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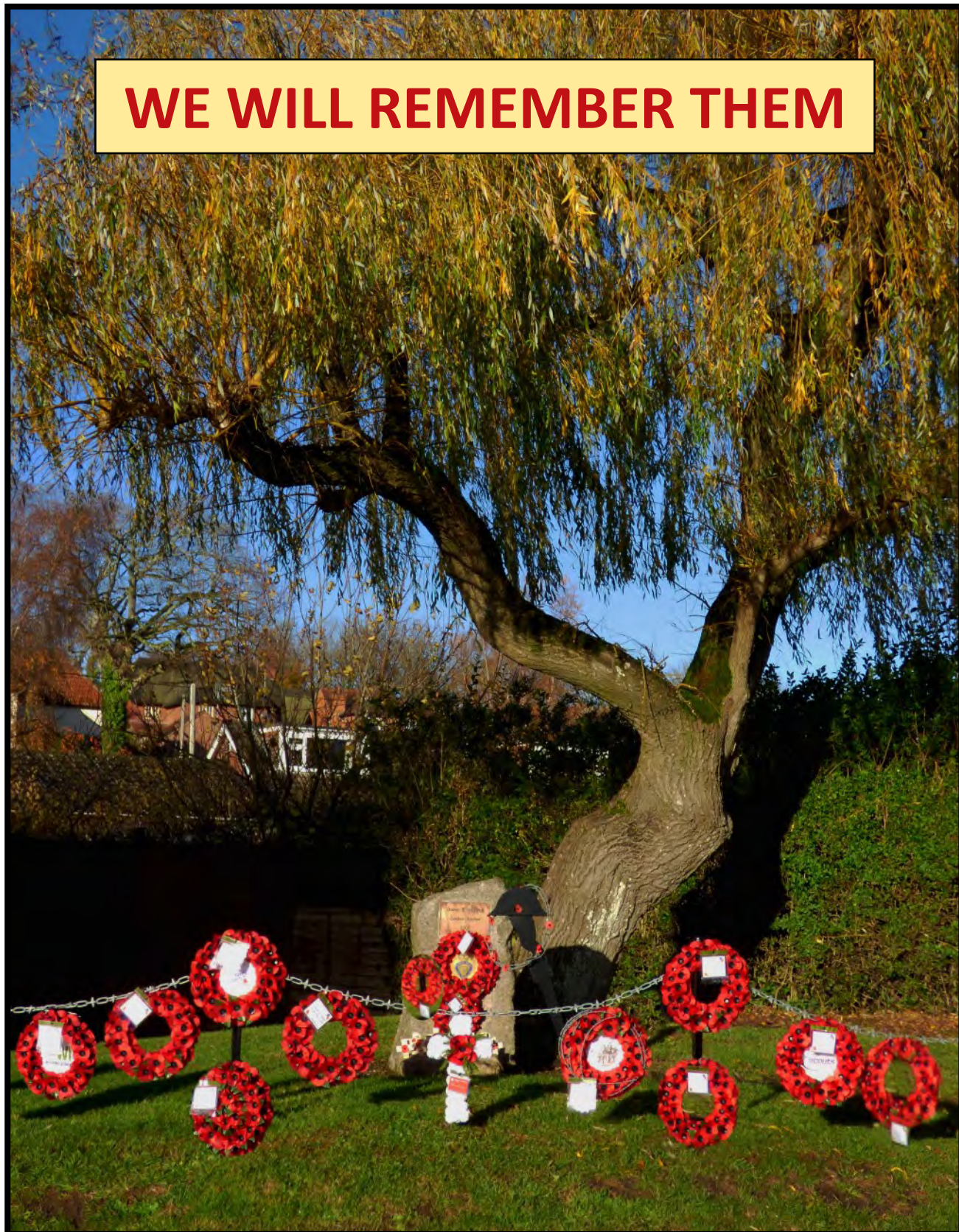
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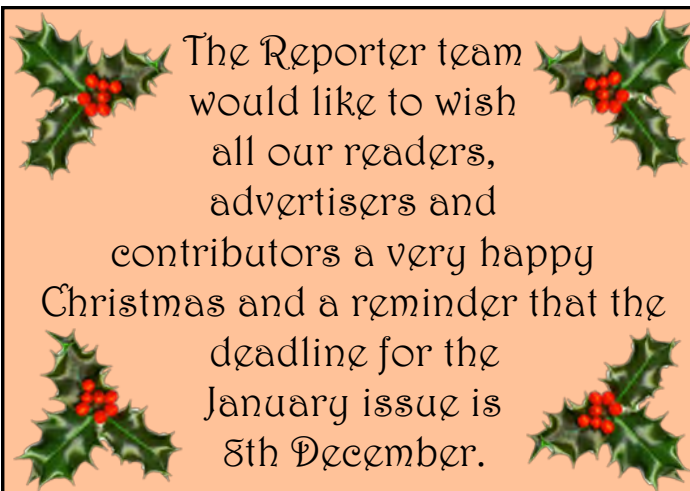
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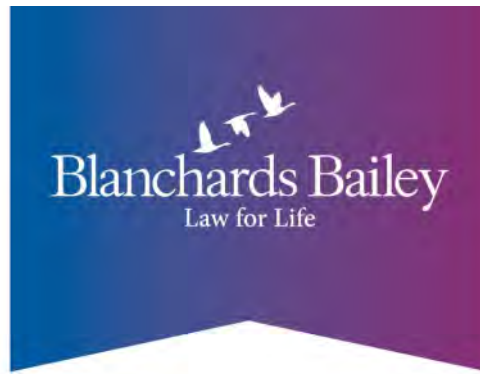


LEST WE FORGET

For the 100th anniversary of the end of World War One, Milborne St Andrew, like many communities, has commemorated the event. At the sports field giant poppies along Lane End pay tribute to the village men that lost their lives; many of them would have played or supported the football club which was formed in 1912. By the bench in The Square two figures, a soldier and sailor, stand sentinel. Outside the village hall some of the knitted poppies that villagers made for the anniversary of the battle of the Somme; the rest are cascading from the ceiling in the church. And along the fence a memory wall for anyone to add their photos etc of those who fought. In our small way we pay tribute to all those involved in the conflict, those that died and those who carried the scars, physical and mental, for the rest of their lives. "We will remember them"



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A standard mark of respect



FOR those that saw the picture above in the Dorset Echo on the 6th November there is an important correction that needs to be made.

The Standard bearer is Charley Morby NOT Mowbry as printed. Morby is a name that to this day has strong connections with this village over many generations and apologies for any confusion caused. Tony Fox, our very own celebrated historian is trying to track down the others shown in the picture for me so if you can help I think that it will be great thing to do.

To be the Standard bearer was a hugely important task because the Standard is a constant symbolic reminder to us all of the Legion's motto, 'Service Not Self' and plays a crucial role in the Act of Remembrance honouring those who sacrificed their lives in the hope that we enjoy peace.

It most certainly does not glorify war!

The Milborne Standard was removed from the Church a few years ago and was placed in a metal ISO container at Bovington Camp. It was recently removed to a drier place to avoid any further deterioration caused by damp until a decision is taken on what to do for the best.

Attempts were made to get it back for the Centenary Commemorations but there are strict rules of protocol to be observed and it was not permissible to do so, which begs the following question.

As a mark of respect for those who sacrificed everything should the Milborne Royal British Legion Standard be brought back and laid up in the Church, or other designated suitable public place as part of the Centenary Commemorations?

I certainly think so because it is an important part of our local heritage, as is the Parish Bier which is also in dire need of rescuing.

Clearly both need to be laid up properly to avoid any further deterioration and I for one would be prepared to play a part and to make a donation to ensure that the cost of the laying up is properly funded.

Are there other like minded souls out there and if so who should push this along? Should it be an ad hoc committee or is this something that the Parish Council could take the lead on by firstly conducting a

"People's Vote" on the topic and then setting up a working group to get things done!

