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Spring Hedgehogs 2019

2018 was a disappointing year with few hedgehog sightings reported to me, although I understand there were good reports in Dorchester and other places. I am pleased to report that there is an ever increasing number of villages in the county who have gone ahead to support hedgehogs. I do hope I get reports soon of hedgehogs emerging from hibernation and possibly hoglets.

I understand there will be a meeting later this year of the Women's Institute on the subject of hedgehogs and that Colin Varndell will be the speaker. If this is an open meeting I would encourage you to go, it will be informative and rewarding.

I was fortunate in obtaining a place for a day course on 'Basic First Aid, Care and Rehabilitation of Hedgehogs' run by the Vale Wildlife Hospital on March 4th. It was full of useful knowledge generated by the hospital which has been running since 1984 and receives in excess of 1,000 hedgehogs each year. There has been some improved understanding of how to treat sick, wandering and injured animals with these years of experience. Some of the more important ideas are; hedgehogs out during daylight may not necessarily need help as they may be mothers looking for nest material or for a place to move a litter. It is best to



observe and leave alone if the animal is confidently intent on some activity like this. If they are wobbly, or walking in circles or stationary for a long time they may then need help. In which case take them to somewhere that help can be provided. (In the first instance this can be to me at 18, Bladen View.) The hospital has found that all human handled hedgehogs will be dehydrated and require fluid injected subcutaneously, a technique we practised on the course. In the past, feeding with mealworms has been thought to be good but it has now been found that because the calcium to phosphorus ratio is 1:20, mealworms produce metabolic bone disease similar to human osteoporosis. This also applies to raw chicken and, to a lesser extent, peanuts and sunflower hearts. The recommendation is to use the cheapest tinned cat or puppy food possible, (this has a calcium to phosphorus ratio of 1:5 to 1:1), with the addition of cat biscuits. A protective cover for the food using an inverted plastic box with a hedgehog size access hole at one end will prevent food put down for hedgehogs being eaten by foraging cats. Commercial hedgehog food like 'Spike' is good, but in their opinion too expensive. Improved access to gardens with small holes, (half a CD size), is still recommended to enable foraging as these animals travel up to 2 kms a night.

Good luck with your hedgehog support and please report sightings to me at 01258 837329 or pip.jackie@btinternet.com.

Pip Bowell

Anyone for tennis?

THERE is a set of nets, etc sitting in the Village Hall – all that is needed are some players and someone to organise them. If you would like to have a regular game during the summer get in touch with the Reporter.

Bronze Age village is gold for Milborne

STONEHENGE, Machu Picchu, Giza, Petra – Milborne St. Andrew could soon be talked about in the same breath as these must-see historic destinations after the discovery of the best preserved Bronze Age settlement in the country. Excavations on the proposed Homefield development site have revealed a wealth of ancient history that will change the face of the pasture field adjacent to Blandford Hill. But residents who may be hoping that the field will remain undeveloped will be in for a shock – it's thought that the Bronze Age find will transform the site and the fortunes of the village.

A recreation of a typical village from 2000BC will transform a portion of the site, using the footprint of the discovered buildings, with a large visitor centre providing a space to showcase the treasures that have been found from the 'Wessex Culture' era. The attraction is hoped to bring in tens of thousands of visitors, dwarfing the trifling number of tourists that are sometimes disappointed after making the journey to see Milton Abbas or the Tolpuddle Martyrs Museum either side of Milborne. *Milbronzia*, as the site will be known, will appeal to tourists from around the world and will make an ideal destination for coachloads of cruise passengers disembarking at Portland. Tourists from China will no doubt flock to the attraction, which will offer far more interest than a big wall. Car parking for 1,000 vehicles will be provided at the site, which may be arranged on more than one level, although the development team are looking for sites nearby that may have once been used as car parks. The location of the Bronze Age village site is like no other since it is close to an existing developed village – conventional UNESCO rules do not apply as they would at a site such as Stonehenge, meaning that development will be relatively unfettered.

