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Have you met . . . Doris and Laurie Wadham

DORIS is amazing, why? Because you may not know her, because she is unassuming, because she is like most of us, a family person, supporting in a quiet but strong way, and that is why her story deserves to be told. She's just celebrated her 80th birthday, and Laurie almost his 82nd birthday.

Doris is almost unique, why? Because she is one of the few in the village that was born here, and has spent most of her life here. Going to school in the village primary school and on to Puddletown school afterwards. She started work up at the cheese factory (Milborne Business Centre now).

Her other half of 60 years (Laurie) lived on Portland, going to St. George's Primary, then Tophill Secondary. He initially worked at the poultry farm at Milborne Wood, he quite liked Doris, and from 15 years old they 'courted'. A measure of his commitment was that he cycled, yes cycled, from Portland to Milborne St. Andrew every weekend to see her.

They married in St. Andrews Church in the village on 24th January 1959, 60 years ago, with the reception in the pub! We worked out between us that 60 is a diamond wedding anniversary, another amazing achievement!

As we said, Laurie is a Portlander, they had to live somewhere. Doris told him from the outset "Oh no, I'm not living there". So they initially moved into Mrs. Wadham senior's house, before getting their first house in Lynch Close, moving on to a larger house in Homefield when their family grew. Nearly nine years ago they moved to a flat in Winterborne Whitechurch, but really wanted to come back. Last May they successfully managed to get one of the bungalows, full of sunshine and close to their daughter Linda.

They had three children, Linda, Paul and Jason, and now have eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren. As Doris said, she has no regrets as she and Laurie have always got on really well.

Some former school pupils may have seen Doris as she took on the role of School Caretaker for many years, retiring when she was 60. We asked if there were any naughty children, she said they were all good!

And how many former Youth Club members remember Laurie as co leader with daughter Linda? Doris used to pop down to help at special events when needed.

Do you have any hobbies? Not hobbies as such, but we used to go to the film shows in the hall, and the bingo, where coaches of people

used to descend on the Village Hall.

What do you think is the best thing about living in Milborne St. Andrew? We've always liked this village, it is friendly and just a comfortable place to live. And I cannot think of any downsides to living here.

Are there things you would like to change about Milborne St. Andrew? Not really to the village as a whole, but I wish the bottom **graveyard** was kept clearer, **that's** where my parents are, and it's really difficult to see where they are sometimes.

Do you have a claim to fame? Laurie says "While doing my National Service I took a taxi from Nicosia and Famagusta, nothing exciting in that . . . But after we got out it exploded by a guardroom. Another time I was due on a flight home, and asked to change to another. The first blew up on take off. (We commented that, with the incident below, he'd used up three of his nine lives!)

Who is your hero or has been your inspiration? Doris feels that her hero and inspirations have all been family centred, Laurie is definitely her hero! Although she does admit to a liking for Engelbert Humperdinck.

Do you have a nickname? Laurie calls Doris 'Dar', a lovely shortening. The grandchildren alternate between Nanny and Nan.

When did you last "throw caution to the wind"? Doris thinks this was

the decision to make the move back to the village from Whitechurch. They weren't sure if it was the right thing to do at the time, but now are really settled.

Is there something that people may find surprising? Well, we had a car try and park on our bed! It happened in our flat at Winterborne Whitechurch when a lady put her foot on the wrong pedal in an automatic car. If we'd been in the bedroom we would have been gone!

What is your favourite charity? That would be Cancer Research, after losing our son Paul when he was 44.

Heather and I had a lovely few hours reminiscing over old Milborne, the old playgroup, run by Mrs. Tory and Mrs. Craig, the time the doctor's surgery was in the Corner House (formerly Mrs. Ham's), the several 'snow-ins' that have happened, particularly bad in the 1960's and 1970's. Remembering all the doctors we've had here, Dr. Clarke, Dr. Norman, Dr. Lang and so on . . .

Thank you Doris and Laurie

Sue Gould and Heather Hogg



Milborne's got the Blues

BACK by popular demand, from both the band and the public, Tee'd Up are coming back to us at the Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall on Saturday 16th March, doors open at 7.30pm.

Make a note in your diary, as at a mere £10 a ticket this will sell out!

Profits will go to a local charity (charity to be confirmed). Tickets £10 from Clive Rawlings email cliverawlings@hotmail.co.uk, the Londis store, and The Royal Oak nearer the time. More details in March Reporter.

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A day in the life at Longmead

CLAIRE Crescent, Family Programme Manager, tells us what a day at Longmead Community Farm, near Milborne, can have in store working as a volunteer.

I arrive at the farm to the sounds of the chickens feeding, and am greeted by the session leader. We discuss the activities, and how we can best support the family joining us for the day. The family arrive and we pop out to meet them, helping them with their luggage and helping them get settled in their rooms. The children are excited, they remember me from last time, and are keen to tell me what they've been up to. We have a hot drink, whilst we catch up and then play a game together. The parents can be shy when they arrive, but a game soon helps break the ice.

We don't sit still for long though! The children are keen to say hello to the animals and collect the eggs and it's time to start apple picking, if we want the apple pie ready for lunch. Today I'm helping Sam, a 10-year-old, make pastry for the first time whilst the others are making sandwiches, with lettuce and tomatoes just picked from the kitchen garden.



This afternoon we will do some den building in the woods, take the goats for a walk, and make sure all the animals are fed – the children seem to love feeding the pigs the best, and take it in turns to give them a banana. Later I'll be doing a craft activity with children and another volunteer, as it's mum and dad's turn to make dinner today.

In the evening we'll have a little fire outside and toast some marshmallows; this is when the children begin to calm down and relax into themselves. It's not long after this that the children's parents take them up to bed.

Some volunteers go home, but I tend to find it easier to stay over at Longmead in one of the private rooms, and I love how quiet it is early in the morning. We're all in the kitchen by 8am, getting breakfast ready – we're in for a treat of a full English, but everyone has got to help cook and wash up. We need to be ready to feed the animals at 9am and today we're cleaning out the chickens. The kids work so hard, making sure they're doing a good job and it's so nice watching the family have a laugh whilst they work together. There's time left now for a quick cup of tea and a game, before it's time to say goodbye, until the next time.