Two votes for the price of one maybe

Vote One

As a mark of respect for those who sacrificed everything should the Milborne Royal British Legion Flag be brought back and laid up as part of the Centenary Commemorations?

Vote 2

Would you be prepared to make a donation to ensure that the cost of the laying up is properly funded

Richard Lock



Gardening Club AGM



WE held our AGM and social evening in November. Members were there to hear about the exciting programme of events to be enjoyed by the club next year. Membership has risen and the friendly atmosphere at club meetings and events just gets better and better. A big thank you was given to Sally Dyer who stepped down from the role of Chairperson, having served the club for many years and whose efforts have resulted in the club being such a success. Ann Guy was elected to be our new Chairperson and Angela Johnson to be our new Treasurer. Thanks to both of you . . . clubs need volunteers!

The meeting was followed by drinks (ably served by Bev and Ron Stevens) and food, the food being the produce of members' gardens.

Do you find yourself bored in the evenings? Perhaps you need a hobby . . . an interest . . . something to get enthusiastic about. Think about growing things – join the gardening club! Don't worry if you're new to gardening, you can always ask questions whilst at meetings. Club members enjoy free expert talks, garden centre visits, discounts and vouchers. There are competitions and social events . . . what's not to like? We next meet at the Village Hall on January 17th at 7:30pm. Come along, you'll be most WELCOME. *Mark Johnson*

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Can I smell gas?

IN the past I have written in the *Reporter* some extracts from an old housewife's book. This was handed on to my father-in-law, who was a doctor, many years ago, detailing folk remedies and cures for ailments. This provoked one of my neighbours to lend me a notebook written by his grandfather, Herbert Ingram Earnshaw. This also included cures ranging from worms to warts. But at the end of the book was information about gases used in the First World War. This information was given at a briefing to the soldiers in the trenches.



Phosgene – a smell like musty hay or rotten vegetables, grave injury to the lungs, coughing, shallow rapid breathing, period of wellbeing – followed by death without aid.

Chlorine – a smell of chloride of lime, faint greenish cloud, symptoms as phosgene but not as deadly, dissolves in water.

Mustard Gas – a faint smell of onions or garlic penetrates into wood, clothing, brick and stone. Skin blisters hours after, eyes smarting, partial loss of voice, pain, nausea, vomiting – death without aid.

As horrifying as this is to read, think of the man who wrote it, young, terrified, fighting in the filth of the war, yet another thing for him to fear. My grandfather came back from the trenches, I never met him, he died in 1919 another victim of the deadly gas.

Our past speaks to us in all these honestly written words, be it cure-alls or stark information. Don't let us lose it, in all its humour or horror. If you find anything you would like to share I will happily write it up.

Josie Wright

THE MILBORNE PLAYERS' PANTO SNOW WHITE

OUR rehearsals are well ahead for the ever popular story of Snow White. We have added lots of fun and some unexpected surprises to the traditional tale. Will there be dwarves? Oh yes there will! But why does one have to be an honorary dwarf? What is a glow worm doing in our story? Why does the magic mirror have to be so bolshy? Only one way to find out. Get your tickets early for our February show. And if you enjoy a disgracefully bad baddie - wait till you see our Queen!

From the pen of the writer himself.

Ron Karley

Announcement

Mum, Dad and Michael (Badger)

Those we love don't go away they walk beside us every day.

Unseen, unheard, but always near, so loved, so missed, so very dear.

Veronica, David Way and Grandson Paul

Big thanks to Milborne from the Longmead goats!

IT'S good news for Wally, Benny, Bella, Blackberry and Bonny – the money has been raised to build them a new home! The craft fair and open day at Longmead Community Farm held in November resulted in just over £200. The remainder needed for the hut materials was given by a Milborne resident, after reading about the housing crisis of the Longmead goats in the last *Reporter*. House and Admin Support volunteer, April Whalley, said, "A lovely lady from Milborne donated the rest of the money to complete our fund, which means that the wood is being ordered and the project will be underway as soon as it is delivered".



She said the Longmead charity was very pleased with the day, even though the weather was rather wet, which meant that the animals were a little quiet. April said, "As the weather was against us, we couldn't offer walks with the goats – but there's always next year!" All five goats were inside their shed, looking out at the downpours – even the pigs were tucked up in their sty. But despite the rain, the charity, which offers a calm and caring environment to Dorset families in crisis, was upbeat. April said, "Thank you so much to the wonderful people of Milborne, we are thrilled to be supported in such a positive way by our local community – THANK YOU!"

Ed Richards

Christmas carols around the village

GET ready for a festive treat, Milborne schoolchildren and parents will be singing carols house-to-house on Friday 21st December, starting at 5.00pm. (You have been warned!) They then plan to join the traditional singalong at the Village Hall around the Christmas tree, at 6.30pm. Friends of School will be collecting on behalf of a local charity. All are welcome to join the wassailing around the village, or at the main carol singing event.





THE BENEFICE OF PUDDLETOWN, TOLPUDDLE AND
MILBORNE WITH DEWLISH
PART OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN THE DIOCESE OF SALISBURY



Advent Hope

I wonder which Christmas traditions are part of your celebrations: decorating the tree on Christmas Eve, a large roast turkey, presents after lunch on Christmas Day, lots of wild parties in the run-up, drinking and eating too much, stressing about who will be where on the day itself, Christmas jumper days (I really must buy one this year!), pyjama days, Advent calendars or moaning that Christmas gets earlier every year.

I have to confess that I indulge in that final one most years. Back to school arrives, and it seems that Christmas is all over the shops as well. Does it matter? Perhaps not, although it does emphasise the way that Christmas for many is nothing more than a secular money-making exercise or a feast of thinking about what I want rather than how I can be generous to others.

Advent, apart from the calendars which many still seem to adore – me included, is often overshadowed. For the Church, it is a time of waiting, both for the coming of Christ as a baby at Christmas and also for his promised coming again.

Waiting can often be seen as dreary and tries our patience. It is one of the things that humans seem to find really hard, especially in this day and age where so many things are instant.

Waiting often sits alongside hopes for the future. Advent is firmly rooted in hope, looking to a time when there will be no more violence or war, selfishness or greed, injustice or poverty, sickness or death. Hope can give waiting meaning.

This Advent, while holding my hopes for my own future and that of the whole of creation, I want also to build hope for others. There are so many ways we can do this. But one I heard about last year really struck me. Perhaps you have come across it too.

It's the Reverse Advent Calendar. The idea is that rather than opening a little cardboard door and finding either a picture or chocolate or gin or perfume or lipstick or any of the other goodies people now find hidden there, you give something away for each day of December until 24th. Food banks in particular have taken up this idea, and I intend to create my own reverse Advent calendar this year for one of the local ones. So each day I will set aside something for the food bank – tinned food, dried goods, sanitary products, tea, coffee, toiletries perhaps.

If that is too much to consider for you because shopping isn't easy, how about setting aside a small amount of money on each day of Advent and giving it to a charity at the end.

And, if you struggle financially, acts of kindness cost nothing. Why not set yourself a task of doing something kind for someone each day – something you would not otherwise have done.

There are many ways we can bring hope to others during this season of Advent. As preparation for all that we are to receive at Christmas, most especially the gift of God himself, generosity prepares our hearts to recognise the true value of all that we have.

May you have a hope-filled Advent and a happy Christmas.

With best wishes

Sarah Hillman

St. Andrew's Report

How 'green' are you?

It has been announced very recently that the Diocese of Salisbury is the first to win the Eco Diocese Award set up by A Rocha UK (the Christian based environmental charity). The Rt Revd Nicholas Holtam, Bishop of Salisbury, is the lead bishop on the environment for the Church of England and has said "It shows that as a Diocese we recognise that the care for God's creation is at the heart of ministry and mission". This award is part of the wider Eco Church scheme and looks at a Diocese or Parish's green 'credentials' in five areas: Worship and Teaching; Buildings; Land; Community Engagement and Lifestyle. David Morgan, Chair of the Diocesan Environmental Group said: "As the Church of England speaks out on caring for creation matters, it is vitally important that our own house is in order. We need to be doing the right things corporately and individually or we will be accused of hypocrisy. So, the pressure is on all of us... to respond to this challenge."

