a young man or woman who can work with children who are willing to learn? Then please get in touch and help us to bring our Cubs back to where they belong.

*Brian Burton*



Fly-tipping in layby on A354 just outside Milborne St. Andrew

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## Eight go on an adventure!

A BEAUTIFUL autumn morning saw eight intrepid explorers set off in a taxi for Weymouth. Waiting there on the quayside was the *P S Waverley* waiting to circumnavigate that mysterious land mass known as the Isle of Wight!

The *Waverley* is the only sea going paddle steamer in the world and she was soon chugging along the Dorset coast. The sea as calm as a mill



pond. It's amazing how different well-known landmarks look from the sea. We all missed Lulworth Cove completely. Stopping briefly at Swanage to collect more passengers it was full-steam ahead for The Needles. Fortified by coffee

and bacon rolls, photos were taken by the bucket full as we neared the island. Here we took on even more passengers but some brave souls alighted to explore the island (though they only had four hours to do so!). We had a commentary as we sailed and we delighted in seeing some lovely houses which you'd never know were there except from the sea. The bar was open so lemonade was enjoyed by all!

The Solent was busy with craft large and small. When we sailed around the eastern end the wind picked up and the waves became a bit larger. By the time we were heading towards the Needles along the southern coast it was very choppy. One of our number decided to take refuge in the loo and another went to look at the other side of the boat only to be hit by a big wave, returning looking like a drowned rat!

The rough weather meant that we were nearly an hour late getting back to Yarmouth to let off some and take on the island explorers. Despite the rough weather we all partook of a lovely meal washed down by more lemonade of course. Sitting around the table without our sunglasses on we realised that we all had very red faces with white eyes – not a great look! It was now that we found out that not only was there a problem with one of the boilers but also the wind and tides meant that we would not be going back to Swanage where we were to be bussed back to Weymouth. We were going to cross the Solent and head for Southampton. Quick phone call to the taxi service to revise pick up times.

When we eventually docked it was nearly 9 o'clock, the time we should have been back in Weymouth and then we were told that we would be only bussed to the station and to make our own way back to Weymouth. The British public can be a miserable lot and there was much complaining but you will be pleased to know that your Milborne residents took it all calmly; another phone call to the taxi company to arrange a pick-up in Dorchester. However, when we got to the station more confusion as the majority of people seemed unable to read the timetable which told us that the train we thought we had missed was late so we didn't have to wait an hour but only about 25 minutes; but still they moaned! When the train did arrive, it was only going as far as Bournemouth (because there was a problem with it) where we were told we would have to "de-train" (no we'd never heard of the word either.) Another phone call to the taxi service! We duly "de-trained" and walked along the platform to a new train eventually arriving back at Dorchester about 11.30pm. Our lovely taxi driver (thank you A-Line taxis for a marvellous service) brought the taxi round so we didn't have



to climb the footbridge and we drove back to Milborne singing Lonny Donegan songs (don't ask).

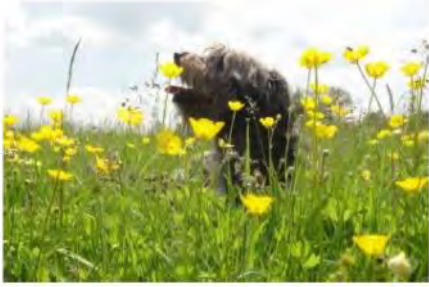
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# Where do you stand on the Recycling Issue?

## Questions and tips

SHOULD you be directed forcibly to organise your waste disposal? Should there be tax subsidies for companies and councils who recycle more? Or a landfill tax to force consumers, companies and councils to do more? Some believe that manufacturers should shoulder more of the burden of waste. Or leave it to the individual and the market without intervention? (A *Laissez Faire* approach). Some economists advocate a high level of government intervention to provide recycling services. Some that a deposit refund scheme and a small refuse charge would encourage recycling but not at the expense of fly-tipping. Are resources wasted on interventions and subsidies? If all the recycling schemes were operated privately they would only work if the money saved by recycling exceeded the costs. Does it waste people's resources and lower the wealth of the population? There are plenty of statistics to support this theory- that more energy is used to produce recycled products than to dispose of them in the traditional landfill methods. Kerbside collection of recyclables often requires a second waste bin lorry. However there are considerable success stories with *recycled paper* for instance.

**A paper mill** apparently uses 40% less energy to make paper from recycled paper than it does to make it from fresh lumber. Less energy and water is required than harvesting, pulping and transporting trees. **Aluminium** is agreed to use far less energy when recycled rather than being produced from scratch. Recycling aluminium cans saves 95% of the energy required to make the same amount of aluminium from its virgin source, bauxite. In 2009 more than half of all aluminium cans produced came from recycled aluminium. However naysayers point to the energy needed and resultant pollution in the recycling process. It will take roughly **400 years** for aluminium to break down naturally in the landfill. Some landfills incinerate aluminium, which releases toxic metals and gas into the atmosphere. About two-thirds of the aluminium ever made is still in existence. It has been recycled for 100 years.

### How to recycle foil:

Rinse or wipe off any crumbs or food residue from foil trays. To rinse just dunk the tray in the washing up water – no need to run the tap. Scrunch kitchen foil, tub and pot lids and wrappers together to form a ball – the bigger the ball, the easier it is to recycle. There are a few packaging items such as **crisp packets** that can look like aluminium foil but are actually made from metallised plastic film. This type of material is **not currently recycled** and should be put in your rubbish bin. Do the *scrunch test* to check whether your shiny wrapper is aluminium foil or plastic film: scrunch the wrapper in your hand – if it springs back open it's not recyclable foil. Aluminium foil is pretty much 100% recyclable, but before you do give it a second, third or fourth life with one of these re-uses for it. **Sharpen scissors** by cutting a folded piece of foil 8–10 times. **Scrub your burner** scrunch up aluminium foil and use it on the caked on grease that's on under your stove top. You can also use it on your pots and pans, but be careful when using on non-stick surfaces. Children can re-use the aluminium foil for their art projects. **In your garden** protect your young plants from pesky insects by putting an aluminium foil collar around its base. If you are having problems with static cling on your clothing, add a piece of aluminium foil to the dryer next time you do a load. It will help to reduce the static cling. **Keep your silverware shiny** Lay your silverware on top of aluminium foil to slow down the deterioration of it. **Remove tarnish from your silverware** If your silverware is already tarnished, you'll need some aluminium foil, baking soda and water to help get it shiny. **Extend the life of your bar of soap** instead of letting your bar of soap sit in a puddle of water, lay it on a sheet of aluminium foil.

There are **blister packs** which appear to be made entirely from aluminium, these can be put in the recycle bin in their entirety. However, recycling the blister packs made from plastic and aluminium is too expensive a process to separate the two materials. If you wish to play a game of 'patience' by trying to separate as much of the aluminium from the plastic as possible it can be done by hours of

wasted time for little result! With some blister packs, e.g. aspirin, it is possible to achieve 100% and most others around 60 to 90%. Far better



Seen in the ReLoved cafe in Dorchester

than this would be a National/International campaign to have all blister packs made entirely out of aluminium; it is done by some and can surely be done for all medicines. Our nearest aluminium recycling place is in the Turberville Close car park, Bere Regis. You will also find a bin for Tetra paks (or SIG combiblocs) in the same place.