Longmead is looking for volunteers – could you help? If you'd like an informal chat and more information, call April on 01258 837960 or email april.whalley@longmead.org.

New Year lunch for the Wednesday Club

TWENTY five of us met up at The Frampton Arms for a delicious two course lunch followed by coffee and mince pies. We had crackers and a raffle and there was lots of laughter and chatter as we had our first meeting of 2019. A big thank you to Jenny Balcon and her committee for organising this enjoyable event.

Our next meeting will be at 2pm on Wednesday 6th February when we will be having games in the Village Hall.

The March meeting is on Wednesday 6th when Gordon Le Pard will be giving a talk – "Picking Darcy's Pocket".

Non members are welcome to join us at these events, you will have a warm welcome.

Should you wish to find out more about the Wednesday Club please give Jenny a call on 837121.



Lis Watts

'Paintings around the world' at the January WI

WE gathered for our first meeting of the New Year. It is not too late however, to take a look back at our Christmas celebrations. In December we celebrated the festive season with, as ever, a delicious buffet, great raffle prizes, and the chance to socialize. Committee members acted out the shortest and most deadpan Cinderella pantomime we had probably ever seen, and maybe one of the most humorous! Written by José Thomas, it was a huge success. We look forward to repeat performances.

We were delighted to receive a huge thank-you from the Longmead team for our Christmas donation of £100. This was the exact amount needed to buy 4 'sleepers' for the new goat hut; animals are a large part of their work and taking their beloved goats for a walk is often a new experience and real joy for families from urban environments.

Bookends' members continue to meet on a regular basis and have welcomed Carole Fornachon as their new Chair. Anna Pavord's 'Landskipping' proved an enjoyable and useful 'dip in' book, particularly for the chapters covering the Dorset countryside. We move on to 'Death on the Ice' by Robert Ryan, the story of Captain Scott's expedition to the South Pole.

Pam Shults wears many different hats in the village, but in this case she had come along to share her experiences of paintings around the world. Which paintings though; there are surely too many to name and choose from? In fact, Pam had chosen to use her own art as a focus for her talk. During a three month part-world cruise she had signed up for painting lessons from a tutor on board ship, something she had long wanted to do. Each picture invoked memories of a particular place – a postcard impression of Bora Bora, an exercise in perspective in Aruba, snorkelling off the Maldives and the Great Barrier Reef, an elephant sanctuary in Sri Lanka, and many more. We were happy to travel with her to these colourful places and, for Pam, it was the culmination of an ambition to paint in watercolours, not to mention a well-earned Group Diploma from the ship's art tutor!

Our evening ended with two enjoyable poetic contributions on the artistic theme from cup-winner José and Val Andrews.

We meet again on Valentine's Day, Thursday 14th February. This will be a members' evening, and we are promised appropriate activities to be arranged by the Committee. Please bring along a decorated Valentine biscuit for the competition. If you would like to join us, we would be delighted to see you.

Pat Bull

Village carolling raises over £100 for Julia's House

ON the Friday before Christmas children, parents and grandparents of Milborne St. Andrew First School took to the village streets to sing popular Christmas songs and traditional carols.

We hope you enjoyed it if we visited your part of the village! We then joined the traditional singing around the Christmas tree outside the Village Hall. We collected donations for Julia's House and are very pleased to say that a total of £104.51 was raised for this Dorset and Wiltshire based children's hospice charity. Thank you for your support.

Caroline Richards, Friends of Milborne St. Andrew First School



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Barley



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companion's legs grew longer and energy levels higher, she realised she'd been sold a pup. She couldn't cope with his liveliness, so had to rehome him. We think that Barley is possibly half Welsh Springer, half Cavalier.

The lady from Poole didn't want a lively dog; oh, if she could see him now. Barley is, without doubt, the laziest dog that has ever lived with us. Sure, he will run and run out on a 10 mile walk, but Barley does love a snooze, anywhere will do. And when he is bedded down, it does take a lot of persuasion to get him going. One thing that does though is a tennis ball. He loves playing indoor footie with our seven and nine year old boys, and does amazingly well as goalkeeper in a doorway (I don't think he realises he's playing keeper, but he's something of a canine De Gea, great with his feet).



He is a perfect family dog, happy to blend in wherever we are, whatever we're doing. He's malleable and compliant, enduring cuddles and games with the children or being dressed up whatever the season dictates; Hallowe'en fluffy pumpkin, party hat or reindeer antlers. The photo here shows him in what should be his Father Christmas outfit, but is a salutary lesson in ebay purchases originating from China – hey, we've all heard of the Christmas pirate, haven't we?

Barley might not have the sharpness or awareness of spaniels we've had in the past (although we did once have a springer that managed to lock herself and the ignition key inside a car, but that's another story), but he makes us laugh at his mixed up ways and doziness. He'll watch telly and bark defensively at animals he sees on there, no matter what they are – polar bear, tiger, hippo, bumble bee ... Hearing a doorbell ring on a programme he'll bark at our front door, sure that there's someone on the other side, even though we've only ever had a knocker on it. He may not be the brightest spaniel, but he is the most lovable.

Ed Richards

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2018 Weather in Milborne St. Andrew

2018 WAS a year when we knew we'd had a winter and we knew we'd had a summer.

The year started with a mild January but February and March were colder than average with snow showers in February and more extensive snow on 1st and 17th March. Snow lay on the ground for 18 days in March which caused disruption to transport at times. Warmer weather arrived on 18th April which allowed spring growth to get underway. After an average May, June and July were warm and dry. Rainfall in June was only 1.1mm which was the lowest June rainfall I have ever recorded in 48 years. The hottest weather was from 25th June to 27th July with the highest day temperature reaching 33°C on 8th July. The hot dry weather ended on 28th July with rain and high winds in the last few days of the month and July rainfall ended up 109% of average. August and September were cooler than average but October was mild with only 43% of average rainfall. At that time, it looked as if 2018 would be a particularly dry year but November and December rainfall was 178% and 123% of average respectively.

The total rainfall for the year was 1000.5mm which is close to the average annual rainfall of 992.0mm.

The last hot dry summer in Milborne was in 1976 when the highest day temperature reached 38°C on 28th June and the dry weather ran from 24th May to 9th September so the 2018 summer was not as hot and dry as the summer of 1976. The previous hot dry summer before that was 1921 when the dry weather lasted from April to October with the temperature in October reaching 29°C. Total rainfall for that year in Margate was only 236mm which is the lowest ever annual rainfall recorded anywhere in the UK.