Of course, visitors will need to be catered for, and there is much interest from restaurant chains and hotel groups who want a slice of the *Milbronzia* action. Fast food restaurants such as McDonalds

and Nando's are thought to be in the running and the hotel company, Hilton – named after their first establishment in the nearby village of the same name – are said to have reserved a plot on which to build a low-rise (four storey) hotel complex. Milborne will feel like it

has struck gold (albeit a little bronzy), with the creation of many employment opportunities at the historic site, visitor centre and food and drink establishments. Much of the rest of the site will be used for new housing to cater for both local workers and second home owners cashing in on the new tourist honeypot. Some of those homes will be designed to resemble Bronze Age buildings – roundhouses with central hearths, with walls of wattle and daub, and roofs made of turf – although each will have a link-detached tandem garage. As *Milbronzia* becomes established on the heritage trail for domestic and foreign travellers alike, further development across the village is likely. The number of new houses is to be capped at 3,000 for the time being and this level is hoped to be incorporated into the Neighbourhood Plan. With such a large number of tourists and new residents, transport links to Milborne are to be examined closely. The Dorchester to Blandford service will be vastly increased to a bus every hour.

Plans and more details are to follow with the development team promising an exhibition on April 1st, running until midday.



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Are you Listening?

EARLIER in March the Dorset Echo published a letter written by Warwick Davis, the Star Wars actor who has dwarfism. What a lot of you may not know is that he is a proud Scout ambassador. In his letter he is talking about actively listening to each other, as an essential life skill. He goes on to say that over 90% of UK adults say that Scouts are helping young people to develop this important skill by working with different kinds of people in small groups.

With this in mind, maybe you will listen to me. I am desperately seeking Leaders to join our Scout Group in Milborne St. Andrew, to enable children in *this* village to benefit from this type of skill. So whether you are an adult looking for a great volunteering opportunity, or a young person looking to develop your skills, then visit www.scouts.org or please get in touch and I will try to start you on a journey of discovery.

(With apologies to Warwick Davis for using his words!!)

Brian Burton Group Scout Leader Milborne St Andrew Scout Group

Another successful night

ST. ANDREW'S Events Committee organised a social evening to thank people who help in and with the church; these included people who regularly help in services such as the flower team, the Open the Book team, the Celebrate team, the cleaning team and a few other important helpers. The Royal Oak served pizza and chips and there was so much that we couldn't eat it all! The knock out skittle game raised much laughter as well as cheering and encouragement. The ultimate winner was John.

The next event at the end of March was a talk by Helier Exon about Milton Abbey. If you missed it, he has regular tours of the abbey on Thursday afternoons in July and August.

The team will be supporting Sarah organise and run a 'Messy Church' in the Village Hall on Good Friday, 19th April, starting at noon and finishing around 2.00pm. This is for all the family and doesn't cost anything. Lunch is provided before everyone gets a chance to do some craft work, listen to a story and sing a few songs. You don't have to be a churchgoer to come along and join the fun, so come along and enjoy!

Pam Shults



Wednesday Club talks

ON Wednesday 6th March Gordon Le Pard came to talk to the Wednesday Club about the things that a Nineteenth Century pickpocket would find in a gentleman's pocket.

Gordon brought examples of each item and was an interesting and amusing speaker with a real enthusiasm for his subject.

It was fascinating to see what would have been carried apart from money and handkerchiefs. Ranging from snuff boxes, ink pots and pens to small sets of cutlery to use whilst travelling, a nutmeg grater and a pack of cards and many other things. Gordon required two of our large village tables to display all the bounty.

For those of you who don't know (some of us didn't) a penknife gets its name because people in those days used quill pens and carried a knife to sharpen them, hence penknife.

Our next meeting is at 2.00pm in the Village Hall on Wednesday 3rd April when Pauline Crump will be giving a talk "Weymouth Founding Fathers".