**Bubble wrap** can be recycled, but it should NOT be added to your recycling container. Instead, **recycle bubble wrap** along with your plastic bags at special collection points, often found at the entrance of supermarkets and some pharmacies. A useful resource: **Recyclable Bubble WrapKitePackaging.co.uk**

When it comes to the recycling of materials there is an innovative scheme; **Dorset Scrapstore which is located in Alder Hills, Poole**. This is how it works: They collect new, clean items from industry (and a small amount from individuals). The majority of their items are end of line or off cuts. The items are sorted and sold in their shop. It is open to anyone but to buy from them you have to become a member. The annual cost of membership depends on the type of membership: individual/family membership costs £5, group membership costs £15 (this includes access for up to five people) and school membership costs £35 (access for all teachers, TAs and PTA). Anyone is welcome to have a look around before committing to membership. More details can be found on their website: [http://dorsetscrapstore.org.uk/?page\\_id=27](http://dorsetscrapstore.org.uk/?page_id=27)

The majority of their items are sold by the bag and this costs £4 for a small bag and £7 for a large bin bag. They also have a small shop selling things like glue and paint to compliment their 'scrap bag' purchases. They have a very active Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/dorsetscrapstore](http://www.facebook.com/dorsetscrapstore)), that's the best place to look for photos of what they currently have in stock and ideas of what people have made from their materials. If you have any further questions or would like a tour around the shop, please do not hesitate to contact Carolyn Corr (tel 07941 104552). They love good quality donations of crafting supplies. A list of suitable items can be found on their website:

High quality recycling can be achieved but only if supported with high quality recyclates. If the quality is poor it will end up being "down-cycled", or, in more extreme cases sent to other recovery options or landfilled. Different collection systems can result in different levels of contamination. If materials are collected together, known as "commingling" (as in this Council) extra effort is required to sort this material back into separate streams and can significantly reduce the quality of the final product. Transportation and compaction can make it difficult to separate material back into separate waste streams. Some get wet during storage and cause problems.

This has been only a brief canter through what is a huge and contentious subject. Please contact the *Reporter* if there are any other issues you would like addressed or questions answered.

Carole Fornachon





## Harvest Thoughts

I recently came across a story of a senior priest who was often invited to parishes to preach on special occasions. One year, he went to a church, and gave the sermon at a Harvest Festival service. Afterwards the Vicar approached him and thanked him for his contribution. "Oh, that's all right," replied the visitor, "that was the sermon I preached at my first Harvest Festival 40 years ago, and often use again. Some things never change."

We live in a fast-changing world. I suspect that that visiting clergyman would find life in our 21st century very taxing. Things seem to change exceptionally fast these days.

But there are some things that do indeed never seem to change.

First, there is the hard work and labour of those who produce the food we eat: our farmers, fishers, gardeners and growers. Since earliest times, Harvest has been a time of thanksgiving and thankfulness for the abundance God has given us, and an acknowledgement of those who have planted seeds and gathered crops in to feed the rest of us. We are often more detached from them now than in past years, but we still have good reason to be thankful to God and for those who feed us with their produce.

Second, there is the stark truth that there has never been a time in our world when everyone has had easy access to enough to eat. In spite of technology and plentiful resources across the world, people still go to bed hungry and struggle to feed themselves and their families. Some have more than they could ever eat in a lifetime, while others starve. It is a scandal that in this modern day, people are still dying of hunger – an estimate is that one person, often a child, dies on average every 10 seconds because of hunger. Even in this country there are now more than 2000 food banks, providing for those who struggle to stay on top of things.

We recently heard in church from the Epistle of James, where his readers were urged to follow up their words with action. "What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and well fed', but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead." (James 2.14-17)

Praising God for our good fortune is important, but it has most meaning when we reflect God's generosity in our own actions and share what we have with those who are far less fortunate than us.

There is no shame in needing help from others; it might be us in that position one day. But those of us who live with plenty while giving no thought to the needs of others will have to answer not just to them but also to God in the final reckoning.

The Parable of the Sheep and the Goats, which Jesus told, makes clear God's thought on the matter: "For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me."

They also will answer, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?"

He will reply: "Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me." (Matthew 25.42-45)

With best wishes

*Sarah Hillman*

## News from St. Andrew's

THE lovely hot summer we had is now ended but we look forward to the coming months which will be filled with joyful praise and celebrations.

We especially look forward to delivering Open the Book stories in our village first school over the next academic year. The stories are specially written by Bob Hartman, an internationally renowned story teller, and acted out by a team of volunteers. Each short story is based on major stories from the bible and give children the opportunity to hear them. I just love to see so many little faces absorbed in the story and enjoy the clamour of children when we ask for a few of them to help with the play.

This time of year brings special services such as Harvest. Our Harvest Service this year will be led by the team and we look forward to inviting new people to join our celebrations

## Church Services October

### 7th October – Harvest Festival

9.30am	Harvest Festival	Tolpuddle
9.30	Celebrate . . . Harvest	Milborne
11.00	Harvest Festival	Puddletown
	followed by bring-and-share lunch	
4.00pm	Launch of Messy Church	Puddletown
6.00	Harvest Festival	Dewlish

### 14th October – Trinity 20

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

### THURSDAY 18th October

12 noon	Lunch-time Communion	Puddletown
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### Saturday 20th October

1.00pm	Marriage of Simon Alley and Keelie Eccles	Puddletown
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### 21st October – Trinity 21

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

### 28th October – Trinity 22

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

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

#### Saturday 9.00am)

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on Sunday 7th October. All are invited to join our Harvest Breakfast Celebration where bacon butties, sausages, toast and cereals will be provided free of charge to those who want to come and join us in church. We start serving food at 9.15am and the service will start at 10.00am. Come along, bring your family, friends and neighbours to help us to thank God for the harvest that he gives us.



We are very lucky that the St. Mary's Handbell Ringers are coming to St. Andrew's church to deliver a concert. This is scheduled for the 13th October at 2.00pm; entry is free but we hope that people will enjoy the cakes and other refreshments and make generous donations. The invitations are for anyone so do come along to listen and watch the team's skill in ringing.

At the end of October St. Andrew's will host the All Souls service to remember those who have died. Some invitations will be sent out to the recently bereaved but anyone is welcome to come.

There will be the usual Service of Remembrance on the 11th November in church and at the monument following at the end of the service. The Christmas season will soon be arriving with special services to celebrate the birth of Jesus. You will find out more about these in the next *Reporter*. *Pam Shults*

## Dewlish Church Notes

WE would like to thank Peter Gray and family for suggesting donations made in memory of Pat be given to our church. The total amount of £861 will be used towards the cost of repairing the masonry round the window. We are most grateful.

Sadly, we have lost two more of our congregation. Mrs Daphne Berridge, who died as a result of a tragic accident, supported our church from the time of her coming to live in Dewlish. She was Secretary of the PCC for many years, and we all remember her lovely coffee mornings always held when her roses were at their best. So many people enjoyed her beautiful garden and her wonderful bread and cakes. We shall miss her.

Mrs Jennifer Beggs has also died. She, too, always supported our church and was such a great help to Norman during his ministry. Again, we are left with such fond memories.

Our **Harvest Festival** is on Sunday 7th October at 6.00pm when we shall be pleased to receive your gifts. The next evening we are holding our **Harvest Supper and Auction** in Dewlish Village Hall at 7.00pm. Please reserve your seats with Mrs Margaret Groves (Tel: 01258 837617). The £8 cost includes a glass of cider. Proceeds of the auction will be divided between the Farm Africa and WaterAid charities.

Our service for **Remembrance Day** this year is on a Sunday (11th November) and will begin at 10.50am at the War Memorial on the crossroads and then continue in church. As this is an extra special day this year – it is 100 years since the cessation of the First World War – we have decided to serve soup and cake in the Village Hall afterwards. We do hope people will stay after the service and join us.

*Daphne Burg*



Trade was brisk at Athlehampton Five Churches Fete



## Spooky party time at the Village Hall

It's that time of year again when ghosts and ghouls appear and witches grab their broomsticks – and there's a good chance they'll be making their way to the Village Hall to party! Ladybirds is holding another fundraising event, this time a spooky – but not so scary! - Halloween party on Saturday 27th October. All are welcome to join in the fun, with tickets costing just £2.50 a child, which includes a cup of squash, with under 1's free of charge. Come in your best Halloween outfit and you may win a prize for Best Costume. There'll also be special, spooky snacks and treats! The fun starts at 5.30pm until 7.00pm. Children will need to be supervised by a responsible adult.