Probably the greatest drought in the last 1000 years was in 1114 when so little rain fell in the Thames basin that it was recorded that men could wade across the Thames at London Bridge at low tide with water only up to their knees.

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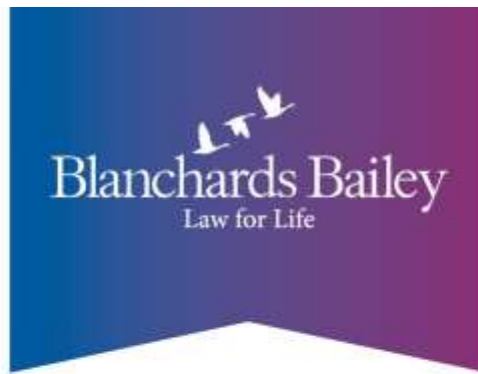
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Gillian Brindle – Practice Business Manager

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SCHOOL NEWS

Milborne First School had success at the DOMVS Story House competition awards held on Wednesday 9th January 2019.

In the autumn term some of Milborne's pupils entered the DOMVS Story House competition, which was open to lots of First School's in the area. The Story Theme this year, 'stories based in or at a museum', was chosen by Lord Julian Fellowes. The children were given the first line of the story and then the rest was up to them. There were three categories:

- Category 1 – Years 1 and 2 (ages 5 to 7) to write 300 words
- Category 2 – Years 3 and 4 (ages 7 to 9) to write 400 words
- Category 3 – Years 5, 6 and 7 (ages 9 to 12) to write 500 words

The judging went through three tiers. The first tier was the class teacher, second tier was by a panel of three judges from the Dorchester Literary Festival and Dorset Library Service then the final tier judged by three special guest judges which included Lord Julian Fellowes, Lady Emma Fellowes and children's author David Solomons, who selected the winners from the four semi-finalists.



Theo's Story

The children stared up at the tower, then looked at the open door. The three boys stepped inside and the door slammed behind them. They screamed "AAAAAAHHHHHHH" and rattled the door handle. It was no use. Tom said "we are here we should make the most of it". "Your right" said Sam "let's explore".

There were spiders and cobwebs everywhere. Jake said "I don't like this, lets try the door again". This time it worked but when they went outside it was a whole new world. They saw some children and walked down a hill to them.

Tom slipped and the football in his bag fell out. A person from the new world said "what's that?" It's a football said Sam, this is what you do with it and started to kick the ball.

Soon everybody joined in and the three boys made some goals and taught them how to play football.

It started to get dark and the people from the other world ran home quick as dash.

The three boys looked at each. "How do we get home?" said Jake. Tom said "Let's go back to the tower, come on" but when they ran up the hill it was gone. Then Jake said "there is a hole let's see what it is." They looked at it a bit scared and tom said "it is a slide" so they went down it.

It was colourful going down the slide, there were lights around them as they slid down the tunnel. When they got to the end of the tunnel they saw a rainbow and Sam said "look we're home again".

Theo Porter Year 2
Milborne St Andrew First School

Miss [Name]
[Name]
[Name]

Sam Diffey
Story Competition
Milborne St Andrew school
Turtles class

The children looked up at the tower and they looked at the open door....

The door led to a abandoned dinosaur museum. Tom the oldest one said to his two friends "lets go inside". Jenny his friend said "definitely" Harry the other friend then said "but I think there are traps in there"

"It will be fine" said Tom and the friends headed inside the door. As they headed inside they saw a ladder that went up to the top of the tower and dinosaur skeletons all around the place. "I bet there is treasure up there" said Tom. "Do you think so?" said Harry. Jenny said that: if there was then there is probably a monster guarding it.

As they went towards the ladder they saw some tiles on the floor. "They are trap doors" said Tom. "Maybe the monster has set traps to keep people away" said Jenny. The friends managed to get around the trap doors by jumping over them.

Tom then saw 3 flying pterodactyl skeletons. The pterodactyls had laser guns in their claws and started shooting them at the children. The friends jumped out of the way. Luckily Tom found 3 laser guns lying on the ground and the children picked them up. They shot their guns at the

pterodactyls destroying them. "Maybe there is a monster that has set traps." said Tom "There is no such thing as monsters" said Harry. "Come on lets keep going" said Jenny.

When they got to the top of the ladder they saw loads of bags of gold coins. "I told you" said Tom.

There was a throne next to the gold coins which was underneath two massive dinosaur skeletons.

Suddenly a large thing jumped out in front of them. "Its a monster!" said Harry. Harry was right but it wasn't what he thought monsters looked like it was actually a monster made out of Pizzas. The children ran to get away but Harry fell over. Harry looked up and saw that there was a button on the wall saying "Cannons". Harry quickly got up and hit the button which caused a large cannon to appear. The cannon then blasted the pizza monster into slices. The children then all went home with the gold coins.....eating pizza.

Sam Diffey Year 2
Milborne St Andrew First School

Theo's story won the 'Overall Winner' prize presented by Lord Julian Fellowes and Sam's story won the 'Overall runner-up' prize presented by Lady Emma Fellowes.

Well Done Theo and Sam!



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At first the older girls were the performers but gradually the others joined in, some in twos for confidence. It was great to see confidence growing, great singing and dancing and how the children could organise themselves and take turns.

Our noticeboard had individual drawing work of the children showing their Christmas presents.

While drawing they talked about what they did, who they saw and where they went over Christmas. Some families had a very busy time and are now glad to be back in the school routine.

We have talked about New Year and the children have learnt what a New Year's resolution is. Each child has helped choose their own challenge – like, putting their shoes on themselves, reading stories, practicing writing their name or making up rhyming words. Next will be Chinese New Year, Valentine's Day, St David's Day and of course pancakes on Shrove Tuesday.