On May 1st we are going to The Etches Collection in Kimmeridge followed by a cup of tea and cake at Clavell's. The cost for the museum will be £6. We will be car sharing and it would be appreciated if all members and friends wishing to come would book a place with either Jenny on 837121 or Sheila on 839033 in order for enough cars to be made available and places allocated so that you can be advised as to who you are travelling with at the April meeting.

Lis Watts

Drivers to be fined speeding through Milborne

AGAINST the national trend, in 2018 Dorset saw a significant reduction in the numbers of those killed or seriously injured on our roads. It is hoped by continuing the proactive policing of roads in Dorset the number of people whose lives are changed forever by these events can be minimised. There is also the financial cost of the investigative and legal work to the taxpayer. It is estimated that a serious road collision resulting in a death costs in the region of £2.1 million.

The Dorset Road Safe Partnership is made up of Police, local authorities and includes Community Speed Watch teams. These teams are local residents who assist the Police in educating drivers to drive within the advertised speed limits, with advisory letters being sent to those recorded as being over the limit. Whilst this is a community activity they operate with the full support of Dorset Police with Officers providing the training, road assessment and the administration to identify the registered keepers of the vehicles.

Brian Austin Operations Manager for Dorset Road Safe said "Still motorists aren't getting the message that exceeding the speed limit is in fact breaking the law, sometimes with devastating consequences. In support of our Speed Watch volunteers, officers from Dorset Police will on occasion be joining them to carry out enforcement sessions. If drivers ignore the speed limit they run the risk of receiving a Fixed Penalty Notice. This approach has the full support of the Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable who both acknowledge the huge commitment given by our Speed Watch volunteers every year to make Dorset's roads safer".

For further information on Community Speed Watch visit the Dorset Road Safe website www.DorsetRoadSafe.org.uk



LETTERS to the Reporter

Letters to the Reporter.

It was totally misleading at the Parish Council Meeting and to say everybody is the same. Why are poor pensioners always worse off? For one thing I was present as always at the meeting although it said in the Reporter I was not.

What I wanted to put over that the Council, just put things UP on the taxes. If someone is working and they have to pay shall we say an extra £500 a year it is easy to work out. I wanted people to realise that it is not so easy for pensioners on a fixed income to pay the extra money.

R Keller

The Reporter did not say Mr Keller was not present at the meeting; we said that a dog poo suggestion was made on behalf of a resident who was not present.

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Spring is here with so much to do at Ladybirds

At the end of February a Zoolab ranger from Bristol (lovely West Country accent!) visited Ladybirds with some of his creatures. The children sat for almost an hour as he told them about each animal and went around the circle giving each child an opportunity to look, touch or hold the creature. Most intriguing was the scorpion (staying in his container-phew!) which looked a boring dark colour that meant he was camouflaged on the earth until a torch shone on him turned him a bright blue/green colour. This fascinated the children who moved in for a closer look. Apparently this is how a flying insect sees the scorpion and is attracted to the beast who then eats the insect! Other creatures included a giant cockroach, tarantula, rat, and a beautiful rosy boa which had been rescued from a garden.



March began with drawing and making daffodils, a walk to see the lambs and a visit to Sandra the chicken who later provided eggs for pancakes. As always pancakes were very popular – making, eating and having a go at tossing them. The favourite flavour is still lemon, with sugar and honey being very popular.

With school taking part in World Book Day we asked the children to bring in their favourite books from home and dress up if they wanted. We had beautiful Frozen characters and some superheroes and as for the Books it was no surprise that Julia Donaldson's books were most popular – with three copies of The Gruffalo on one day. The most original offer had to be the girl who chose 'George's Marvellous Medicine' accompanied with a plastic bottle of a somewhat dubious looking liquid in it.

To join in with Red Nose Day the children painted a red bus and some drew themselves in a window to go onto the bus. "All aboard the big red bus" was one of the themes on the children's section of Red Nose Day.

Liz Dyer



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The Resurrection – what's in it for me?

We have a late Easter this year, so you will be reading this long before Lent is over.