I had a very interesting meeting recently with Colin Brady, our local member of the

Church Services December

2nd December – Advent Sunday

9.30am	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30	Celebrate	Milborne
11.00	Parish Communion	Puddletown
11.00	1662 Morning Prayer	Dewlish
4.00pm	Messy Church	Tolpuddle

SATURDAY 8th December

4.00pm	County Bell Ringers' Carol Service	Puddletown
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9th December – Advent 2

8.15am	1662 Said Communion	Puddletown
9.30	Parish Communion	Milborne
11.00	Puddletown Praise	Puddletown Church Room
11.00	Parish Communion	Dewlish
5.00pm	United Carol Service	Tolpuddle

SATURDAY 15th December

6.00pm	Carol Service	Milborne
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16th December – Advent 3

9.30am	Family Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30	1662 Morning Prayer (said)	Milborne
11.00	Family Service	Dewlish
3.00pm	Christingle	Milborne
6.00	Carol Service	Puddletown

23rd December – Advent 4

9.30am	Go Fourth	Tolpuddle
9.30	Parish Communion	Milborne
11.00	1662 Morning Prayer	Puddletown
3.00pm	Carol Service	Dewlish

24th December – CHRISTMAS EVE

3.30pm	Crib Service	Tolpuddle
5.00	Crib Service	Puddletown
11.30	Midnight Mass	Milborne
11.30	Midnight Mass	Puddletown

25th December – CHRISTMAS DAY

9.00am	Christmas Holy Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30	Christmas Holy Communion	Dewlish
10.15	Christmas Celebration	Milborne
11.15	Christmas Praise	Puddletown

30th December – Christmas 1

11.00am	United Benefice Holy Communion	Puddletown
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Morning Prayers (Monday – Thursday 8.15am Saturday 9.00am)

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

Do you need a lift to church?

If you have difficulty getting to church or need transport when the Benefice Service is at another church, we can arrange transport for you.

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Diocesan Environmental Group. He helped me to fill in the online assessment designed by arocha.org.uk. I did look at it a while back but became overwhelmed by the number of questions that I couldn't answer. Colin was a great help and talked me through each section and to my amazement our church did very well in some areas but 'could do with improvement' in others. Although at home I try to be eco-friendly, e.g. recycling items, avoiding buying plastic packaged foodstuff, growing a lot of my own fruit and vegetables, having insect friendly plants, being careful with my use of electricity, water, etc. I haven't given much thought about how our church can become involved in promoting and achieving green credentials.

I have now taken up the challenge and will be discussing with our PCC how St. Andrew's can take positive action, including promote the message, to all parishioners. Do let me know if you have any thoughts about how this parish can take up the challenge or would be interested in becoming St. Andrew's Eco-Champion.

Pam Shults Churchwarden

Dewlish Church Notes

MANY thanks to our cyclists, Jim, Adam, Ed and Bill, who rode in the Dorset Historic Churches Trust Ride 'n' Stride in September. I am delighted to say that between them they raised £1,145, half of which will be returned to our church. Well done to you all, and a big thank-you also to those people who gave so generously.

We are privileged in Dewlish to have a Community Coffee Morning each Saturday with breakfast rolls and cake in the Village Hall. It has proved very popular and we thank the people who work so hard for this worthwhile event. They have very kindly donated £300 to our church for which we are most grateful.

We have also received a cheque for £605.13 from part of the donations given in memory of our dear friend, Daphne Berridge. Thank you, Lucy, for choosing the church as one of the charities.

Yet another thank-you, this time to Robyn and Alex, at whose wedding a collection was taken. This was shared between our church, Bloodwise and Parkinson's UK, each receiving £86.66, a wonderful sum.

And now to December...

Our **Christmas Bazaar** is on Saturday 1st December at 2.30pm in the Village Hall. Please come and support us. There will be a lovely array of cakes, Christmas decorations, toys, a new stall, raffles and teas. We would be most grateful for any donations to the stalls – but not bric-a-brac or jumble, thank you.

Our **Carol Service** is on Sunday 23rd December at 3.00pm in the church, followed by refreshments in the Village Hall. Jim will be hoping that the children will take part once again and that our young people will read. If there is anyone willing to sing or play an instrument, please let him know (Tel: 01258 837 466).

Please note that our **Christmas morning Holy Communion Service** will be at 9.30am, and not at our usual time.

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Looking ahead to next year we are planning to put on a major fund-raising event, "**Dewlish in Bloom**", when several gardens will be open, and teas and entertainment will be provided. Please save the afternoons of Saturday and Sunday 22nd and 23rd June in your diaries. If you are willing to open your garden, please contact Jim (telephone number as above).

Daphne Burg

Successful Coffee Morning

THE WI would like to thank everyone who braved the torrential rain showers to attend the coffee morning on Saturday 10th. The event was to raise awareness of Period Poverty here in Dorset. It is shocking to think that there are girls and women who cannot afford sanitary protection. We had a huge number of products donated on the day which, together with those that had already been donated by businesses, will be given to the local food banks for distribution. We also raised £300 and this will be used to buy even more! When you are donating to food banks do remember items like this and also soaps, deodorants, toothpaste as these are also essential items.

Linda Wright



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THERE is now yellow hatching in the layby as this is for emergency vehicles only and also a pedestrian access to the field. Although residents have agreed not to park when there is an event there have still been vehicles parked including a small lorry. Please support film nights at the hall; there have been some really good films shown and you can also have a drink at the bar! We have just renewed our alcohol licence as the bar does bring in a good income. Thanks to Sandie who looks after the ordering. The trustees were dismayed that our village was not going to have any silhouettes to mark the centenary of the armistice so decided to buy some and place them by the seat in the square. Thanks to Alison for laying a poppy wreath on behalf of the Village Hall at the memorial stone on Remembrance Day.

Linda Wright



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You do not need to have any experience with horses or disabled children, we will train you.

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For further information contact Sue Hodder on suehodder01@talktalk.net or ring her on 07739 469946

Christmas Bingo for Ladybirds

DUE to the success of the last bingo event at Easter where the village hall was packed with hopeful prize winners, Ladybirds playgroup are holding another fundraising prize bingo event! Get the date in your diary for Friday 14th December. There will be a family friendly game at 5.45pm and at 7.00pm the main event giving you time if wished to drop the kids back home in the break! The kitchen will be open for refreshments and sweet treats! And there will be a raffle which we are gratefully taking donations for at present. Contact Dione 07530741875 or kindly drop in to Ladybirds. Be sure to get there early to secure your seat!

We are very happy to welcome Catertasty to our bingo event who will be serving up festive wraps (turkey, stuffing, pigs in blankets in a Yorkshire pudding wrap with gravy) what a treat! There will be an alternative for children. So no need to sort dinner beforehand!

Deadline for the January issue is mid-day Saturday 8th December. Send your stories and pictures to msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk. DO NOT send direct to the editor

National Consumer Week

NATIONAL Consumer Week is an annual campaign which aims to raise awareness of consumer issues, rights and resources available to help people when they need it. Every year the campaign covers a different topic, and this year the theme is online marketplaces, specifically focussing on those that sell goods.

This year's campaign will be launching on the 26th November; 'Cyber Monday' a big pre-Christmas shopping day where there will be millions of people shopping online, including using online marketplaces.

Online shopping is now a big part of everyday life in the UK. In 2016, £154 billion was spent on the internet in the UK, and the vast majority of consumers (84%) are considered online shoppers. This shift to online spending is increasing, and while many online sales will be with established businesses, a significant proportion are from small or private sellers via online marketplaces.

While there are also benefits, **people are having a range of problems when using online marketplaces.** The main issues consumers reported to the Citizens Advice consumer service were:

- being sold faulty goods, or goods that went faulty shortly after sale.
- goods not arriving or not being sent by the seller.
- goods being misdescribed in the sales adverts.