Liz Dyer



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Farewell to Susie Edwards: “A cosmopolitan spirit”

THE above is a quote from Gregor Lersch’ foreword to Susie’s book “A Flower in My Hand”. I used it in my first article about her in November 2013. In a series of articles for this paper I followed her daily blog. This courageous, talented florist of 60 years experience (since the age of 17 years) wrote fluently and persuasively of her progress through the July 2013 diagnosis and treatment for breast cancer. She was initially in demand to give interviews on BBC Radio 4’s Woman’s Hour who followed her progress through her blogs. Finally it was vulval cancer which claimed her on Christmas Day 2018 at home in the company of her loving and supportive family. She retained her chatty, upbeat and fluent prose enriching all those who followed her online. Her cockapoo, Nutty, was acquired at the time of her first diagnosis and provided a focus and distraction from the events that followed. Together they ‘embraced and rationalised’ whatever was thrown at them. Her clear eyed, lucid account of her progress was documented in a daily blog right up until the end. Through this medium, her zest for life, appreciation of nature, intense love and focus on plants and good food lifted the curtain on her beliefs and values enriching all those who took the time to read and follow. Apart from flowers, Susie’s strength was sustained by an extended network of friends and relatives. Many of the former emanated from a nine year period of flat sharing in Earls Court 50 years ago. There were mutual efforts to contact across generations, shared experiences and histories both nourished and delighted successfully building an ability to withstand pressure and to take joint responsibility for each others’ lives. Her self professed ‘over indulgence in flower passion’ validated and maintained her ‘exuberant’ lifestyle. It was exemplified in her own text applied to an arrangement; “Its design gladdens the heart and reminds the soul of what is to follow next season” With those words Susie glorified the present whilst boldly anticipating the future. Even whilst seriously ill, in October 2018, she held a demonstration in the Village Hall creating 18 beautiful floral displays which were auctioned, raising £2,500 for the Eve Appeal (*see below for further information). She had intended to take over the chair of the village Food and Wine Club of which she had been a member (also serving on the committee) for five years. Julie Johannsen (current Chair) and her friend and neighbour Val Darrington spoke of her ‘huge heart’, of her kindness and generosity to others, her complete dedication to making events at the Club a success, and of how sorely she will be missed. Susie wrote up reports of the Food and Wine Club for the *Reporter* and her last contribution was concerning her latest diagnosis of vulval cancer advising other women of the possible signs and symptoms. Her mantra was ‘Tell everyone everything’. Originally from Boston, Lincolnshire she came here via London and has a son and daughter living in Brighton and Headcorn (Kent) respectively, four grandchildren, two boys and two girls whose ages now range from 9 years to 16 years. In 1997 Susie settled in a one time butcher’s 19th century cottage on the outskirts of the village filling it with Spode pottery.

Susie was a graduate of the Constance Spry School of Floristry, internationally known for her original and non conformist style. She learnt what she described as ‘the fundamentals’ which she believed are often not taught on current courses. However she commented that aesthetics or a ‘seeing eye’ cannot be taught. Described as a “door opener (someone with) steadfast creativity . . . allowing flower culture influences from without to change the traditional styles from within” (Gregor Lersch) and by herself as a ‘floral fanatic’. To read her book is to understand this woman for whom ‘flowers (were her) life blood’. Her fluent persuasive prose provides many metaphors and clues to her enormous reserves of strength and power. Her

linguistic abilities permit no questioning or self-pity, no strutting or fretting. This was a unique person who could see the intrinsic beauty and usefulness of bindweed roots. Hers was a significant voice which inhabited and possessed her life using it as a platform from which to achieve, educate and inform. Her belief was, that too much introspection is bad for people. Some dwell on the negative aspects and she stressed the importance of making memories happy. To quote her; ‘negativity leads to decline. You need to be positive or to have someone with you who is!’ Also that alternative medicines and treatments should be explored by those who were in her position together with the important synergy between plants and people. She stated that



empathy and the ability to cherish each other is being forgotten and could be fostered in schools with very young children. Her daughter channelled her own concerns at her mother’s initial treatment regime by raising money for Cancer Research from silent auctions, raffles and stalls marketing designer clothes.

During her time in what she described as ‘the slow lane’ Susie joked about loaning herself out for Halloween. To use her words for her creations is to describe their creator; ‘effortlessly English . . . lively but not loud . . . understated and ever user-friendly . . . sometimes rules must be broken to give inspiration its head and particularly in art, to be able to move on and develop’. The philosophy of someone who always did just that. *Carole Fornachon*

*The Eve Appeal was set up to raise money for risk prediction, early diagnosis, development of screening services and treatment of gynaecological cancers. This covers those of the womb, ovaries, cervix and vulva. They ‘look to a future where fewer women will develop and more will survive gynaecological cancers’. It is supported by many celebrities including, Nigel Havers, Olivia Colman and Jo Brand. To contact them email office@eveappeal.org.uk or telephone 020 7605 0100.

Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club – a date for your diary

IT’S February already! Where did January go? Some of you will remember the talk on orchids given by Jocelyn Jenkins in our Village Hall, but if you missed it make sure you don’t miss out again. At our next club meeting in the Village Hall on 21st February, starting at 7:30pm, we’re looking forward to a talk on ‘Water in Gardens’ by Alan Eason. You’ll learn about the ways in which water can add interest to your garden, benefit wildlife and enhance your enjoyment of your outside space. Do come along, members and non-members are most welcome.

Mark Johnson

The Revd Benny Hazlehurst

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Women's Institute	Lesley Clarke	01929 471732

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Youth Club age 8 – 13 years	Joanne Miller	07940 017577

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Milborne First School		
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February

- Wednesday 6th** **Wednesday Club meeting** Village Hall – see page 5.
Thursday 7th to Saturday 9th **The Milborne Players present 'Snow White'**
 Village Hall Evening 7.30pm Matinee 2.30pm
 Tickets £7 – see below and page 3.
Wednesday 13th **History Group meeting** The Royal Oak 7.30pm – see page 23.
Thursday 14th **Deadline** for the next issue of the *Reporter*.
Thursday 14th **WI members meeting** Village Hall, bring a decorated Valentine biscuit for the competition – see page 5.
Friday 15th **Milborne Movies showing 'The Post'** Village Hall
 Doors and bar from 7.00pm Movie starts at 7.30pm
 Tickets £3.50 at the door – see pages 12 and 21.
Thursday 21st **Gardening Club 'Water in Gardens'** Village Hall
 7.30pm Tickets £2 non members – see page 21.
Friday 22nd **Angel Heart Theatre 'Howling Tales' workshop**
 Village Hall 1.30 to 3.30pm Tickets £3 – see page 21.
Friday 22nd **Angel Heart Theatre present 'The Boy Who Cried Wolf'**
 Village Hall 4 to 5pm Tickets £6 adults £5 children – see page 21.
Saturday 23rd **Village Lunch** Village Hall 12.15pm to 2pm £7 per head wine extra – see page 2.