In the Church's year, the crucifixion and resurrection have yet to happen, so it seems a little pre-emptive for me to be writing about it in this month's letter. But Christians celebrate Easter not because it is relevant only for one day a year, or even the 40 days of the Easter Season, but because it has relevance for us each and every moment of our lives.

So let's ask ourselves what difference the resurrection does make to the life of a Christian.

Paul Hardingham of Parish Pump puts it like this: the resurrection means:

- my past is forgiven
- my present is under control
- my future is secure.

We all know what it is like to do something which doesn't go right and want to start all over again. Sometimes it's too late; sometimes we can restore what we've done and make something even better; sometimes we can just ditch what we've done and start again. With God, there is always a new start possible. It's never too late to seek forgiveness and an opportunity to start again. And we discover that each time we start again, God helps to make us into a person better than we were before.

We've probably all had times too when life feels out of control for some reason. Perhaps others are making decisions for us, perhaps our health is poor or someone close to us is facing death, perhaps our life is just too busy and we can't juggle all the balls we seem to need to keep up in the air, perhaps we have money worries or we are lonely. Because the love of God which brought Christ back from death is available to us all God will give us strength to get through anything in life, provided we trust. Sometimes that means just hanging on by our fingertips, but God will give us courage to face anything. St. Paul reminds us that "I can do all things through God who gives me strength" (Philippians 4.13). It reminds me of the prayer: "Lord, help me to remember that nothing will happen today that you and I cannot handle together."

One place where we really are out of control is death – there's a 100% certainty that it is something we will all face. But for a Christian, because of the resurrection, death is not the end. We have a place assured for us in heaven which will last for ever. Our future really is secure.

That's not something we can prove by science. Science and religion are not incompatible, but they do address different questions. In the same way that we cannot prove our love for another person through science, nor can we prove God's love that way either.

To have faith means to trust in God, God's love and God's promises.

Perhaps this year, you might like to ask what difference the resurrection can make to you. Or why not ask yourself today? It's not something only for Easter Day.

With best wishes

Sarah Hillman

St. Andrew's is getting Greener

St Andrew's PCC have appointed an Eco Champion to help the church and the congregation to become more environmentally friendly as proposed by Bishop Nicholas. Our initial target is to encourage parishioners to review their household energy and to be aware of other ways in which they can reduce waste or resources. Information leaflets will be available in church from the beginning of Lent. Even if you don't attend our church but are interested, please feel free to pop in and take a leaflet.

A representative of WaterAid gave a talk to our congregation during our Parish Communion service on the 10th March about their projects. This launched their Lent WaterAid campaign called *Jars of Change*. People took home a jar into which they are putting the money that they save by giving up something during Lent.

By the time you read this we will have had our Annual Parish Church Meeting at which members on the new electoral roll will have elected PCC members and seen the PCC's Annual Report. As I write the Electoral Roll Officer is completing the new role, our Secretary is busy preparing all the forms and the Annual Report, our Treasurer has had the accounts examined and is currently writing his report, and other church groups (such as the Events Committee, Tower Captain and the Flower team) are being invited to send in their reports.

Church Services

April 2019

7th April – Passion 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 Village Hall

Saturday 13th April

1.00pm	Marriage of John Brayshaw and Sarah Jayne Harris	Tolpuddle
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14th April – Palm Sunday

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

18th April – Maundy Thursday

6.00pm	Holy Communion	Puddletown
7.00	Agape Supper	Dewlish

19th April – Good Friday

10.00am	Good Friday Service – hymns, prayers, reflections	Tolpuddle
12noon–	Church open for Meditation	Puddletown + Milborne
3.00pm		
12noon	Good Friday Messy Church	Milborne Village Hall
6.00pm	Good Friday service – hymns, prayers, reflections	Dewlish

21st April – Easter Day

9.30am	Easter Holy Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30	Easter Holy Communion	Milborne
11.00	Easter Holy Communion	Puddletown
11.00	Easter Holy Communion	Dewlish

28th April – Easter 2

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

LENT

During Lent there will also be:

Compline in Milborne at 6.00 pm and **Evening**

Prayer in Dewlish at 6.30 pm on Thursdays

Morning Prayers (Monday to Thursday 8.15am)

Saturday 9.00am)

Monday – Puddletown	Tuesday – Milborne
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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.