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'An Expert Craftswoman' ... at the November WI

WE were delighted to welcome a number of visitors to our meeting, including the President of Winterborne Kingston WI; it was good to see them.

With a thought to Christmas: The Group Carol Service is to be held at Winterborne Kingston on Tuesday 11th December, attendees to provide mince pies. For our post-Christmas lunch, we are to go to Ashley Golf Club on Friday 11th January. Linda has distributed the menus and June has kindly offered to co-ordinate responses. Longmead is to be our chosen charity this year, and we are asked to bring along a donation to next month's meeting.

We agreed to take a stall at next year's Milton Abbas Street Fair on Saturday 27th July, further discussion to take place. June had attended the annual meeting at the Lighthouse, Poole, and gave a full and lively report of what had been an interesting and eventful day.

We were delighted to hear from Linda that the Village Hall Trustees had themselves funded two Silent Soldier silhouettes for the village, to mark the final year of the World War One centenary.

Shirley reported that Bookends' members were reading a novel by Helen Dunmore, one of their favourite authors, but feedback would not be until the following week. Shirley has chaired Bookends since its inception some years ago, but sadly for us will be leaving the village next month, to be nearer her family. In the 20-plus years she has lived here Shirley has made an immense contribution to Milborne, including being a Governor of Milborne First school and President of our WI. Her friends at the WI will miss her erudition, humour and counsel. We hope that she and Peter will be very happy in their new home.

As a postscript to our Coffee Morning for 'Period Poverty' held in the Village Hall; this proved to be very successful, and we hope it has helped to raise the profile of what can often be a taboo subject. Thanks to all those who supported us by coming along.

Our speaker had little need to introduce herself as she is one of our own WI members. Pauline Trim had come along to show us some of her work as a craftswoman. Originally trained as a fine artist, but with additional qualifications in textiles, theatre and media make-up and costume design, she has continued her interests in craft subjects by adding miniature and botanical painting to her repertoire. Pauline produced samples and illustrations of her amazing work – quilts, masks, paintings, all hand-made and showing a variety of techniques. Unsurprisingly she has won many awards and has exhibited widely. The RHS have now asked her to put on a solo exhibition of her botanical paintings in 2020, with a minimum of six watercolours. This is time-consuming, inspired and very patient work, and without doubt Pauline is very talented – we were all completely in awe of her!

Our Christmas meeting is on Thursday 13th December, when we will be joined by 'Wimborne Voices'. We will celebrate with lots of food and a festive drink.

Pat Bull



F&W enjoy height of good food

THE Food and Wine Club enjoyed an excellent spicy lunch at the 29029 in Wareham in October. This is a Nepalese restaurant serving very high quality food of its region. It was our second visit and can be highly recommended. Every Sunday they serve a buffet – beautifully presented three courses with a delicious dessert rice dish. We had a very convivial lunch.

Susie Edwards



Round Robin Ramblers

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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.**

Sunday 2nd December – 1.30pm (note earlier time during winter)

Buckland Newton

Meet near the church in Buckland Newton

Grid reference: ST 687053 on OS Explorer Sheet 117 (approx. 4.5 miles)

Sunday 6th January – 1.30pm (note earlier time during winter)

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.
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- Bring** Waterproofs and refreshments (packed lunch on Wednesdays).
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- Aim** Keep fit, enjoy the Dorset countryside and each other's company.
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British history and tradition at Ladybirds



ON Monday 12th November some of our children walked to the memorial stone to look at the wreaths and poppies. On the way we looked at and talked about the items attached to the fence by the Village Hall. Discussing Remembrance Day can be tricky with young children but we feel that most have already seen people wearing poppies and seen the parades on TV so it is best to give children a chance to talk about what they see. Some of the children already knew that brave soldiers had died. On returning to the Hall the children made pictures of poppies.

Other British traditions were covered this month with pumpkin carving and firework pictures. The Not so Scary Halloween disco was well attended with our Committee volunteers doing a great job of decorating the Hall, entertaining the children and providing refreshments. In preschool the children loved creating 'funny faces'

on card pumpkins. While the real pumpkins were scooped out by the children and the adults carved faces.

Most of the children had been to a firework display so were able to tell us what noises they heard and what the fireworks looked like. Some were just as excited about being allowed out in the dark. Creating pictures of fireworks became a messy affair; dipping cut toilet roll tubes in paint and stamping them on paper, dripping paint into a salad spinner and turning the handle as fast as you can, and most messy of all flicking runny paint at big paper pegged to the outside fence with large brushes.

Ladybirds are pleased to introduce two new ladies to our team – Antonia and Megan. *Liz Dyer*



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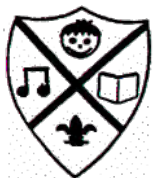
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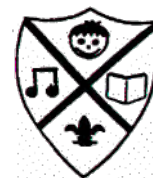
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SCHOOL NEWS

Our Year 3 class spent the day with the local charity, Trees4Dorset. They learnt about leaf classification whilst trying to decide which was their favorite autumn colour. After lunch they then set-up a new wormery. Lots of fun was had by all. A special 'Thanks' to the volunteers of Trees4Dorset for giving up their time and for sharing their passion and knowledge about the local trees in the school grounds.

Dolphins and Turtles had a very interesting day at Safewise, Weymouth, at the beginning of November. They were taught how to

keep safe around fire and also how to spot many fire hazards in the Hazard House in the Fire Station. They also looked at health and fitness and were all amazed at how much sugar was in some bowls of cereal



and sweet drinks. Everyone then went outside to improve our road safety skills, helped by a very capable lollipop person! The children had a great time and all the adults were impressed by their knowledge and behaviour.

The Safewise Team said: I had a lovely visit from your Years 5 and 6 yesterday, what a lovely group of children. Please could you pass on my thanks to Mrs Andrews and Mrs Plant and the parents for all their help throughout the day and mostly could you please send my thanks to all the children. They were a credit to themselves, the school and their families.

Well Done Dolphins and Turtles!



CONTACTS

If you require any information about the school, including admission details, or would like to arrange a visit please contact the school office

Headteacher: Mrs Sharon Hunt **School Secretary:** Mrs B Hosford

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

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

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GENERAL – YOUTH

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

POLICE

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Safer Neighbourhood Team	PC Dave Mullins and PCSO Luke Goddard	101
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SCHOOL

Milborne First School		
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Chair Governors:	Matt Way	
Friends of School Chair:	Caroline Richards	

SPECIAL INTEREST

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Milborne Players	Roy Sach	01258 837033
Round Robin Ramblers	Ian Bromilow	01258 880044
Tai Chi	Brian Burton	01258 839033
Village History Group	Pam Shults	01258 837203

SPORT

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Badminton	David Payne	01258 837700
Circuit training	Grace Martin	01305 213885
Cricket – Dewlish	Elaine Kellaway	01258 837696
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Booking Secretary:	Alison Riddle	01258 837148

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December

- Saturday 1st** **Christmas Bazaar** Dewlish Village Hall 2.30pm – see page 9.
- Wednesday 5th** **Wednesday Club** Christmas party in the skittle alley at The Royal Oak 2.30pm – see page 25.
- Friday 7th** **Milborne Movies** *The Greatest Showman* Village Hall 7.30pm – see pages 16 and 27
- Saturday 8th** **Mid-day deadline for Reporter** Send copy and pictures to msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk or give to a member of the Reporter team. **Do not** send direct to the editor.
- Saturday 8th** **Christmas Market** Village Hall 1.00 to 3.00pm entrance 50p includes draw ticket – see page 11.
- Thursday 13th** **WI meeting** Village Hall joined by *Wimborne Voices* 7.30pm – see page 13.
- Friday 14th** **Christmas Bingo** Village Hall 5.45pm and 7pm – see page 11.
- Friday 14th** **Ridgeway Singers and Band** Winterborne Kingston St Nicholas Church 7.30pm £8 under 18 £5 – see page 27
- Saturday 15th** **Carol Service** St Andrew's Church 6.00pm.
- Tuesday 18th** **Carols** The Royal Oak 8.00pm
- Wednesday 19th** **Parish Council** (planning only) Village Hall. November's report can be found on page 31.
- Friday 21st** **Christmas carols around the village** Milborne school children 5.00pm followed by singalong at the Village Hall around the Christmas tree 6.30pm – see page 7.