March

- Saturday 16th** **Milborne's got the Blues 'Tee'd Up'** Village Hall
 7.30pm – see page 3.

Regular Bookings at the Village Hall

- Ladybirds Playgroup** Monday–Friday 8.30am–1.00pm MH (term time only)
Beavers Monday 5.00–6.30pm MH (term time only)
Scouts Monday 6.00–8.00pm CR/MH
Players Monday 8.00–10.00pm MH
ABC Line Dancers Tuesday 7.30–10.00pm MH
Cub Scouts Tuesday 5.45–7.15pm MH (term time only)
Wednesday Club first Wednesday 2.00–4.00pm MH
Yoga Thursday 1.30–2.45pm MH
Gardening Club third Thursday 7.30–10.00pm MH
Karate Thursday 5.10–6.40pm MH
Village Hall Committee third Thursday every two months 7.30–10.00pm
Women's Institute second Thursday 7.30–10.00pm
Youth Club 8–13 years every other Friday MH (term time only)
Village Lunch last Saturday of the month 12.15–2.30pm MH
Artsreach Events – look out for the posters.

Check Village Hall Notice Board for any other events that are one off for you to join in with.

Regular Bookings at the First School

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

Regular Bookings at the Sports & Social Club

- Tai Chi** Tuesday mornings 9.30am 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.
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Bumping into God – The title of this month's letter comes from a book by Dave Tomlinson (who was until he retired in July last year a Vicar in London). The book's title is unusual: *How to be a bad Christian . . . and a better human being, but that shouldn't mislead you. Its content is actually mostly very wise and about expanding our experience of faith beyond the institutionalisation that happens all too easily in the Church of England and other denominations.*

He writes: "We all have moments when we glimpse something beyond the purely material world, when we 'bump into God'. But we don't necessarily think of them as religious or spiritual experiences." He goes on to list the sort of things he means, the sacred moments that make us stop and reflect. These are things like receiving a smile from a child, gazing at the stars on a clear night, holding the hand of a loved one as they die, hearing a blackbird sing.

Some of these moments are joyful; some are hard. But all can be God-moments. And sadly in our busy world, we so often miss the encounters with God because we don't make space for them. We don't linger long enough in contemplation or spend enough time *be-ing* rather than *do-ing*.

These moments draw us to the greater reality beyond our human sphere that people of faith believe is God. Faith is a way of interpreting the world that helps us to make sense of those experiences of something other beyond us.

In the Church of England and many other Churches we use simple everyday things to remind us of God inside the church – bread and wine at holy communion, water at baptism. These sacraments which are outward signs of God's inner work and grace among us.

But everyday things can speak of God outside the confines of a church service and ceremony too. God is all around us.

Tomlinson ends his chapter with these words, which for me sum up what *bumping into God* is all about. "Enjoy receiving Communion, but celebrate Christ's presence in every meal, every human interaction. 'Break open any loaf, taste any glass of wine, you'll find me there. Look not the eye of friend or stranger alike, you will see me looking back at you.'"

Emmanuel – a title we hear used for Christ at Christmas – means God with us. It's not just one for the festive season.

With best wishes

Sarah Hillman

St. Andrew's Church Notes

FEBRUARY always seems to me to be a dull month which is not surprising following a diary full of church and other celebratory events over the Advent, Christmas and Epiphany period. It always takes the rest of January to settle down and catch up with things that have been non-urgent and postponed. So, come February, the excitement is gone and there always seems to be a bit of a lull.

However, on the positive side, life seems to blossom at this time of year; the days grow longer, there are new plants and flowers appearing and the birds are singing beautifully. It makes me thank God for all the miracles that happen with or without man's intervention. God's creations are awe inspiring and we must thank Him not only in prayer but in respecting all that we embrace and have contact with. This means caring for the environment and for people which can be done in so many ways.

One such way is to come to church to pray, praise and meet other similar minded people. There are a variety of services on a monthly basis and special ones planned over the next few months. Some of these services celebrate events such as Mothering Sunday, Ash Wednesday, Lent services (including Compline), Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

We try to welcome all who come to St. Andrew's church, especially new comers and help them to feel comfortable. Every month we provide services to suit all needs. Our Celebrate service is an informal one which begins with breakfast, we have a formal 1662 Said Morning Prayer service and two Parish Communion services. On a 5th Sunday of a month the people, who come from the four churches in the benefice, join together in one of the churches for a Benefice Communion service.

The monthly rotas are displayed on our notice boards, in the *Reporter* and on Facebook. If you would like more information or want to talk to someone about any of the services or need a lift or would like to come with one of our regulars just contact me and I can arrange the necessary.

Christingle

Before Christmas St. Andrew's ran a Christingle service. This was very well attended by children and their families. They all enjoyed making their own Christingle and other craft

Church Services February 2019

3rd February – Presentation of Christ in the Temple

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

10th February – 4th Sunday before Lent

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

17th February – 3rd Sunday before Lent

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

THURSDAY 21st February

12 noon	Lunch-time Communion	Puddletown Church Room
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24th February – 2nd Sunday before Lent

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

Morning Prayers (Monday to Thursday 8.15am)

Saturday 8.45am)

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

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items. Although there was a bit of a delay in starting the service which followed, we all enjoyed watching a video clip about the nativity, listening to Sarah and the singing of carols. The £80 collected at the service was sent to the Children's Society to support



the work that they do in protecting vulnerable children, including unaccompanied refugee children. We hold a Christingle service every year to which all children, their

families and others from Milborne and other villages are welcomed; watch out for the announcements next December and come along and join in the celebrations!

*Pam Shults,
Church Warden*



Dewlish Church Notes

WE all enjoyed a very busy December in our village, including a lovely meal provided by the locals. Thank you so much to you all for your hard work and thus producing such a good evening.

Dulcie played at her last service here on 16th December, and she was presented with a bouquet of flowers and a thank-you card. We are pleased to say that Aidan is willing to play on the extra Sundays, when he is able.