We are in need of some fun Halloween decorations and also clean baby food jars with lids. If you can help, please call Dione on 07530 741875.

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### Sunday 7th October – 2.00pm

#### Kingston Lacy Estate and Badbury Rings

Meet at the Badbury Rings car park on B3082, Blandford Forum to Wimborne road.

Grid reference: ST 960032 on OS Explorer Sheet 118 (approx. 4.5 miles)

### Wednesday 17th October – 11.00am

#### Portesham and Hardy Monument

Meet outside the King's Arms in Portesham.

Grid reference: SY 604857 on Explorer Sheet OL15 (approx. 7 miles)

Bring a packed lunch.

### Sunday 4th November – 2.00pm

#### Gussage All Saints

Meet near the church in Gussage All Saints, off the A354 at Cashmore.

Grid reference: SU 998108 on OS Explorer Sheet 118 (approx. 4.5 miles)

#### Please note

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

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

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

**Pace** We go at the pace of the slowest.

**Terrain** Expect mud, inclines and stiles.

**Aim** Keep fit, enjoy the Dorset countryside and each other's company.

**Legal** We look after one another but in the end you are responsible for yourself.

# 'Lost but not forgotten'

## A WWI Exhibition

THEMED as '*Lost but not forgotten*', commemorating the end of the First World War, the exhibition will take place in the Reading Rooms, and opposite, in St James Church, Milton Abbas from Friday 5th October until Sunday 7th. This is the result of extensive research by our local history group into the people who lived in Milton Abbas at the time, those who served in the war and those who became casualties. This is set within the broader scene of the nation at war and the role of Dorset's soldiers, sailors and airmen.

The exhibition will portray village life before the outset of war and recount the wartime story. The recruitment drive for the forces, training new recruits, transportation to the front in France and life in the trenches will be portrayed. The sheer scale of the millions involved in service and killed and wounded will be described.

The story of local lads will be told, some of whose relatives live in the village today. Many served in the Dorsetshire Regiment who fought in France, Belgium, Mesopotamia, Gallipoli, Egypt, Palestine and North Russia, losing 2,600 killed and triple that number wounded.

The horrors of the use of gas, the treatment of Shell Shock and the wounded in field hospitals, the role of doctors, nurses and medical orderlies will all be described. A surprise to the organisers was the scale of the loss of civilian life which ran into the millions, through disease and starvation.

St. James Church have been awarded 10 Silhouette Soldiers through the 'Armistice and Armed Forces Communities Programme'. These thought provoking, *there but not there* seated soldiers will be on display throughout the exhibition.

A WWI re-enactment group in full army uniform, with equipment including a selection of weapons (deactivated!!), will be in attendance on the Saturday and Sunday. They also have a 20ft replica section of a trench parapet which will be outside St. James Church.

In Milton Abbey nearby, there is an installation of four six foot high 'Tommies' as part of the '*There But Not There*' project created by the charity Remembered. There are only four venues sporting these life size Tommies in the whole of the South West. They were designed by artist Michael Barraud to commemorate the fallen and to educate all generations, to understand what led to the death of so many people.

The event takes place in the Reading Rooms, and opposite in St. James Church. Opening times will be 10.00am to 3.00pm on Friday 5th and Saturday 6th and 11.00am to 3.00pm on Sunday 7th. Entry will be free, but donations welcome. Refreshments will be available.

## Discover Hardy's Birthplace Visitor Centre and Thorncombe Wood

AWARDED a Green Flag 2017 and set in the heart of Hardy Country, the Visitor Centre is a gateway for local people and visitors alike to discover more about Thomas Hardy's early life and enjoy the local landscape which inspired his works.

Located on the edge of Thorncombe Wood Local Nature Reserve and a short walk from Hardy's Cottage, the Visitor Centre is home to displays, café, shop and Rangers' office. It is a hub of opportunity to discover more about Hardy as a child and be involved in what is happening in the landscape now through activities such as wildlife walks, Forest School activities, conservation volunteering and seasonal events.

**Deadline for the November Reporter is mid-day 14th October. Send your stories and pictures to [msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk)**

## 11th November 2018



IT is pleasing to note that a number of groups and individuals from the village wish to honour the sacrifice of those killed or injured in war and to particularly mark the 100th anniversary of the signing of the armistice of the First World War.

Following the church service at St. Andrews there will be an Act of Remembrance at the memorial stone at the junction of Church Hill and The Causeway. Those wishing to lay wreaths or other appropriate symbols please assemble by 10.50am at the latest in order to organise the order in which wreaths, etc are presented.

There is still time to order wreaths from the Royal British Legion if you wish to mark the occasion, please email me or the legion direct.

Villagers will be aware of the sad passing of Lt. Cmdr. Tony Dyer MBE RN who kindly laid the wreath on behalf of the Royal British Legion; our belated condolences are extended to Sally Dyer and family.

Michael Hopper 837642 or [michael.b.hopper@gmail.com](mailto:michael.b.hopper@gmail.com)

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## Barn Dance in aid of church funds

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# A Good Read: Down Among the Weeds by Harry Beaves



If you are a fan of autobiography and in particular, military memoirs, this is among the most digestible. It is an honest, humorous and modest piece of writing charting the author's journey from birth through a free and easy Wiltshire childhood, Sandhurst training and various deployments including Northern Ireland (Andersonstown; 'one of the most difficult and hostile areas of NI'), Oman, Germany and Norway all interspersed with rugby and mountaineering. This is one

man's take on the rigours, camaraderie and (sometimes) pettiness of Army life. It is a most personal account of his many and varied experiences; stranded on a mountain, walled up in a snow hole, pelted with rocks and bearing extreme family tragedies from an early age to the present day. However, he is a perennial risk seeker, always questioning, someone with a low boredom threshold. If there is no excitement he creates it. He quite obviously needs the adrenaline rush of dangerous activities and situations always building up to confrontation. His biggest asset when penning this book, in his words, is the enjoyment of 'telling a good yarn'. As he says "Military environment has coloured (his) whole attitude to life! Military life is fun – mickey takes, leg pulls, long waits, take nothing seriously, but when the chips are down focus, act together and look after your mates. All these things follow. Lots of things in (his) book were hard but the glass was always half full. Tell every tale light heartedly. There is humour in everything." His primary source for Northern Ireland (NI) were diaries, scrapbooks, photographs and 'other ephemera' he kept at the time supplemented with several books on, in particular, covert Security Forces activities including Hugh McManners book 'The Scars of War (PTSD; see below)'. In his words "Not many people write about what being a soldier entails on a day to day basis it's interesting and fun".

The downside of these roller coaster years; in particular NI when he developed 'hyper vigilance' in order that he and his men survived; was the onset of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). He charts his search for help with this, most disabling, of disorders. In an interview he describes going 'down the anxiety spiral' as a term used in psychiatry when one negative experience leads to another and quotes "Your thoughts, emotions and behaviour can form a vicious feedback loop, sending you into a downward emotional spiral. You get a bad review from your boss, start to feel upset. This negative emotion brings on thoughts about when you've made mistakes at your job, and you start to feel worse. You now start imagining your boss firing you and your

mood sinks into despair" Treatment for this, he explains, has helped him find "balance or equilibrium. Equilibrium may be upset, but can eventually be restored". He discounts counselling as a "place to run to when life gets difficult – a comfort blanket that we should learn to live without". For him Eye Movement Desensitising and Reprogramming (EMDR) "treated the cause of the problem and enabled (him) to actually overcome it". Having already given a talk on the subject he is eager to spread the word to others. His writing process he calls "Casual and evolutionary. (He) had a framework with chapter headings and notes on key events in them, but as the book progressed things expanded." He was encouraged by his brother in law (a psychiatrist who first coined the phrase hypervigilance to him) by sending him his own autobiography. He found writing 'energised' him, he thoroughly enjoyed the experience. It has brought unexpected consequences. The family of one of his senior officers killed by bomb blast in Andersonstown contacted him on being linked on the web to him through his book and they have met and exchanged information in, often emotional, visits. Harry says he regrets "not learning more about (his) father's and grandfather's service in both World Wars who were both in the thick of it". His father suffered great hardship in Burma. One grandfather served in the Wiltshire Regiment and an uncle as a Private in the Hampshire Regiment in Mesopotamia during the Great War winning a Distinguished Conduct Medal and being mentioned in Dispatches, killed in action aged twenty one, commemorated on the Basra memorial. One of his reasons for writing the book sparked by an interest in genealogy, was to inform, in particular, his two sons and also as it became, "a cathartic experience, exorcising demons by revisiting events of that time (NI) and retelling previously avoided details".