Please contact Pam on 837203.

And of course as churchwarden I will have to submit my report. We are hoping for a good turnout from church members.

At the beginning of February our Events Committee arranged a Skittles Night for all those people who help in our church. The Royal Oak provided pizza and chips, both of which were lovely. We decided to play 'knock-out' as there were 24 people. I was awful, only having played once before, and got knocked out early. John Wright was the champion and received the prize. The raffle raised around £40 which will provide a small boost to the church funds.

On Good Friday we will be organising Milborne St. Andrew's annual children's Messy Church Event in our village hall. Children from all over the benefice are invited. No need to book in advance, just turn up at 12.00 noon. It is an event which is popular so don't miss out.

Pam Shults Churchwarden

Dewlish Church Notes

AT LAST we have been granted a faculty to carry out masonry repairs and glass re-instatement to the south-west window of the church. Hopefully, work will commence on 21st May. Along with architects' fees the cost will be in the region of £11,500. We have been lucky enough to receive a sizeable donation from one of our villagers which will help towards the cost. However, if you would like to make a donation as well we would be most grateful.

We would love to see you at our **Spring Sale and Coffee Morning** at the Village Hall on Saturday 13th April (10.30am-12noon). We hope to have all our usual stalls: New, cakes and produce, Easter stall, toys and books, and a raffle. Carol has very kindly allowed us to combine with the usual Community Coffee Morning so, besides coffee, tea, etc., there will also be bacon and sausage butties and cake available. We would be so grateful for any donations for the raffle, the Easter stall and cakes and produce.

A reminder that our **Lent Lunches** on Thursdays continue at...

Sue Britton's, Parsonage Farm 4th April (12.30pm)

Dewlish Village Hall 11th April (12.30pm)

... and that the **Agape Supper** will be held in the Village Hall at 7.00pm on Thursday 18th April. Please let Daphne and Jim know (01258 837466) by *Sunday 14th April* whether you are coming. We are asking for a donation of at least £5 to cover costs. Any profit will be donated to Water Aid.

We are holding our **Church AGM** on Wednesday 10th April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Everyone on the Church Electoral Roll is welcome to attend and, as usual, we are desperate for new members to serve on the PCC so we hope you will come and support us!

Daphne Burg

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Sarah's Sabbatical



FROM May 7th to August 6th, I will be on sabbatical. Though at home for some of this period, I will not be undertaking any parish or benefice duties during this time. My main focus during this period (formally known as extended ministerial development leave) will be looking at and studying theology and leadership. This will entail a couple of courses, long reading lists and work shadowing someone in a field outside the church, as well as taking time for personal development and rest.

Whom to contact during this time?

For most church matters, please contact the churchwardens of the relevant village or our benefice administrator, Emma.

If you need to speak to a member of the clergy, then please contact the Revd Rosie Coldwell.

Sunday services

These will continue during my leave of absence mainly as usual. Most of the Puddletown and Tolpuddle services which I would normally lead will be looked after by the Revd Janet Smith, and those in Milborne St. Andrew and Dewlish by the Revd Rosie Coldwell.

I'm very much looking forward to this time. If you see me out and about, please don't ignore me - I'll be happy to chat, but please also respect the fact that I won't be undertaking any of my usual ministry.