This year we sang carols at the pub, and I am delighted to report that about 20 of us took part. Aidan accompanied the singing on the piano and we all had a most enjoyable time. Dianne kindly provided refreshments of mulled wine and mince pies. Thank you so much! We intend doing this again in 2019 so we will be hoping that more people will join us. The collection of £65 has been donated to Shelter.

For the Carol Service – which was delightful once again – Ed provided us with fantastic lighting and sound which gave the Christmas stable a lovely atmosphere. Thank you, Ed. Thanks also to David for providing the staging, and to Jim and Graham for erecting the stable, complete with its many props!

The children were wonderful, and thanks all round must go to the readers, to Aidan and Becky for playing for us, and to 11-year-old Edward who had composed a special song, and sang and played it! Edward has talent! None of this would have happened without Jim's hard work. Well done, Jim; I know how hard you work!

The church looked beautiful on Christmas day. We welcomed quite a few visitors and enjoyed a wonderful service led by Janet Smith. Many thanks, Janet, and of course to all our flower arrangers.

Daphne Burg

'Flawed decision' of Huntley Down tempered by £300k payment

THE decision to allow 25 new homes to be built above Huntley Down, taken at North Dorset Planning Committee a few days earlier, was discussed at the first Parish Council meeting of the year. Councillors deliberated over what course of action should be taken after the revised Wyatt's application was accepted despite being a 'flawed decision' due to alleged irregularities of planning procedure. Cllr Macnair quoted an MSA Neighbourhood Plan Group representative who was present and had noted a number of errors and misrepresentation of the district council's own data used in the approval of the development. There was, Cllr Macnair noted, a case to push for a judicial review but underlined this by saying it was the "nuclear option". There was no guarantee of success and, furthermore, a risk that the rejected 30 home scheme – a decision that the developer has appealed – could be overturned. He wondered whether the PC had the appetite for this, with fellow councillors agreeing that it could be both counter-productive and costly. They decided to write a letter to NDDC to disagree with, but ultimately accept, the planning decision but also to complain that the procedure was incorrect on a number of counts.

That the development is now going ahead, thoughts turned to the S106 payments that Milborne could be in line for. Wyatt Homes would be liable to pay since their proposed development is in the proximity of the SSSI at Bere Heath and Poole Harbour. Previously, councillors had debated possible uses for the one-off payment, including the upgrading of the sewerage system, but at that stage they did not know the likely size of the payment. Armed with more definite figures now, installing new drains and pipes was discounted for being too costly. Installing traffic calming measures through the centre of the village was agreed to be a good use of the £300k and would make it easier for residents to access sports and other facilities. It was said that it was crucial to begin dialogue with the authority about the S106 payment, otherwise it may 'end up in Poole Harbour' being spent on the SSSI.

Councillors talked further about money when the PC budget and amount of precept – the portion of Council Tax that funds the Parish Council – was discussed. It was agreed to increase this amount by 10% though it was pointed out that this rise was effectively just under 7% as Council Tax set by NDDC is to be increased by 3.1%. The Village Hall committee has requested further funds for the coming year for maintenance but councillors agreed that the charity needs to put forward proposals for funding and clarify what its existing finances and surplus is intended for.

The third and final defibrillator is due to be installed outside Gray's Stores in the near future and councillors agreed to fund the first year's maintenance charge, as it has done with the existing defibrillators at the Hall and Sports Club. The cost of the new machine was funded by the Honour and Friendship Lodge in Blandford and other donations.

Councillors approved the appointment of a new Flood Warden since a third candidate had come forward. They agreed that Philip Harris would make an excellent addition to the team, following his efforts over the last year or two in preventing floods on the south side of the A354.

The Neighbourhood Plan has been submitted for consultation. Residents are urged to read and comment on it and are told it can be found on the dorsetforyou.gov.uk website and NPG Facebook page.

From the floor came questions about the state of the footpath from Crown Court to Stileham Bank, with reference to the infamous hat-grabbing brambles. Councillors will look into the management of it, and also into the provision of new poo bins on Church Hill after being asked by the same questioner, "When are we getting new dog bins?"

Ed Richards

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February's recipe – Chinese New Year

A CHINESE recipe this month to celebrate the start of Chinese New Year on February 5th, which is a Tuesday this year.

I had my first ever taste of “Chinese” food in the 1970’s when I ate a Vesta Chow Mein with crispy noodles. The crispy noodles and the way they puffed up in the frying pan was a revelation to us in those days, so very exotic (of course, we had no idea what an authentic Chow Mein should either look or taste like)!



It's difficult to explain to young people nowadays how little variety there was then in our baby boomer menus.

A typical week's menu in the 1950's and 60's would be a bit like this:

Monday: – Cold leftover meat from the Sunday roast with chips

Tuesday: – Sausages and mash

Wednesday: – Pork chops with mash

Thursday: – Lamb chops with mash

Friday: – Fish and chips

Saturday: – Fried egg, beans and chips

Sunday: – Roast dinner.

The only pasta was tinned spaghetti in tomato sauce, no curry, no noodles, no couscous, no spices apart from nutmeg on a rice pudding; the only rice dish was rice pudding, nothing spicy or garlicky at all.

Although the first Chinese restaurant in London was opened in 1907, the real spread of Chinese restaurants began in the late 1950s and 1960s with the influx of migrants from Hong Kong. These proved very popular; indeed in 1958 Billy Butlin introduced chop suey and chips into his holiday camps! One restaurant that stands out in the history of Chinese restaurants in the UK is the Kuo Yuan which in 1963 was the first restaurant in the U.K. to serve Peking duck.

In 2003, the first British Chinese restaurant achieved a Michelin star. Another significant milestone for Chinese food was the introduction of simple Chinese recipes on a BBC broadcast by Jean Sterling in 1939, and the introduction of 'Chinese cakes' baked with potatoes, haricot beans, fat boiled bacon, breadcrumbs, sugar and herbs to the Britons during World War II. You can still, to this day, buy Vesta Chow Mein in Tesco for £1.65. It is a dried product which makes it light to carry and of course needs no refrigeration so could be ideal for backpacking or nuclear war or even “Brexit”!