Harry Beaves' belief that "responsibility demands moral courage" has, I believe contributed to his disorder. His description of this is; "Responsibility, leadership, courage all have the same requirement. If you are in a position of responsibility and are given a task to do which is dangerous, difficult, unpleasant or you don't like it you do it because that's why you have been put in that position. To do so when you don't want to requires moral courage. Loyalty has two dimensions – upwards to those whom you serve and downwards to those whom you lead. If you lack the moral courage to do what you should, then you are letting the side down".

I would highly recommend this book with its powerful imagery, sweeping broad canvas dealing with situations of volatility, personal danger and tragedy in an easy to read conversational tone inviting the reader into the author's life without reservation or inhibition.

*Carole Fornachon*

## Before the summer break

AT the Village Hall meeting before the summer break the issue with the zip wire was looked at. It will need a considerable amount of money including a base which is more durable than the current bark which needs replacing every year. The fire doors on one side of the building will need replacing and quotes are being obtained. It was decided that for the commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War boards will be put up along the front fencing where people will be able to put photos of relatives who served in the war (more info next month). We will also be doing singing around the Christmas tree again.

*Linda Wright*

## Huntley Down – new application

PLANNING is being sought for 25 homes at Huntley Down by Wyatt Homes following the rejection of a similar application for 30 houses, which was unanimously rejected by District councillors. The new application was discussed and objected to by Milborne Parish Council (see page 19) on a number of points. Plans for the development can be viewed at <https://planning.north-dorset.gov.uk/online-applications/> and objections can be made until Saturday 6th October. App. Ref. No: 2/2018/1240/FUL

## A354 closed through Milborne

DORSET Highways say: we will be temporarily closing the A354, Milborne St. Andrew between 28th November 2018 and 6th December 2018. The road will be closed between the hours of 9.00am and 4.00pm daily, to enable us to carry out maintenance work, but will be reopened at night and at weekends.

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## Blackberry and Apple Crumble at Ladybirds



THIS summer has produced some lovely blackberries; and not wanting to lose an opportunity on our first day back we set out on a walk picking blackberries and foraging windfall apples. Several of the children had been blackberrying with parents and were able to tell the others to be careful and not to pick the low ones as "dogs might have wee'd there". The unsure children held their bowls while adults filled them. We walked back though The Grove stopping to say hello to the horses where it was pointed out by one child the naughty flies were annoying them. Along Chapel Street we found some windfall apples and discussed if any were good to use for cooking. The children agreed which ones were not brown and an adult carried three green ones back to the hall. Here the children were ready for a snack and accepted we couldn't eat crumble yet but at the end everyone could take some home. Some of the children including one whose hand was bandaged (holiday injury) baked a delicious crumble which they were able to share with their families.



We have continued the nature theme by making 'paint' from blackberries, cutting apples to learn using a knife safely, counting apple pips and rose hips. The older children have been using 'describing' words to say how the different items feel.

News from 'big' school is that Ladybird children have settled well into school. We wish them well and don't they look smart and grown up in their uniforms? *Liz Dyer*

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# Milborne St Andrew NP Group

## The pre-submission consultation

October 2018

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## THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE THAT GAVE US VALUABLE FEEDBACK ON THE PLAN.

### We can nearly say...the slog is done...4 years on from the start:

As long as we can tie up the remaining loose ends – mainly checking points raised with outside bodies – we can make our final updates to the plan. If the updated plan is agreed by our Parish Council, the next step is to send all the paperwork to NDDC, they do their checks in terms of content and process following.

Then..... the scary examination!

We have had a variety of really constructive comments from the 60-odd paper feedback forms and online responses on the draft Neighbourhood Plan and its policies. The vast majority of comments were overwhelmingly positive.

All the comments have been summarized in a very long table. At our last meeting we gradually went through them all, and agreed what amendments should be made to the plan. We have also gone back to the statutory bodies, where needed, to ask for clarification. All this will be considered by the Parish Council when they receive the revised plan, and (hopefully) agree to submit it to NDDC for the examination. This gets published, so you can see who said what and why changes have been made.

### A COMMENT MADE:

*Why are you not considering other sites. It is not near the centre of the village.*

We have considered many sites (remember the options consultation last year?) but we only need enough sites to meet our projected local need. The Camelco site will meet this need, was the preferred site (by villagers) and scored well in terms of a being a sustainable brownfield option

### WE ARE NOT PLANNERS:

*We have researched, asked, and respected your (the villagers) consensus in order to put together a plan that reflects what is important to you.*

### We have been planning the plan.

The details, the worries, the cherished community assets are what you told us about...  
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### THE POLICY HEADINGS:

- Policies MSA 1 and 2 (Housing related)
- Policy MSA 3 (Employment)
- Policy MSA 4 (Community)
- Policy MSA 5 (the chosen Camelco Site)
- Policy MSA 6 (Changes to Settlement Boundary)
- Policy MSA 7 (Safer Roads)
- Policy MSA 8 (Parking)
- Policies MSA 9 (Wildlife)
- Policies MSA 10 (Landscape Character)
- Policies MSA 11 (Local Green Spaces)
- Policies MSA 12 (Recreation)
- Policies MSA 13 (Design)
- Policies MSA 14 (Conservation)
- Policy MSA 15 (Flood Risk)

**Want to find out more?**  
**Look on the Parish Council Website for the Neighbourhood Plan documents.**

**To comment, please see our facebook page (Milborne St Andrew Neighbourhood Plan)  
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# Community Contacts

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

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## GENERAL – ADULT

Ladies Group – Dewlish	Judith Bridgen	01258 837157
Moonlight Swing Band	Gillian Pink	01305 260731
M.A. Neighbourcar	Nigel Hodder	01258 470333
Wednesday Social Club	Sheila Burton	01258 839033
Women's Institute	Lesley Clarke	01929 471732

## GENERAL – YOUTH

Ladybirds (Playgroup)	Liz Dyer	01258 839117
Scout Group (Secretary)	Brian Burton	01258 839033
Under 5's Group – The Busy Bees	Claire Tudge	07970 734162
Youth Club age 8 – 13 years	Joanne Miller	07940 017577

## 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		
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Friends of School Chair:	Caroline Richards	

## SPECIAL INTEREST

Bellringers	Pip Bowell	01258 837329
Bridge Group	Laurie Benn	01258 837720
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Milborne Players	Roy Sach	01258 837033
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Village History Group	Pam Shults	01258 837203

## SPORT

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Athletics – Junior	David Pearson	01258 837057
Badminton	David Payne	01258 837700
Circuit training	Grace Martin	01305 213885
Cricket – Dewlish	Elaine Kellaway	01258 837696
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Sports & Social Club	Chairman: Richard Lock	01258 837929
	Bookings: Richard Lock	01258 837929
Table Tennis	Pauline Pitfield	01258 839123
Tap Dancing for Adults	Kevin Selby	01305 250386
Tennis	Stephen Lang	07916 312452
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## October