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

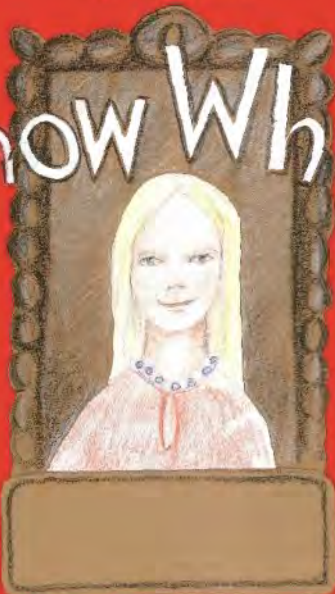
- Pilates** Monday 7.00–8.00pm (term time only)
- Yoga** Tuesday 6.30–8.00pm (term time only)
- Badminton** Wednesday 6.30–8.30pm (term time only)
- Circuit training** Thursday 6.30–7.30pm (term time only)

Regular Bookings at the Sports & Social Club

- 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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a healthy range of dog and cat treats in the shop and Emma Bratley's interest in promoting all things with ecology and ethics in mind. Biodegradable 'poo' bags for waste disposal whilst out walking dogs and many of the treat and wild bird range bags are also 100% recyclable.

All of the food is made in their own Northampton based factory. It is then sent direct to the franchisee, cutting out all the road miles between many different warehouses and keeping the costs down, creating a smaller 'footprint' and therefore helping the environment.

Marion told me that their main ethos is to source ingredients from British farmers. Each recipe is perfectly balanced to provide everything a dog/cat needs in each stage of life or activity level and is never compromised by poor quality products such as artificial colours or preservatives. She states that their pet food is of the same quality as that we eat from our own plates. The only additives are natural, such as pre and probiotics, Vitamins and minerals for nutritional benefit. You can buy tins of 'holistic' wet food which is steamed to keep all the nutrients locked in, and kibble, which is a complete food in dry form.

Her greatest success story concerns a young Great Dane whose weight gain following her specially formulated feeding plan increased to that of a healthy dog of his breed despite earlier difficulties. She has 'try before you buy' samples and offers a free consultation during which she will weigh the pet, working out the amount of food in relation to breed, age, activity level and lifestyle therefore balancing food for the dog or cat. 100% satisfaction is guaranteed. Marion admits that it is more difficult to do this for cats as they won't stay on the scales! Her advice is to achieve correct feeding at a rate suitable for each person's pet and explains that the wrong food can cause hyperactivity, excess waste or loss of condition. Similarly, the wrong amount can cause joint problems, diabetes and other weight related problems.

Having given up her previous, nine year long, job as a driving instructor due to stress, she looked around for a further opportunity to run her own business and have contact with both people and animals. The use of herbs in Trophy food attracted her initially as she uses them a great deal herself. She was required to complete a one year course plus home study and two weeks training at Head Office in Northampton during which she saw the use of laboratories for ethical testing of food



quality. She delivers on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays; Friday being her delivery day for local deliveries (Eleven currently in MSA) stocking up Grays Stores and attending to essential office work.

She states that The Royal Oak is one of her favourite places as she has never had a bad meal there. Her husband, Stuart, an electrician working on the Sunrise Business Park, Blandford, helps with paperwork. Evenings are also utilised to complete such necessary work. If you google Trophy you will find the firm has a 5 star rating with Trustpilot, that means real customers taking the time to tell everyone how happy they are. In 2016 Marion was awarded New Franchisee of the year and in 2017 the Trophy customer service award. Her customers had to email or call to vote for her. She received a print out of the messages left and, luckily, her husband was driving, as she was reduced to tears whilst reading 'such kind words from everyone'. Her deliveries take her as far as Bridport, Crewkerne, Sparkford, Blandford and everywhere in between. She began the job in October 2016 and moved into this village in January this year. The family originate from Parkstone and moved to Winterborne Whitechurch in 2002. They spent 12 very happy years there and then moved to Higher Ansty for four years. She tells me that they enjoy being back living in the midst of a busy village with an excellent shop, pub and post office.

Starting by door knocking she gathered 135 customers in Yeovil, now, knowledge of her and her business is spread by word of mouth and recommendations. Marion has three daughters and home schooled two of them. The grey mare, Dotty, she once owned and grazed in the field near their cottage is now safe and well in Dewlish. Marion explains that she didn't have the time available to give her the attention and exercise she deserved so she now lives with a good friend and her own mare who was her companion in the MSA field. Following a simple riding accident Marion badly damaged the small bones in her foot and was unable to walk or ride for eight weeks. I am told this is a common injury for horse riders recognisable by a small bruise on the sole of the foot caused by catching and twisting the foot in the stirrup whilst falling from their horse. During the Napoleonic Wars, a French surgeon, Lis Franc, saved many amputations by opening up the foot and mending the twisted bones. It is now named after him.

Please see the ethical award symbol and also a photo of a very young Jasper, her cocker spaniel, and Marion delivering some damaged bags to a rescue centre. Trophy like to help charities where they can, including people trying to look out for the welfare of hedgehogs. Marion sometimes has a small bag that is split and is assured by 'someone in the know' that hedgehogs are fine to eat a good quality meat kibble such as Trophy. Their food is human edible so there's nothing that will harm a hedgehog. It must be crushed into smaller pieces to help their jaws. (Hedgehogs should not be fed fish based Kibble) To summarise;

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- It is independently accredited by the Ethical Company Organisation for which they hold top ranking.

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If you wish to contact Marion you can ring or text her on 01258 446449 07810 003231 or email to marion@trophywessex.co.uk Her Facebook name is Trophy pet foods ltd (Wessex) *Carole Fornachon*



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Mum's Yorkshire Christmas Eve trifle

CHRISTMAS EVE, when I was a girl in the 1950's, was a very busy time for my mum. There were no home freezers and few convenience foods available then, so when she finished work 'early' at lunchtime it was a bit of a scramble to get everything ready for the Christmas Day feast. Mince pies were made, vegetables prepared, apple sauce and bread sauce made, (we'd never heard of cranberry sauce) the turkey was stuffed with Paxo, chipolatas and bacon rolls put ready on a baking tray (pigs in blankets were first mentioned in print in 1957.) Our Christmas pudding was a bought one ("Mrs Peak's" I think,) put ready in its steamer. Lastly the trifle was assembled in a special cut glass bowl, covered with a large plate and a tea towel (no cling film in those days) then left on the cool slab in the cellar as the bowl was too big to fit in our tiny fridge. In 1948 only 2% of the U.K. population had a fridge, in 1959 that had gone up to 13% and it wasn't until 1970 that 58% of us had fridges.

When the kitchen tasks were finished and we had eaten our tea and washed up then it was time to help clean the silver ready for Christmas. We had a glass fronted display cabinet in the sitting room showing off the best silver-plated tea set and various christening mugs and bits and pieces. Dad, of course, had gone to the pub as usual so the three of us



settled down in front of the fire "by the embers in hearthside ease". The carpet was covered with newspapers and a dust sheet was draped over mum's armchair because silver cleaning was a messy job only to be done in the sitting room on Christmas Eve.