Chow Mein recipe

Ingredients – Serves 2

- 2 chicken breast fillets, sliced (or meat of your choice, perhaps pork (as 2019 is the year of the pig?))
- 4 tablespoons dark soy sauce
- 4 tablespoons light soy sauce
- 4 tablespoons oyster sauce
- 1 tablespoon cornflour

- ½ packet medium dried egg noodles
- 3 tablespoons sesame oil
- 2 cloves garlic, grated
- 1 onion, sliced
- 1 bag beansprouts
- 3 spring onions, chopped into 2cm pieces
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground white pepper

Method

1. Marinate meat for no less than 4 hours in 1 tablespoon dark soy sauce, 1 tablespoon light soy sauce, 1 tablespoon oyster sauce and cornflour; refrigerate.
2. Bring a pot of water to the boil and cook noodles according to packet instructions. Run under cold water to prevent sticking.
3. Heat oil in wok until very hot and fry meat until cooked. Remove meat from wok. Add garlic and onion to hot wok and cook until softened slightly, then add beansprouts, spring onions, cooked noodles and the meat.
4. Stir and add the remaining dark soy sauce, light soy sauce, oyster sauce, sugar and pepper. Stir thoroughly and serve. A proper Chow Mein!

Tip

For a saucy Chow Mein mix the dark, light and oyster sauce in a bowl with cornflour and enough water to make a rich gravy before stirring through the noodles. Serve with prawn crackers.

This poem is for those culinary types who pride themselves on being 'on trend'.

Have They Run Out Of Provinces Yet? By Calvin Trillin

Have they run out of provinces yet?
If they haven't, we've reason to fret.
Long ago, there was just Cantonese.
(Long ago, we were easy to please.)
But then food from Szechuan came our way,
Making Cantonese strictly passé.
Szechuanese was the song that we sung,
Though the *ma po* could burn through your tongue.
Then when Shanghainese got in the loop
We slurped dumplings whose insides were soup.
Then Hunan, the birth province of Mao,
Came along with its own style of chow.

So we thought we were finished, and then
A new province arrived: Fukien.
Then respect was a fraction of meagre
For those eaters who'd not eaten Uighur.
And then Xi'an from Shaanxi gained fame,
Plus some others—too many to name.

Now, as each brand-new province appears,
It brings tension, increasing our fears:
Could a place we extolled as a find
Be revealed as one province behind?
So we sometimes do miss, I confess,
Simple days of chow mein but no stress,
When we never were faced with the threat
Of more provinces we hadn't met.
Is there one tucked away near Tibet?
Have they run out of provinces yet?



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Milborne Movies showing

The Post

Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall

Friday 15th February

Doors and bar open 7.00pm

Film starts 7.30pm

Tickets £3.50

'THE POST', directed and produced by Steven Spielberg, is a true story, starring Meryl Streep as Katharine Graham, the first female publisher of a major American newspaper, The Washington Post, and Tom Hanks as Ben Bradlee, her executive editor.

In 1971 the American administration was continuing to send young men to Vietnam to die, even with full knowledge that the war was, in fact, unwinnable. Military analyst Daniel Ellsberg (a very fine Matthew Rhys) had pilfered the classified Pentagon Papers, hoping to halt the carnage in Southeast Asia, and the New York Times first published sections of them, until the President issued a stop order in the name of national security.

If The Post goes ahead and defies the President, they could risk imprisonment and the ending of the newspaper, which had been in Graham's family for decades. This is also the story of how Graham, the American socialite, gradually overcomes a lifetime of deferring to men and being patronised by them. 'This is Streep at her finest, building her astounding performance layer by layer, like a gathering storm.' (Peter Travers, 'Rolling Stone'). The National Board of Review chose it as best film of 2017. It was nominated for Best Picture and Best Actress at the 90th Academy Awards, and also received six nominations at the 75th Golden Globe Awards.

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A Good Read

The Secret River by Kate Grenville

THE Secret River is an historical fiction novel with the characters' stories told within the larger context of the social, cultural and political surroundings of the early colonial settlement of New South Wales (NSW) from 1806 onwards. Each of the three landscapes in the text traces protagonist William Thornhill's life from London to Sydney and then Thornhill's Place and the different kinds of conflict that arise. The narrative is a story of colonisation, identity and the relationships between settlers, the land and the Aborigines – it's a story of belonging, ownership and ultimately the bloodshed that results when a people is displaced. In *The Secret River*, the land represents money and a future for the characters of English descent which contrasts sharply with its meaning for the Indigenous Australian characters (the Aborigines). For the Indigenous Australians the land represents their capacity to survive in the present, their future and their past. William Thornhill, is portrayed as a good man whose fall from grace as a Waterman on the Thames in the latter part of the 18th century results in his and his family's transportation to NSW. Once there he finds conflicting visions of the future development of Australian society. His friend Smasher's one of domination and disregard of the Aboriginal tribes and his and another earlier settler, Blackwood's of peaceful co-existence. However, ultimately William wants to gain full ownership of the land he sowed and worked on and to become a member of the gentry of NSW. This was an authority he could not have dreamt of in London. Through his veil of self delusion which becomes his entire sense of self, he is finally forced to take a lead role in the symbolic end of Aboriginal life in NSW. It is a fiercely intelligent portrayal of a clash of cultures. It works on three levels: the historical; the particular; and the philosophical. On the latter level it brings into question the extent to which it is possible to own anything, even one's life.

Kate Grenville adopts a traditional realist structure and framework of the narrative which is strictly chronological. The novel is broadly divided into three main parts, William and his wife Sally (Sal)'s earliest life in London. Then transportation to Sydney, colonial settlement in NSW 1806 followed by their move from Sydney to settle at Thornhills Point. This leads to a potential for violent conflict with the Indigenous Australians and becomes increasingly prominent as the settlers realise the Aborigines are not leaving the land. The conflict between the settlers and the Indigenous Australians reaches the point where the Governor issues a proclamation that the settlers should shoot the black natives. The incidents of theft and violence between settlers and Indigenous Australians climaxes in a poisoning at Darkey Creek and culminating in the massacre at Blackwood's place. The epilogue is set ten years after the massacre and it is pervaded by a sense of remorse by William Thornhill.