- Wednesday 3rd** **Wednesday club “games” (bingo)** Village Hall 2.00 to 4.00pm – see page 27
- Thursday 4th** **Pop-up café** Milborne St. Andrew First School 10.00am to 11.30am – see page 5.
- Friday 5th to Sunday 7th** **“Lost but not forgotten” WWI Exhibition** Reading Rooms, St James Church, Milton Abbas – see page 11.
- Sunday 7th** **Faith I Branko Trio** Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 22.
- Thursday 11th** **WI Bob Todd** will talk about *‘Truk Lagoon and its ghost ships’*. Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 19.
- Friday 12th** **Milborne Movies “Three Billboards”** Village Hall Doors and bar from 7.00pm, movie starts at 7.30pm – see page 22 and below.
- Saturday 13th** **Handbell Concert** St. Andrews Church, 2.30pm. Admission free but donations welcome – see page 25.
- Sunday 14th** **Mid-day deadline for Reporter** Send copy and pictures to msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk or give to a member of the Reporter team.
- Thursday 18th** **Gardening Club** Village Hall – see page 9.
- Saturday 20th** **Flu Clinic** Milton Abbas surgery – see page 27.
- Saturday 27th** **Village Lunch** Village Hall 12.15 to 2.00pm – see page 2.
- Saturday 27th** **Ladybirds’ Halloween party** Village Hall 5.30 to 7.00 pm Tickets £2.50 a child – see pages 9 and 16.
- Saturday 27th** **Barn Dance** Puddletown Village Hall, 7.00 for 7.30pm. Tickets £10 including refreshments – see page 12.
- Sunday 28th** **Do not forget to put your clocks back by one hour.**

## 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 Claire Tudge on 07970 734162.
- 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.
- U14 Football matches** check online calendar
- Ladies Premiership** (regional) matches check online calendar
- Dorset FA** (gentlemen) matches check online calendar
- Check the Sports & Social online calendar on the village website for any other events you might be able to join in with.



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## Housing on the agenda at PC meeting

NEW housing for Milborne dominated the September Parish Council meeting, with three development sites on the agenda. Feedback was given from the Homefield site presentation, held a few days earlier at the Village Hall. The proposal for 75 homes brought a mixed response, with its proximity to the village centre, low density and a range of housing cited as positive points, set against others saying the development had too many houses for the village's need, it wasn't the preferred NPG site, increased the flood risk and sewerage capacity concerns.

A new planning application for the Huntley Down site was discussed by councillors, following the previous application from Wyatt Homes for 30 homes being rejected by North Dorset. The new plan has 25 homes on the site at the top of the existing Huntley Down. Cllr MacNair voiced concerns of inadequate parking and the "clustering" of affordable housing. These were echoed by Cllrs Stevens, Robinson and Cherry, with the segregation of the affordable homes contrary to the planning framework guidelines. The density of housing ('dwellings per hectare') was also criticised as too high at 25dph, with the average Milborne figure at 17dph, as well as the lack of smaller homes available on the open market. Further strain on the village drainage systems that this number of houses would bring was another reason why the PC objected to the application. A letter from a resident was read out by the chairman, objecting to the plan on a number of points. Cllr Smith, however, gave the application his full backing. He argued that upgrading the sewerage system was essential and that if the council worked with the developers of the four main potential sites, pressure could be applied to authorities for the necessary drainage work that would ensure Milborne's long term future. At present, he said, the village would see new housing anyway, but with no gain. It was also noted that the original application for 30 houses, now rejected, was being taken to appeal by Wyatt Homes.

The third housing site under discussion was Fox View and the lack of progress to complete it. The PC had attempted to contact the developers regarding the state of the site and public safety concerns, to no avail. Photos were then sent to the Planning Enforcement Officer, who spoke with a representative of Ankers and Rawlings, the site owner. Mr Rawlings said that there were a number of problems associated with the site, although a conclusion to these was likely to be soon. He said that the company was deciding whether to resubmit plans to something that is "more suited to our [developer's] needs". Councillors agreed that they would revisit the site in a month's time to see if the more pressing concerns had been addressed; if not, they would contact Mr Rawlings directly since he had agreed to open communication with the PC.

Other items on the agenda included the state of the obelisk on Weatherby Castle. Cllr MacNair had visited recently to assess its condition and take photographs. He found that there were trees and shrubs growing from the monument and that cement pointing was required. Councillors agreed to arrange for a specialist to visit the site for advice on what works were in order. There followed discussion with the floor about ownership and responsibility for the obelisk, built in 1761, with a fund of over £2,000 being in existence for its maintenance.

It was agreed to 'hold fire' with committing funds to speed indicator signs to help combat speeding in Milborne as the speed watch group was soon to be in operation and running the two programmes together may be ineffective.

A local action group for public transport was discussed, which sought representatives from the PC for its forthcoming meeting. The Blandford Rural Area Transport Action Group aims to collate information about the need for bus and other transport from local sources to press authorities for better provision. Councillors agreed to attend the evening meeting, but noted that they were unlikely to arrive by bus, given available services.

Ed Richards

## Recycling the Agenda . . . at the September WI

WE were welcomed back after the summer break by our President, Angela, and were delighted to greet two visitors. Everyone had had a busy summer, but time was found for our outing to Jigsaws which proved fascinating and much enjoyed by those who went.



Looking ahead, we are to hold a coffee morning on **Saturday 10th November** in the Village Hall for *sanitary poverty*. A lack of access to sanitary products can have a far-reaching effect on young women's lives. Many struggle to afford the basic costs of shelter, food, fuel and hygiene. Our members feel strongly about this issue and would welcome as much support as possible from the village for this event. (Legislation has now been passed by the Scottish Parliament to provide sanitary ware in schools free of cost).

Our next Pub Lunch at The Royal Oak will be on Monday 1st October. The Annual meeting will be on 20th October at the Lighthouse Theatre, Poole – Val, June and Angela to attend. There are various fixtures in the pipeline for Skittles, and Lesley, as ever, encouraged us to sign up and enjoy good company and a laugh.

Shirley reported a lively afternoon for Bookends members. She had found herself a solitary fan of a biography of Lewis Carroll, 'The Story of Alice', which had been disliked by everyone else, so, for most, not one of our most successful reads. However, we move on to 'The Rental Heart and Other Fairytales', a volume of short stories by Kirsty Logan, which, hopefully, will meet with more approval.

Our speaker on Recycling for Dorset had unfortunately cancelled due to illness, so improvisation was necessary. This took the form of a whole group discussion on the subject, with tips from members. What followed was informative, humorous and lively. We agreed that certainly for us recycling was preaching to the converted; we all did it but we could only do so much. We felt it would be helpful if supermarkets stopped selling goods wrapped in plastic altogether, so that we didn't buy it in the first place.

Our Group meeting on Thursday 25th October will be held at Milborne. At our regular meeting on Thursday 11th October Bob Todd will talk about 'Truk Lagoon and its ghost ships'. Please do come along and join us.

Pat Bull

## Accessible picnic tables

THANKS to donations received via Thorncombe Wood guided walks and the kind donations from Margaret Marande sponsored walk, two new accessible picnic tables have been purchased at Hardy's Birthplace Visitor Centre. These tables have the added benefit of wheelchair/pushchair access plus our fantastic Trampers can pull up alongside. So bring a picnic or enjoy the delights of the café in a woodland setting three miles east of Dorchester.

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# Roger and his life

ROGER HARRELL was born in Kingston-on-Thames on 29th July 1947. His father was a chimney sweep and during the war, he was a fire fighter. His mother was a stay at home mum who was heavily involved in the Brownies. From this period of his life, he had fond memories of family gatherings at his Nan's where everyone did their party piece. Roger of course sang and continued to sing for the rest of his life. He had a wide repertoire, but the song he sang most often was The Tailor's Britches. It had that slight flavour of risqué and the ridiculous. The Roger Rants weekends that he organized evolved out of his 60th birthday celebration and like Topsy it grew and grew. It was wonderful that Paul and his team were able to organise The Rant for Roger in July. He was very moved by it and it meant so much to him. You could say it was a last Hurrah!

As well as singing in singer-a-rounds and folk weekends he loved singing West Gallery music and was a founder member of the Ridgeway Singers and Band. He chose two west gallery pieces for his funeral. Psalm 107 which was sung when his coffin came into church and Hail Happy Morn sung later in the service.