As each piece was cleaned, she would tell us its history. The first thing to be cleaned was a rather dented vase. It was a present for my maternal grandparents' wedding in 1909. All of our grandparents had died before my brother and I were born but we felt we knew them well through the stories mum and dad told about them. The six silver coffee spoons in a velvet lined, leather-covered case were "real, solid silver" and had been bought for herself by mum to celebrate her engagement to dad in 1940. He was away in India at the time and had proposed by letter. I don't think they had ever been used as mum didn't ever have any small coffee cups, but they were very pretty with each dainty spoon having a different flower etched onto the handle, my favourite was the daffodil. The silver sugar tongs had been left to mum by her Auntie Cissie. Mum had been hoping for a substantial money bequest in Auntie Cissie's will but, alas, when the time came she received only the sugar tongs and an embroidered fire screen. Nonetheless the tongs were treasured and given an extra polish and we all sighed at the thought of what we might have done with all those riches. A curiously shaped coffee jug had been brought back from India by my father at the end of the war and, however hard we rubbed and polished, it stayed a dull yellowish colour. Mum said it was made of Indian silver. The last item to be cleaned was an ornate silver fruit bowl decorated with grapes and vine leaves. It was tricky to clean but was so beautiful when it was given its final polish.

The now richly shining silver now put back in the display cabinet reflected back the nursery rhyme lights from the Christmas tree and the red glow from the embers in the fireplace. Even to this day the smell of silver polish can take me back to that warm and happy time.

Then it was time to hang our pillow cases at the side of the dining room fireplace and for us children to get ready for bed. We remembered to leave a freshly made mince pie and a glass of whisky for Father Christmas, which I knew my dad always appreciated.

One Christmas Eve dad came home from the pub very late and rather full of Christmas spirit and decided to make a sooty footprint on the pale green dining room carpet near the hearth to add to the authenticity of the scene. Mum had a decidedly frosty look on her face as she attempted to scrub it off on Christmas morning. My brother and I were most impressed though and we secretly thought it one of my dad's better ideas. Looking back, my dad was perhaps not the perfect husband and father, however for all his faults he was always full of an exceptional and genuine joie de vivre and to us he could do no wrong.

Everyone has their own favourite trifle recipe and over the years I've

tried many different variations but somehow keep coming back to this one, it's very simple and quick to make. I only make trifle at Christmas these days and I think that nostalgia plays a big part in why I love it; also in this recipe there are very few ingredients and I think that eating simple food using top-quality ingredients is better than a hotchpotch of too many flavours and textures. In the past I have made real custard with eggs and cream but it doesn't taste like mum's – being a busy working mum, she embraced any form of convenience food as soon as they were available so she had no hesitation in using bought sponge fingers and packet custard. If you use tinned or carton custard it doesn't set and is too sloppy. Note there is no jelly or tinned fruit or hundreds and thousands. This is a very grown up trifle and not for children!

Ingredients

Packet of trifle sponges
or sponge fingers
Raspberry jam
Harvey's Bristol Cream
sherry
2 heaped tablespoons
of Birds Custard
powder
1 pint of full cream milk
2 tablespoons sugar
450ml double cream
Walnut halves, glacé cherry halves and edible silver pearls to decorate



Split the sponges in half and spread with a generous amount of jam, sandwich them together and arrange in the bottom of the trifle bowl.

Soak the sponges with the sherry – don't stint.

Make up the custard according to the instructions on the pack.

Pour the custard over the soaked sponges and allow to cool.

Whip the cream until at the soft peak stage and spread over the cooled custard.

Swirl patterns on the top with a fork and decorate with the walnuts and cherries. These days I also sprinkle a few edible silver pearls on the top as well, to remind me of the silver cleaning. Silver balls for decoration used to be tooth shatteringly hard but they have recently improved them so they are soft and chewy thank goodness.

Cover with cling film and put in the fridge.

I think this poem says such a lot about nostalgia and that wistful feeling we all get at Christmas. It was an old Dorset country belief that all the farm animals would kneel down in their stables and byres at midnight on Christmas Eve to honour the Saviour's birth.

The Oxen

Christmas Eve, and twelve of the clock.

"Now they are all on their knees,"

An elder said as we sat in a flock

By the embers in hearthside ease.

We pictured the meek mild creatures where

They dwelt in their strawy pen,

Nor did it occur to one of us there

To doubt they were kneeling then.

So fair a fancy few would weave

In these years! Yet, I feel,

If someone said on Christmas Eve,

"Come; see the oxen kneel,

"In the lonely barton by yonder coomb

Our childhood used to know,"

I should go with him in the gloom,

Hoping it might be so.

Thomas Hardy

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Updated proposal for 'Homefield' site

Wessex Strategic is pleased to confirm that an outline planning application for the Homefield site has now been submitted to North Dorset District Council. We would like to thank everyone that visited our exhibition in September, where we were able to gather very useful feedback to take the project forward.

Around 120 people visited the exhibition and we received 56 completed feedback forms. 71% of forms agreed that Homefield was a good site for future housing development in Milborne St Andrew. The main reasons given were its location close to the centre of the village, good integration with the village, and a well thought out, generous layout with gardens and green space.

Some issues with the proposals were raised, as well as suggestions for improvement. We are pleased to report that, where we have been able to, we have made changes to reflect these.

Key changes to the proposal:

Vehicle access to the site has moved from Lane End to Blandford Hill: This addresses key points raised in feedback, including the need to reduce traffic speeds in the village, creating a pedestrian access onto Blandford Hill, and enabling a pedestrian crossing in the village, which we hope to put forward as part of the scheme. It also reflects pre-application advice received from North Dorset District Council and input from our transport and ecology team.

Number and type of dwellings: The number of homes proposed has increased from 75 to 85 in order to incorporate a higher proportion of 1 and 2 bed homes and bungalows.

Site layout: Homes are approximately 50m from existing properties on Homefield in the SE corner of the site and have been set further from properties on Lane End. The closest homes to Homefield and Lane End are now shown as bungalows.

Parking: Parking provision has been increased across the site.

Community facilities: A village green/informal play area and orchards have been added to the proposal and an area is reserved aside for future community use. We had a very mixed response at the exhibition on the community facilities needed by the village so we intend to seek further views.



Homefield – illustrative site masterplan

Contact us

If you would like any further information about the Homefield proposal, please do not hesitate to contact:

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Milborne's speed watch gets on the road

HAVE you seen small groups of hi-vis clad people on the side of Milborne's roads in the past few weeks? If you have, then you'd have witnessed the start of the village's community speed watch (CSW) group, which aims to make Milborne's roads safer. At the time of writing, three hour-long sessions have been undertaken with a total of nearly 800 vehicles monitored. Two motorists were reported to have been speeding in Milton Road, and their details have been passed to Dorset Police.

However, it was clear to the CSW volunteers on duty that their very presence was the reason that there were not many more registration numbers noted down. Sue Lawson, Milborne's CSW coordinator said, "it was obvious that the sight of the volunteers in their hi-vis jackets caused the traffic to slow down considerably – which, of course, is the desired effect!"



The type of speed device that the Milborne group use

Don't worry if you have the speed gun pointed at your car when you know you're travelling within the speed limit – the CSW volunteers are getting used to assessing the speed of approaching vehicles and may detect a perfectly legal speed. No details of vehicles are taken when they are travelling within the law (plus a margin for error). However, every passing vehicle is logged with a clicker, to count the number of vehicles which pass the monitor site, as per the protocol of Dorset RoadSafe. This data is useful, amongst other things, for Dorset Police to decide when and where to deploy the camera van. In the first three sessions 793 vehicles were counted, with the largest chunk of that passing the volunteers on Blandford Hill on a Friday afternoon. It's striking how busy the A354 through Milborne can be – 508 cars, vans and lorries were logged in one hour!

Many more sessions have been planned for the three current speed monitor sites – Milton Road, Blandford Hill and Dorchester Hill – with the calendar filled in until the end of the year. The CSW has a healthy number of volunteers so it is possible to organise frequent sessions, making speed watches a common sight on our village roads. The hope is that the experience of Winterborne Whitechurch, where a CSW group has been active for a few years, is evident in Milborne in time. It's believed that the consistent speed watches there have made the majority of drivers respect the speed limit through the village now, even when there is no radar gun pointed at them.