Grenville's prose is designed to complement the historical setting with her characters adopting some phrases and words from the settings both in England and Australia. Instead of using quotation marks for dialogue, Grenville uses italics so that her characters speak within the text instead of traditional line breaks. Some of the terminology that Grenville uses was common to the era and often reminds the reader of the cultural background of the characters.

The title could mean symbolically a river that has held secrets or aspects of Australia's history hidden. It could also refer to undercurrents in personal relationships. The actual river is the Hawkesbury north of Sydney where Broken Bay hides the entrance and is the 'secret river' where William Thornhill finds his land.

On first reading the text the focus of *The Secret River* is its exploration of the conflict between convict William Thornhill and the local Dharug people – whose land he tries to settle on. But on closer examination it seeks to make a deeper point, about the relationship of Australians to the past – in this case to the Aboriginal people who were there so long before the settlers. This is a wonderfully evocative and exciting, action packed novel. It is apparently the first of a trilogy. One critic describes Australia as depicted in the book as 'overwhelmingly beautiful . . . readers will lust after a slice of its sunbaked soul'. *Carole Fornachon*

Round Robin Ramblers

The local villages walking group

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

Sunday 3rd February – 1:30 pm (note earlier time during winter)
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Wednesday 20th February – 11 am

Blandford St Mary and Bryanston

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Grid reference: ST 889058 on Explorer Sheet 117 (approx. 7 miles)

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Sunday 3rd March – 2 pm

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The village History Group updates

At our meeting in January we agreed to review the organisation of the group and of moving forward on writing up the facts that we have found out about the village's history.

After discussion we decided to keep meetings to a monthly basis, which is every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm (with some flexibility about holiday times). However, it was suggested that we have several sessions per year where a speaker is invited to deliver a presentation. If anyone has suggestions, we would be glad to hear from them. It was agreed that we should create a year's timetable and publish it not only here in the *Reporter* but on Facebook, on posters and through our mailing list. Anyone who would like to be on the mailing list should contact Pam (see contact details on page 12).

At the meetings, where there is no speaker, we would like to progress writing up some of the history that we have gathered so far about our village for publication. We thought that the ideal would be to create a booklet which could be offered for sale to villagers, visitors and tourists. We thought that this could sketch out the basic information about the development of our village from Iron Age to the present and to include information about the old buildings, the village industries and occupations, people of interest and anything else that would be of relevance. If anyone would like to help with this project or could offer interesting information please get in touch.

Our next meeting will be on 13th February in The Royal Oak when we may have a speaker or just discuss ideas that have been sent in and then plan how to move forward with writing a village historical information booklet. Nearer the time, watch out for posters or Facebook posts about what will be happening at the meeting.

Pam Shults

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Messy Church in Milborne

JANUARY'S Messy Church was hosted by St. Andrew's church in Milborne's Village Hall. Amazingly there were 19 children accompanied by one or both of their parents (and some grandparents) who came to make, listen and learn. The theme was 'belonging' and was based around the Bible story when Jesus was about 12 and, with his parents, went to Jerusalem for the



Passover. However, unbeknown to his parents he did not start his journey home with them and was not found for 3 days. Jesus was eventually found in the temple, absorbed in religious discussion with Jewish teachers.



The session started with children and families doing activities which related to the theme. They were able to make a model temple; make cards which showed Jesus as a baby and as a 12-year-old; mark on a map the area that was special for them and to say a prayer; create a family shield; make a web to illustrate relationships; make a scroll similar to those

used in the temple and finally get to taste foods that Jesus would have had to celebrate the Passover.

After the crafting Sarah explored with the children the difference between a baby and a 12-year-old child. She told the story of Jesus being 'lost' by his parents and made us all think about how terrified they must have felt but how he had found the place that he could stay with his 'Father'. We all sang a song to end this session.

Those who were able to stay enjoyed a hot meal cooked and supplied by volunteers. Many thanks go to all who helped make this session another successful Messy Church.

The next one will be on the 3rd of February in St. Mary's Church Room, Puddletown starting at 4pm. All are welcome to come along.

Pam Shults



Joseph Arch's Agricultural Labourers' Union in Dorset 1872-4

"DORSET was notorious in the mid-nineteenth century for its low agricultural wages and the poverty of its labourers" so begins a paper written by Jo Draper concerning the events surrounding the picture on page 27. I am particularly interested because all the people in it are either standing in front of or sitting on my wall! Falling wages were the spur for the Dorset Labourers (Tolpuddle Martyrs) to set up a tiny trades union in 1834. There were several Chartist meetings in Dorset in 1838 and the speakers (unsuccessfully) encouraged labourers to join a union and improve their wages.

Milborne St. Andrew was paid particular attention in this article as it is where, in 1872, the farmers appeared to have accepted some union demands for higher wages but dismissed pro-union labourers after the harvest of that year. A new strike in the Spring of 1874 lasting nearly three months, was countered by a lockout and evictions. So, hence, the picture is captioned "Villagers watching the Eviction of Agricultural labourers, members of the union." There were 'at least 35 men, 31 women and 16 children present'. This has become an iconic image which was arranged to be photographed by the union, reproduced and distributed by them. Dorset labourers' wages were notoriously low from at least the 1790's and were part of the cause for the so called 'Captain Swing' riots of 1830. Two farm labourers who had been in the employ of Mr. Fowler, and who were occupying cottages belonging to him for which they paid rent, were forcibly ejected; their goods and chattels put into the road. A 'good muster of men women and children were attracted thither by the novel and interesting spectacle. Many were the exclamations of disapprobation at the way in which the poor people were dispossessed'. In March 1875 the Union held a celebration of the forty-first anniversary of the Tolpuddle Martyrs. A presentation was made to James Hammett (the only Martyr still in England) to the effect that 'the days of oppression' were not yet over. 'The merciless evictions for the crime of Unionism on the estates of Mr. J. C. Mansell-Pleydell, Sir Richard Glyn and others showed the same cruel spirit of violent intolerance toward their humbler neighbours yet lives in our midst'.

The 'photographic artist' employed by the union to take this picture was empowered to "get a view of never-to-be-forgotten acts of oppression . . . these diabolical acts of cruelty, which were practised on the poor labourers and their families by professing Christians in the year 1874, may not remain in word to be read in English history, but that the scenes may be handed down, if time should last, in the ages to come"

A bitter struggle had become a matter of "quaint recollection".

Carole Fornachon

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