A close friend of Roger remembers their time in the Sea Cadets as a time when their days were filled with fun, adventures, and friendship. They learnt how to shoot rifles, carry out drills, parades and of course there were always sports. They were taught discipline, decision making skills, and responsibility. Some of the skills they learnt were things that became part of their lives; for Roger his love of working with his hands, his skills of shaping boats became an important part of who he was as an adult. Through the Cadets they went on to the London Sailing project and The Royal Yachting Assoc. at Raven's Ait. They learned what it was like to experience a bond, a cohesive unit that worked with others toward a common goal.

After a short period working for Roberts Radio, Roger got a boat building apprenticeship at Raven's Ait, The Navy League's sailing school on the Thames at Surbiton in Surrey. At this time he became a member of The Thames Sailing Club and had a share in a Thames Rater called 'My Lady Dainty' that he restored. He was very competitive and the weekend that he asked Alice to marry him he won the Braganza Bowl and the Thames Cup.

He loved beagles and was very honoured to be appointed Master of the Purbeck and Bovington Beagles. He knew many of the landowners and became very knowledgeable about the countryside. He improved the kennels and took a great interest in the breeding of hounds. He was asked to judge at puppy shows and at The Honiton Show. At other times he would parade the hounds at agricultural shows in summer and hunt hounds in winter. He only gave up when his arthritis prevented him running across country.

Roger initially was not interested in gardening. But needless to say that when he got the gardening bug he did it properly (after all he was a perfectionist) He started out with vegetables before moving on to flowering plants and shrubs. After having a breakdown, he took up gardening as a part time job along with being a househusband. Most people have enjoyed the garden he created at home. He still managed to do light gardening just a few weeks before he died. When he couldn't do that he gave his orders.

One of Roger's other passions was cooking. He loved to provide and serve beautiful meals to anyone who came to the house, or for



fundraising meals and events. Unusually for a man he learnt to cook because he didn't like his mother's cooking and he told the doctor that he preferred his cooking to Alice's. At one time he brewed beer and made homemade wine. He gave up when he caught the children blowing air bubbles down the air lock!! His family must have been a great trial to him! But he adored his family.

Roger got involved in village life and served on both the sports club committee and then on the village hall committee. This led him to become involved in ArtsReach (which is a charity bringing high quality performances of live theatre, music, dance and family shows to the heart of rural communities) and had the honour to serve on their board.

Towards the end of his life, Roger and Alice had trips to Spain in their motor home. He liked the Spanish and found their supermarkets and outdoor markets very exciting. He may not have had a large Spanish vocabulary but he knew the Spanish for all the food. He was able to do

more physically in Spain because the climate was good for his arthritis and he was able to cycle through the countryside. He enjoyed the wonderful architecture over there and enjoyed seeing the countryside.

Roger was very philosophical when he was given his diagnosis and would joke which threw the medical staff but made it easier to discuss things. He had time to say good bye to his family and friends but the end was very quick. As a result he didn't suffer much. Less than 24 hours before he died he was joking with his GP and the community nurse.

He enjoyed his life to the full and was always on the go. A veritable cornucopia! A great life to be celebrated.



# Faith i Branko Trio

Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall  
Sunday Oct 7th, 7.30pm

SERBIA'S leading Roma violinist Branko Ristic and UK accordionist Faith Ristic perform high-energy original Roma/Jazz influenced music. Combining tabor pipe, double bass and guitar with the accordion and violin, Faith i Branko take audiences on a journey from melancholy Roma violin laments to storming 'kolos' and explorations into jazz improvisation, swing, Gypsy Rumba and Turkish and Indian influenced songs. Faith i Branko guarantee a sensational, authentic experience of Roma music straight from the village of Gornja Grabovica, Serbia. Expect a joyous, passionate, boisterous, fiery and spirited performance! Touring Dorset with Artsreach, the county's touring arts charity.



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## The Milborne Players

### Autumn Update

SO, the story so far. It's now September and the panto script for "Snow White" written by Ron Karley has been revealed. Ron Karley and his auditioning team have met with some potential cast members and now have the fun task of casting the show. I have heard on the grapevine that there is a new MD this year, nice chap goes by the name of Chris. There will be more about him as the rehearsals unfold. The production team are getting their notebooks out and ready to get on with all the planning and creating that is needed. Soon the cast will know who they are (in the show I mean) and the baddies can practice giving that "look" and the goodies can get their "winning Colgate ring of confidence smiles" perfected etc etc. Rehearsals start on Wednesday 10th October. The production week will be 4th to 9th February (performances as usual on the Thursday, Friday and Saturday). Updates will come along over the next few months and ticket sales alerts announced in due course.

So that's where we are with panto. In the background over the last weeks (and hopefully over the autumn/winter) play reading has been taking place to get a feel for what we can put on next year. We are trying out comedy, drama and thrillers so if you are interested in taking part in a play reading session please get in touch.

Now then our plea to Milborne and round and abouts. What we need is some more actors particularly men. Experience is not essential. Enthusiasm and a willingness to have a go can go a long way. The more willing acting peeps we have the wider our choice of productions. We need you... GET IN TOUCH.

Contact: [info@milborneplayers.org.uk](mailto:info@milborneplayers.org.uk) or Tel: 07702 124579  
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## Milborne Movies Three billboards outside Ebbing, Missouri



Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall  
Friday 12th October at 7.30pm  
Doors and bar at 7.00pm

ACADEMY Award winner Martin McDonagh (in Bruges) offers powerful drama and biting humour. After months have passed without a culprit being found in her daughter's murder case, Mildred Hayes (Academy Award winner Frances McDormand) makes a bold move, painting three signs leading into her town with a controversial message directed at William Willoughby (Academy Award nominee Woody Harrelson), the town's revered chief of police. When his second-in-command Officer Dixon (Sam Rockwell), an immature mother's boy with a penchant for violence, gets involved, the battle between Mildred and Ebbing's law enforcement is only exacerbated. One review that made me really want to see it said: "[This] is one of those special films where humour and drama combine to make a powerful experience. It creates a world where we get to know every character so well that we truly care about each and every one of them by the end. It touches on contemporary issues with a fierce humanity and yet makes us laugh with biting dark humour. Written and directed by Martin McDonagh, that Irish poet of quirk and violence, this is his masterpiece and one of the year's great films. For lead actress Frances McDormand this is a towering achievement, with a performance of grace and rage... This is also a visually elegant film... where the Missouri landscape becomes a green and beautiful backdrop." Be warned: there is violence and bad language – but it looks like a really good film!

## New protection when making your own package holidays

HOLIDAY makers will be pleased to learn that new rules have come into force regarding building your own package holiday. Previously only package holidays bought from a travel agent were covered. The new rules mean that if you buy two or more travel services such as flights, car rental, accommodation or other tourist service e.g. a tour, then the new Package Travel Regulations apply and you get the same protection as if it was bought as a complete package from a travel agent.

In practice this means that if you visit the web page of an airline and book a flight and they offer you a link to 'our preferred car rental company' or 'our favourite hotels' and you book a car or hotel by following that link then that constitutes a package, providing the second booking (the car or hotel) is booked within 24 hours.

The new rules mean that

- Holiday makers can cancel their holiday and get their money back in the event of 'unavoidable' events at the destination, such as natural disasters or terrorist attacks.
- Package travellers will also be able to cancel their holiday for any reason by paying a reasonable cancellation fee.
- The organiser of the package in all EU Member States will have to deal with the problem if something goes wrong.
- Traders will be made explicitly liable for booking errors.
- The organiser will have to help travellers in difficulty, for example with information on health services and consular assistance, and help make alternative travel plans. For example, travellers will be entitled to extra accommodation for three nights if the return journey can't be carried out on time if there is a natural disaster.
- Guarantees of money back and repatriation if the package organiser goes into liquidation or bankruptcy.

Good news for those holiday makers who like to build their own holiday.