Milborne CSW team

Ladybirds Halloween Party – Brilliant!

ON Saturday 31st October the Ladybirds Committee busied themselves from 2.30pm preparing the village hall. Pumpkins were carved and filled with cooked pasta?!, spooky mummies were hung in a box for a trick or treat game and hundreds (well 108 to be precise) of spiders were crammed into a jar for guess the number...

Soon enough it was 5.30 and the doors were opened to a host of little pumpkins eager to have fun and some tired parents in need of an end of half term break! The music was Halloween themed and the children soon got stuck into all the spooky games on offer.



The committee members and parents had also kindly baked cakes and prepared sweets beautifully to the children's delight and all in all it was a great success! There were prizes for the best dressed and for the games and the party goers looked suitably exhausted at the end of the night. Well done and a big THANK-YOU to all the people who made this event happen; here's to the Christmas bingo!

If you are interested in sending your child to Ladybirds, or if you know someone who is, please don't hesitate to contact us, please see our main article and advert on page 14.

Kate O'Kelly

Wednesday Club AGM

ON 7th November we held the Wednesday Club AGM, and it was great to see so many members there. After the business part of the agenda was done when the committee and officers were re-elected, members enjoyed an extra special tea with sweet and savoury refreshments.

Photographs of members in their youth were displayed on the stage for every one to guess who they were. Although this was not a competition but just for fun Val Andrews had the most correct answers.

The next meeting is our Christmas Party in the skittle alley at The Royal Oak starting at 2.30pm, names for this event has now closed. Anyone wishing to go to the Frampton Arms in January should give their names to Jose Thomas along with a £10.00 deposit and menu choices. More information will be given at the party

Jenny Balcon

Correction for November edition

St Mary's Handbell Ringers Concert

The bells were donated by L.M. Morgan in memory of
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Also they meet at 7.00pm in the Church Room,
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What to do with your Remembrance Poppy

DON'T just throw your poppy in the bin, the Royal British Legion (RBL) are urging people to recycle the old poppies which will help make your donation go further. RBL supporter, Sainsbury's, is offering poppy recycling in all of its stores after Remembrance Sunday. There will be recycling boxes at all Sainsbury's customer service desks until the end of the month, 30th November, and the RBL will be able to re-use or recycle your poppy. They'll be sent back to the British Legion Poppy warehouse in Aylesford. Once there, they are dismantled, the plastic button and stem are used again to make Poppies for next year's Appeal, and the paper petal and leaf forms recycled. If five million are returned across the UK, it will save the Royal British Legion up to £100,000.

How great is that?

The supermarket is the only place to offer poppy recycling after Remembrance Sunday, which will help the RBL keep vital funds by reusing or recycling the poppies donated. The RBL's paper poppies are environmentally friendly and all of the parts are either biodegradable or able to be recycled locally. The petals and leaf are made of paper and the stem and centre of recyclable plastic

The poppies sold today total more than 40 million each year with most being made by The Poppy Factory who themselves offer employment to disabled veterans. There is no denying that this movement has been amazing in showing thanks and solidarity with our service people and providing financial support where it is needed. However the challenges of the 21st century need consideration to all our ways of life and traditions. We are concerned for earth's precious resources that we use to make these millions of 'disposable' products and where these poppies go after they've been worn for a week. The symbol and status of wearing a poppy is becoming detrimental to the cause. As consumers of these cherished items please consider;

- saving your poppy for use again in subsequent years,
- taking it apart for recycling in plastic and paper household collections,
- or simply donating to the cause without accepting a poppy to wear.

P.S. You could help by contacting the Poppy Factory on admin@poppyfactory.org to urge them to use recycled plastics for their products and perhaps ask them to consider creating a recycling scheme to reuse the green plastic stems. *Carole Fornachon*

LETTERS to the Reporter

Dear Editor

I have just learned of the organisation Knit for Peace, which matches people who love knitting to good causes. If you are interested, go to their website www.knitforpeace.org.uk. There is advice on what to make and free patterns to download, and you can send them what you have made and left-over yarn, and they will find it a good home. Very best wishes
Sarah Ryan

Dear Editor

Last night 30 people braved the storm, came to the village hall and thoroughly enjoyed the film 'Finding Your Feet'. I buy a new dvd nearly every month for these events (occasionally someone lends me one!) We actually need to sell 29 tickets to cover the license fee so we don't always make a profit. If anyone would like to borrow one of them, perhaps in return for a small donation to village hall funds, do contact me: 01258 839230
Sarah Ryan

They did us proud

St. Andrew's church Events Committee organised an evening to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of WW1 and to acknowledge the establishment of the RAF and 'Votes for Women'.

The Royal Oak did a fantastic job in providing food which was typical of the era and in serving the 35 people who attended. Although the menu didn't sound as if it would be tasty, we were all surprised how nice it was. Many thanks to the chefs and staff of the pub.

José and Harry Thomas read a very moving 'sketch', written by Sandra Fryer, which consisted of letters written between a mother and her son. The letters cleverly told the story from a soldier's point of view and his mother's reactions. At the end, a rendition of The Green Fields of France was sung. Following the meal, the diners sang songs and choruses which would have been known at that time. There was an interesting quiz relating to the Great War on every table and although the questions were very hard, one table managed to give answers to most of them. Well done table number two / Devonshire Regiment.

The walls of the function room were decorated with pictures, cartoons and articles about World War One, and of course, there was also plenty of union flag bunting. The tables were decorated with union flag serviettes and poppies (which Jenny had knitted). Each numbered table represented a local regiment.

The Events Committee thank all those who attended and helped to make the night such a success; profits of over £150 from the evening will be used to support St. Andrew's church.

Coming in December is the Christmas Market. It will be held in the Village Hall on the 8th December from 1.00 to 3.00pm. All are welcome.

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Milborne Movies are showing 'The Greatest Showman'

on December 7th

Doors and bar open at 7.00pm and film starts at 7.30pm

THIS is a musical many people have asked for, with songs written by Oscar and Tony Award-winning duo Benj Pasek and Justin Paul. It tells the story of P.T. Barnum and stars Hugh Jackman. Here are excerpts from a review by Doug Jamieson for the Jam Report.

'... musicals are often crafted for pure cinematic entertainment. They're here to dazzle and delight with glitz, glamour, and, of course, a whole swag of song-and-dance numbers. And that's precisely what you'll get with *The Greatest Showman* – a film that's as big and extravagant as musicals get. It's basically *Moulin Rouge* meets *Chicago*, with a detour into *La La Land* territory... Jackman... once again cements his status as the best song-and-dance man in the business. His impressive vocal ability is matched equally by his phenomenal dance skills, and he turns on that Jackman charm that you cannot help but fall for. His Barnum is flawed but well-intentioned, and it's hard not to cheer for the showman to succeed.'

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Then and Now This month's photos are looking towards The Drawn from the top bank of the playing fields. The view today is slightly obscured by the silver birch trees planted in the 1950's along the field edge by Mr Birch, who ran the Post Office. Brookside Cottage, in the middle of the picture, was then thatched, with The Retreat just behind. Home Farm, prominent on the right, is now concealed by the row of houses built in The Causeway in the 1970's. The Old Vicarage, The Shambles and The Old School on Chapel Street are still visible. On the left, the slate roofed cottage and adjacent thatched cottages is now where Tilly Whim stands, built in 2002. The newer housing of St Andrew's View and Orchard Rise can be seen today where the school playing fields once were. This is probably one of the most changed views in the village.

. . . and NOW



What does the poppy symbolize?

SCARLET corn poppies (popaver rheas) grow naturally in conditions of disturbed earth throughout Western Europe. The destruction brought by the Napoleonic wars of the early 19th Century transformed bare land into fields of blood red poppies, growing around the bodies of the fallen soldiers.