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# Obazda for Oktoberfest



OKTOBERFEST is the world's largest Volksfest. Held annually in Munich, Bavaria, Germany, it is a 16- to 18-day folk festival running from mid or late September to the first weekend in October, with more than six million people from around the world attending the event every year. The Oktoberfest is an important part of Bavarian culture, having been held since the year 1810.

During the event, large quantities of Oktoberfest Beer are consumed: during the 16-day festival in 2013, for example, 7.7 million litres were served. Visitors also enjoy numerous attractions, such as amusement rides, side stalls, and games. There is also a wide variety of traditional foods available.

Seventy-two per cent of the visitors are from Bavaria. 15% of visitors come from foreign countries like the surrounding EU countries and other non-European countries including the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and East Asia.

When I first went to live and work in Germany in the early 1970's I was keen to practice and improve my rather rudimentary German language skills. As well as signing up for evening classes I joined the local Anglo-German society and also a Scottish reeling class which had more German members than British. The main problem with this was that the Germans were all fluent in speaking English and wanted to improve their skills still further. I made lots of good German friends but my language skills didn't improve as much as I had hoped.

Of course, some soldiers and their wives and families who were posted to Germany found it difficult to find opportunities to speak German. The children went to British Forces schools, most families lived in married quarters or, if single, in barracks and many people preferred to shop at the NAAFI. Also, it was difficult for soldiers to sign up for evening classes when they were away on exercise so often.

It is possible to survive in a foreign country with just a few sentences of the language and this is how a lot of people got by for the short time they were posted abroad.

We often went out for meals in local restaurants with members of our troop. This was usually to welcome newcomers or say farewell to soldiers posted elsewhere. Sometimes there could be friction between the local young men and the single soldiers and, after a few Steins of beer, tempers could flare.

Late one evening, we had had a convivial time at a local Serbia Grill when a noisy group of young German men came in and started laughing and making loud remarks in English about "Squaddies" who only knew four words of German "Ein beer bitte und Noch ein beer bitte".

One of the young soldiers on our table responded to their mocking by shouting out "I know loads of German words" when challenged to prove it he stood up and started to recite "Belsen, Auschwitz, Buchenwald, Dachau . . ." he didn't get any further as chairs began to fly across the room and we beat a hasty retreat.

I think these few lines from Rudyard Kipling's "Tommy" just about sums it up:

*"We aren't no thin red 'eroes, nor we aren't no blackguards too,  
But single men in barricks, most remarkable like you;  
An' if sometimes our conduct isn't all your fancy paints,  
Why, single men in barricks don't grow into plaster saints;"*

One of the joys of living in this internet age is being able to type a few half-remembered words into Google and then conjure up the whole poem. Well worth reading in full I think, although Kipling is very much frowned on these days.

A poem written by Peter Pindar in 2003, just after the Iraq war started, entitled "Tommy in the 21st Century" features these lines:  
*"Yes, it's Tommy this, an' Tommy that, an' spend less on defence,  
But who walks the streets of Basra when the air is getting tense?  
When the air is getting tense, boys, from Kabul to Kosovo  
Who'll say goodbye to wife and kids, and shoulder pack and go?"*

If you are serving a German-themed meal to celebrate Oktoberfest, the Obazda starter could be followed by barbecued or grilled Bratwurst sausages served in bread rolls with German mustard (or Dijon or English or a mixture of the two.) To finish off with perhaps good old Black Forest gâteau. (Schwarzwaldler Kirschtorte).

If you haven't got time to make a homemade gâteau then serve up a bought cake with a generous schuss of cherry brandy poured over. Does anyone else remember the furore in 1963 when the Prince of Wales was caught drinking when only fourteen and underage in a Scottish Hotel? Apparently, he had asked for a Cherry Brandy. The British Press had a field day and I bet he hasn't drunk any cherry brandy since!

## Obazda

Obazda is a traditional Bavarian dish consisting of cream cheese, Camembert cheese, butter, paprika and spring onions. There are many variations on this recipe.



### Ingredients:

125g Philadelphia cream cheese  
125g Camembert cheese  
25g butter  
100ml dark German beer (or stout)  
6 spring onions  
salt and pepper to taste  
paprika to garnish  
Pretzels and crudités to serve

### Instructions:

1. Finely chop the spring onions
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3. Garnish Obatzda with a sprinkle of paprika.  
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# Milton Abbey announces commemorative installation of four iconic life size Tommy silhouettes



HISTORIC Milton Abbey set in a glorious Capability Brown landscape and surrounded by the countryside of North Dorset is the first location in Dorset to have installed four

six foot high Tommies as part of the *There But Not There* project created by the charity *Remembered*. In fact there are only four venues sporting these life size Tommies in the whole of the South West.

The silhouettes were designed by artist Michael Barraud to commemorate the fallen and to educate all generations, particularly today's younger generation, to understand what led to the deaths of 888,246 people from Britain and The Commonwealth.

The Tommies at Milton Abbey are positioned in the north transept of the Abbey around the magnificent Damer Memorial.\* The location is particularly fitting because one of the representative figures pays tribute to a particular soldier from the Damer family who died in the First World War.

A surviving relative, Edward Dawson-Damer has confirmed that his great, great uncle 2nd Lieutenant The Hon George Seymour Dawson-Damer (10th Royal Hussars) was killed at Monchy-Le-Preux near Arras in April 1917. Prior to transferring to the 10th Hussar he was an Officer in the Queen's Own Dorset Yeomanry (QODY) and served at Gallipoli with them.

Brian Larcher, Development Manager from the Milton Abbey Heritage Trust said, "When Milton Abbey heard about *There But Not There* we immediately wanted to be involved as a quiet and beautiful location, a former home to Benedictine monks and somewhere people from across the South West could gather and remember the sacrifice of those who took part in the First World War.

"At this iconic North Dorset location we have very close links to



the forces with Blandford Military base close by and there are long associations with families, residents from nearby villages and visitors to the Abbey who come here to remember those who have served and gone before them. With the installation of four six foot high Tommies in the space around the stunning Damer Memorial inside the Abbey we are able to offer a space for reflection and contemplation.

In fact *There But Not There* sits particularly well with the Benedictine edicts of Service and Community. In serving others we meet Christ and grow in love of each other: "People are not to pursue what they judge best for themselves, but instead, what they judge is best for others." And Community: We grow as individuals through a life of inter-dependence. "They should each try to be first to show

*respect to the other, supporting with the greatest patience one another's weaknesses of body or behaviour".*

The Tommies have also been designed to help heal all those suffering from the hidden wounds of post-traumatic stress disorder and other lasting legacies of combat, by raising funds for our beneficiary charities.

For more information contact: Brian Larcher, Development Manager, Milton Abbey Heritage Trust: [Brian.larcher@maht.org.uk](mailto:Brian.larcher@maht.org.uk) and visit: [www.miltonabbey.org](http://www.miltonabbey.org)

For more information about *There But Not There*, visit: [www.therebutnotthere.org.uk/](http://www.therebutnotthere.org.uk/)

\*Joseph Damer acquired the Abbey in 1752 and commissioned the Italian sculptor Carlini to make a monument to mourn his late wife Caroline Sackville, daughter of the 1st Duke of Dorset, who died in 1775.

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## Handbell Concert

Saturday 13th October at 2.30pm

The St. Mary's Handbell Ringers are coming to St. Andrew's Church to deliver an amazing concert.

No admission charge but donations welcomed  
Refreshments will be provided.



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## DHCT Ride and Stride 2018

EVERY year a group of people from Milborne St. Andrew take on the challenge set by Dorset Historic Churches Trust (DHCT) of walking to raise money for them and for our own church. This year an enthusiastic group were joined by a few people from Puddletown who arrived in Milborne by car.

We managed to get everyone to the starting point in Blandford in only three cars and parked in the Stour Meadow car park. Our first stop was St. Mary's church in Blandford St. Mary after which we walked back to the town centre and visited another four churches. Many of us found it interesting seeing more of the old buildings and finding out about the Great Fire. From the centre of town we walked to the top of Milldown where we joined the Trailway to walk back to the Stour Meadows.

Many thanks to those who walked, those who 'manned' our church, and to the sponsors. At the moment we don't know yet how much money we raised but we should have collected a little over £230. Half of the money raised will be kept by DHCT and the other half will be returned to the church.

There will be another Ride and Stride next year and anyone is welcome to join by cycling, horse riding or walking, watch out for adverts in August 2019.

*Pam Shults*

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## Is the season changing?

AT Thorncombe Wood signs of late summer are here; huge blackberries, ripening chestnuts and larvae-eaten leaves. As our summer visitor numbers drop away, now is a lovely time to enjoy the reserve for a woodland picnic or family walk. Bird nesting season is officially over so dogs are allowed off leads but under control throughout the site, and the café in the Hardy's Birthplace Visitor Centre has a new array of cakes to enjoy - yum!







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# Milton Abbas Surgery

## Flu Clinic new date

A REMINDER to patients that our annual flu clinic will be held on the morning of **Saturday 20th October** at Winterborne Whitechurch village hall. 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. If you have not received a letter or text message from us but are over 65 or otherwise eligible to receive a flu vaccination, please take this as your invitation to attend.

This year there will be three different vaccinations, one for those patients over 65, one for younger adult patients with long term conditions and a third (a nasal spray) for children: you will therefore be asked to confirm your age at the flu clinic to ensure you are vaccinated appropriately.

### Appointments

Please can I ask that when you are given an appointment at the surgery, you arrive in good time to attend. We appreciate that sometimes the doctors and nurses may not run to time and that patients may have to wait beyond their allocated appointment time to be seen, but if you are late it is likely that you will be asked to make an appointment for another day. We hope you understand that we are here to look after all of our patients and that care doesn't always fit neatly into ten minute slots – remember it might be you that needs more of our time one day.

*Gillian Brindle, Practice Business Manager*

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## Food for body and soul

ALL are warmly invited to come to St. Andrew's church for a Harvest Breakfast on Sunday 7th October at 9.15am. There will be sausages, bacon butties, bread, cereals and hot drinks all for free. You can bring along your harvest gifts and stay for the Harvest Festival Service which starts at 10.00am. Hopefully people will bring dry goods which can be taken to Food Banks but any fresh produce will be sold and the money raised sent to WaterAid. We look forward to seeing you.

*Pam Shults*

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## Autumn Gardening



AFTER the summer break the Gardening Club members are looking forward to the September talk by Colin Varndell on the garden he has developed over many years to encourage wild life. As he is a distinguished photographer I am sure we will be shown lots of beautiful studies of plants and animals through the year.

Autumn is just about upon us, however, as the days are getting shorter and the air chillier, or 'fresher' as the weather forecasters always put it. To some of us this is very welcome after the stifling heat we have had at times this year and which had various effects upon our plants.

The talk at October's meeting is entitled 'Putting the Garden to Bed'. Our speaker will deal with such topics as pruning, tidying, protection of delicate plants, splitting or planting new acquisitions and generally preparing for the colder weather and dormant season. We hope to see lots of members, but everyone is welcome to come along on October 18th. We are always pleased to see potential new members or those who are just interested in the evening's talk.

*Sally Dyer*

## Opportunity for disabled children to benefit from pony riding

DO you know a young disabled child who could benefit from the chance to ride a pony?

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Milton Abbas Riding for the Disabled Group has a few opportunities for young disabled children to benefit from pony riding and join our group on a Tuesday afternoon in term-time. We are able to support children with either physical or learning disabilities (or both) with a maximum weight limit of eight stone (50.8kg) because of the ponies available.

Riding lessons take place in a covered arena and sometimes out on the farm tracks in good weather and we would ask for a donation of £10 per lesson from those families able to contribute.

### Or, have you thought about volunteering?

Do you have a few free hours on a Tuesday (late) afternoon?

You do not need to have any experience with horses or disabled children.

Please consider helping these children benefit from the experience of pony riding.

To find out more about riding for your child or becoming an RDA volunteer please contact Sue Hodder on 07739 469946 or email [suehodder01@talktalk.net](mailto:suehodder01@talktalk.net) to discuss further.

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## Wednesday Club hears about OBE

ON Wednesday 1st August Rod Harris came to tell us how he was awarded an OBE. Back as far as 1939, ninety-seven men lost their lives in the submarine, *Thetis*; only four men were saved because the torpedo tube door was not closed properly and flooded. Some years later another submarine was lost in Lyme Bay for the same reason. It was realised that there was a design fault and a terrible risk for loss of life and Rod was asked to work to correct the fault. It took him five years and cost £93 million to put right. Shortly after he had completed the work Rod had a letter from the then Prime Minister saying that he had been put forward to receive an OBE. Rod then took us through his day at the Palace and all the protocol for being presented to the Queen and what a wonderful experience it was. It was a fascinating talk, given in an informative and amusing manner.

*Sheila Burton*

### September meeting

Once again the Wednesday Club welcomed Kevin Patience as the speaker for this month. The title of his talk this time was *The True Story of the African Queen*. C S Forrester wrote the book in 1934 based on two true naval stores in World War One in East Africa. The book originally written for the Washington Post, where it was serialised, had three separate endings, and when Rosie and Charlie died in the final publication the readers were so outraged Forrester was asked to write another ending.

The true story revolves around naval exploits on Lake Tanganyika where a German warship patrolled. Although the navy had two small ships on the lake they could not compete with the much larger German one. He went on to tell how the British navy took two motorboats across land to the lake.

Filming was done in East Africa and the Belgian Congo with John Huston as the director and Sam Spiegel producer, not, as many people believed, on the river at Dalyan in Turkey.

Members were reminded that next month, Wednesday 3rd October will be games (bingo). Bring along a photo of themselves between the ages of 5 and 10 for the AGM meeting the following month, and of course tea/coffee and biscuits in the village hall 2.00pm to 4.00pm; all are welcome to join us.

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# 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 up Dorchester Hill. The left side hasn't changed much but the right side is very different until the pub.

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## It was barking mad at the Athelhampton Fete

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The weather was kind and people enjoyed browsing the stalls. Emma Hughes and the planning team did a fantastic job, as did our Events Committee and other volunteers. We ran the cake stall, the toy stall and glitter tattoos which made good contributions. Many thanks to all who were involved. Thankfully a good profit was made which will help to support our Benefice running costs and general expenses.

*Pam Shults*



## Why did the Dark Ages happen after the Romans left?

THE History Group's speaker in September was John Smith, the archaeologist who specialises in the Roman Empire and its history. He explained his theories about why the Romans left Britain in 410AD. He informed us that although there were many emperors and senators from other countries such as Gaul, Africa, Croatia, Spain, etc. there was never one from the British Isles. He believes that is one of the reasons that Britain was not an important part of the Roman Empire. He also reminded us of the great underpinning systems and structures that were created by the Romans. These included coinage and monetary systems, including taxation. These paid for repairs to structures such as the roads and communal buildings like bath houses.

Roman rule ended in different parts of Britain at different times but when they finally left, their rules and control would have left the Romano-British people without the support and structure that they were used to and life would have changed significantly. It is this period that is called the Dark Ages. We all thanked him for his enthusiastic delivery and for the visual aids that he used to illustrate his talk.

At next month's meeting, on the 10th October, we will discuss progress on the work already done to find out more of our own village's history and how we can record it in a meaningful way. Come along and share your ideas with us.

At our meeting on 14th November we will have a speaker. He has researched information about a soldier who attended Milborne St. Andrew's Boys' School as a child. He was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal while a Lieutenant in the Dorset Regiment in the Great War.

The History Group is to mark the end of the First World War with a display on one of the fences at the Village Hall. We hope that people will add anything to the display that they think is relevant. Examples could be copies of pictures of relatives who were in the war, information about the nurses, the horses used, copies of letters, or anything else of relevance. The items need to be weather proof. We will give more details in the next Reporter.

*Pam Shults*



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