In late 1914, the fields of Northern France and Flanders were once again ripped open as World War One raged through Europe's heart. Once the conflict was over the poppy was one of the only plants to grow on the otherwise barren battlefields. In Greek mythology, Demeter (the mother), consort of Zeus (God of thunder!), concocted an infusion of poppies, like a tea, in order to sleep through the sorrow while her daughter, Persephone, was absent joining her husband, Hades,



poppy as a lasting memorial symbol to the fallen was inspired by the sight of poppies growing in battle-scarred fields to write a now famous poem called '*In Flanders Fields*'. He himself died of pneumonia in January of 1918. After the First World War, the poppy was adopted as a symbol of Remembrance. The poppy came to represent the immeasurable sacrifice made by his comrades (the Canadians stalled an enemy advance at the cost of almost 6,000 men) and quickly became a lasting

In Flanders fields

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.
Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*

throughout the winter. When in bud it droops in somnolence as if enchanted, a powerful symbol of Morpheus the Greek God of Dreams. We are all aware of its hallucinogenic/narcotic properties. In Christianity the poppy's red petals symbolize the blood of a sacrificed Christ, used to represent death as a period of tranquil slumber in the cycle of life. Its existence is fleeting yet also continual. Themes of resurrection and immortality (salvation of the soul) blossom as the poppy, and the spirit, never really die, just renew and ascend.

During the 1914-18 war, in the spring of 1915, shortly after losing a friend, Lieutenant Alexis Helmer, in Ypres, a Canadian surgeon, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, having realised the significance of the

Tomb in Greek) in Whitehall, London has played host to the Remembrance Service for the past nine decades. Originally intended as a small part of the Peace Day events of July 1919, it was designed and built by Edwin Lutyens at the request of the then Prime Minister Lloyd George. It was initially a wood and plaster construction intended for the first anniversary of the Armistice in 1919. At its unveiling the base of the monument was spontaneously covered in wreaths to the dead and missing from The Great War. Such was the extent of public enthusiasm for the construction it was decided that The Cenotaph should become a permanent and lasting memorial now made from Portland stone. It was unveiled in 1920. The inscription reads simply "The Glorious Dead". Veterans and civilians alike wear their poppies with pride. Our village honoured the sacrifice of so many during that conflict as the 100th Anniversary of Armistice Day fell on 11th November 2018. There were soldier silhouettes, a memorial 'wall' and poppy wreaths pictured on this page, in themselves symbols of the hard work of those who wished to take part in a potent way.

memorial to those who died in World War One and later conflicts. It was adopted by The Royal British Legion as the symbol for their *Poppy Appeal*, in aid of those serving in the British Armed Forces, after its formation in 1921.

The remembrance poppy is an artificial flower that has been used since 1921 to commemorate military personnel who have died in war, and represents this common or field poppy. They were then adopted by military veterans' groups in parts of the British Empire. In total, 120 countries outside the UK are sent 3m poppies by Royal British Legion, mostly expats. They include Spain, France, Germany, Sri Lanka, Hong Kong, Cyprus and Argentina.

The Cenotaph (which literally means Empty



This is a public art installation of 888,246 red ceramic poppies commemorating the centenary of the outbreak of WW1. It was entitled Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red. Each one intended to represent one British or colonial serviceman killed in the First World War. The work's title was taken from the first line of a poem by an unknown WW1 soldier. Designers; Paul Cummins and Tom Piper.

Carole Fornachon

Milton Abbas Surgery

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Also a reminder that over the festive period we will be closed on 25th and 26th December 2018 and 1st January 2019. We will be open as usual on other days.

With best wishes to you all for a happy Christmas and a healthy 2019.

Lt Edgar Percy Snashall, DCM Dorset Regiment

HARRY BEAVES, a retired military man, who is very keen on research, gave the group a very informative and interesting talk at the last History Group meeting. When researching in the Dorset Military Museum he noticed the name of a soldier who had been awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal (DCM) and had attended Milborne St. Andrew's 'Boys' Home'.

He spoke about Edgar's background and family history which was one of poverty and hardship. When he was about 11 years old, he was admitted to Greenwich Workhouse by a constable who had found him sleeping rough on the streets. He was sent to Milborne Boys' Industrial School (now Longmead) where he received training and finally joined the Dorset Regiment in 1907.

Edgar received his DCM in April 16 1915. The citation reads: – *'For conspicuous gallantry on numerous occasions, especially at Givenchy on 13th October 1914 when he was in command of the last platoon covering the Battalion's retirement. During 14th and 15th October he remained in a very exposed position day and night and prevented the enemy's patrols reaching Le Basse canal bridge.'*

Harry detailed Edgar's military career and his life post discharge which was also very interesting and detailed.

The next Village History Group meeting will be on the second Wednesday in January the 9th – when we will continue with our project of discovering more about the history of our village.

Pam Shults

Plan for 85 new homes at PC meeting

THE application for 85 new homes on the Homefield site came before the Parish Council at the November meeting. Councillors questioned why the plans at North Dorset were different to that of the recent exhibition by the developers. Originally, 75 homes were proposed and a pre-school building was drawn; now, there are ten more living units and just a piece of land set aside for the pre-school. The owner of the Homefield site was present and said that during the consultation, residents had requested more one and two bedroom homes on the plan. Mr Miller said they had been listened to and that was the reason for the increase. Asked why this meant ten more units, he said that otherwise the "land would be under-utilised".

Councillors also had concerns about the strain on the existing sewerage system caused by 85 new homes. There was also frustration that it was not the preferred Neighbourhood Plan (NP) site – there are three sites with North Dorset Planning at present, none of which is the preferred NP option. Cllr Park wondered whether it was a "first past the post" scenario, referring to the applications currently lodged, although it is entirely and legally feasible that all three sites (157 homes in total) could be approved.

Residents present also raised objections to the Homefield plan along similar lines to councillors, as well as to the detriment to existing community facilities (Village Hall and sports pavilion) if a competing amenity was built, footpath access issues, on-site traffic calming and ecological questions concerning bats. The PC requested an extension to the response deadline by a week and agreed to the NP group providing a "high quality" response on councillors' behalf.

The impasse with Fox View continues, following the PC's request for the owner to tidy the outstanding building land. Clerk, Colin Hampton, had called Ankers and Rawlings, as had the Enforcement Officer from North Dorset (ND), but the site remains in its previous unkempt state.

The cost of the installation of the Sports Club's (SC) superfast internet provision caused a split among councillors. The PC had been asked, as the SC's landlord, to apply for a £3000 grant from the government for cable laying costs. After agreeing, it was found that the PC couldn't apply as it's a public body, although the SC subsequently did, and was granted the sum. The grant does not include VAT payments – of which £600 will be needed for the work – and the SC asked the PC to share this cost. Councillors voted two against two, with the chairman using his casting vote to reject the request; originally an application was sought, which now had become an appeal for contribution.

Money came up again in the agenda with the budget process for setting the coming year's expenditure. Acting chairman, Cllr Macnair, suggested there were possible savings, for example, sharing of contracts. However, a "line by line" review of the process was not possible due to time constraints, but it will be looked at later. On another point, it was agreed to buy a new laptop for the Clerk, since Mr Hampton's current one has a damaged screen and it relatively aged.

District Cllr Somper gave her report, which focussed on Council Tax harmonisation and electoral boundary changes due after the unitary authority becomes effective. Cllr Smith doubted the claims that the new council would be 'cost saving' since the increase to ND tax payers due to harmonisation brought more income.

Cllr Smith also reported on his attendance of the Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils meeting last month. He said that there were two representatives from Dorset Police, who spoke about the county's crime figures and policing strategies within budget. They said spice (the drug, not ginger or cumin, Cllr Smith pointed out) and 'county lines' were now a problem in Dorset, though mainly in Sturminster Newton.

The Huntley Down planning officer has asked the PC for suggestions for the use of the S106 payment, if the development went ahead. Community benefits such as traffic, healthcare and the sewerage system were mooted, as well as a skate park. What was unsaid by the planner, however, was the likely cash sum, which councillors agreed rather undermined the exercise. Ed Richards



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