And if you might be able to help with looking after my animals at all during this time (cats, hens and a spaniel) please let me know. Thank you

The Revd Sarah Hillman

Ladybirds playgroup Easter coffee morning



Saturday 13th April
10.30am to 1.00pm
at Milborne St. Andrew
village hall

Everyone is welcome

We will be selling tea, coffee and cakes.
We have a raffle, guess how many eggs are in the jar, name the rabbit, Craft table and
Easter bonnet competition. Make at home and bring with you to enter.
We really hope you can join us



Milborne St. Andrew Bridge Group

THE Milborne St. Andrew Bridge Group reverts to its summer schedule with effect from Monday 8th April 2019. The group is very much a social bridge group and meets at The Royal Oak in Milborne St. Andrew every Monday at 7.00pm. It is open to all regardless of experience and welcomes everyone from more experienced players to beginners to whom instruction will be provided. There is no subscription or entry fee and no requirement for regular attendance.

Anyone interested or requiring further information should contact Laurie Benn by email at <laurie@benn.me.uk> or by phone on 01258 837720.

We look forward to hearing from you.

World Book Day

The children have been enjoying lots of book themed activities during book week. Our theme was 'rhyme', so we have been looking at poems, limericks and books with rhyming language. On World Book Day, the children and staff dressed up as a book character. They all looked brilliant!



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AT the moment about one in five in the UK – that's about 13½ million people – live below the poverty line. Redundancy, illness, benefit delays or cancellations, domestic violence, debt, and the cost of heating in winter are reasons why many of them don't have the money to buy basic food. It was in Salisbury that the problem was highlighted to the Trussell Trust, who set up the first food bank in the year 2000. They started with 600 people to feed and in 2004 they set up the Foodbank Network which now has about 400 branches run by volunteers.

Recipients are referred to them by front line care professionals, including doctors and church ministers, and they aim to provide each person with a food parcel containing non-perishable but nutritionally balanced food for three days. There are now about a million recipients, a third of them are children. This is particularly important during school holidays as there are no school meals.

In Milborne St. Andrew, collection points are in the church and at WI meetings on the second Thursday in the month or John and Josie Wright at 5 Brooklands will take contributions for the Blandford or Dorchester food banks at any time.

Josie Wright

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Bletchley Park: Hunting for Hitler's secret weapons . . . at the March WI

WHEN we think a talk will be of particular interest to a wider audience we open it up to anyone who might like to come along. We felt that this month's talk by Dr Phillip Judkins on *'Bletchley Park and the Hunt for Hitler's Secrets'* was one such, and were delighted that so many came along to listen with us. He did not disappoint.

During WW2 England was attacked by rockets, cruise missiles and superguns, an arsenal of weapons completely unknown to us at the time. How did we find out about this threat? The Enigma machine and other sources of information defeated those attacks. Dr Judkins had brought along an Enigma – one of only 300 in the world – and described in great detail how it worked. It resembles an old-fashioned typewriter, with a German keyboard, but in fact is immensely complex and intricate.

The story of Bletchley Park and the young recruits who worked there – mainly women and the youngest, Mimi Galilee, aged just 14 – is now widely known after decades of peacetime secrecy. They were brilliant people, mostly from modest and unassuming backgrounds, always working against time. This driving urgency is what Bletchley Park always remembers – *'if you get it wrong, or crack it too late, real people really died'*. It was Alan Turing and Geoffrey Welchman, working with the Bletchley Park staff, who first broke the Enigma code and enabled us to eventually defeat the German attacks.

And what of the aftermath for some of these people? Contrast the brilliant Alan Turing, convicted of homosexuality, at that time a crime, who died of suspected suicide in 1953, with Werner von Braun. The architect of the rockets, all built by the labour of slaves, Braun and his entire design team were transferred after the war to the United States to work on space research, with Werner's picture famously appearing on the cover of *'Time'* magazine.

Dr Judkins has a comprehensive background in security and intelligence studies, and it is safe to say that everyone was completely absorbed in his talk. It was generally agreed that we owed an enormous debt to all those who had worked so diligently and hard at Bletchley Park and elsewhere, and thereby saved this country from a terrible fate.

Continuing the meeting with business matters: Congratulations to Pauline Trim who is now a Fellow of the Society of Botanical Artists. She is looking forward to the opportunities this will bring, the first being part of an exhibition in the Mall Galleries in London later this year. Bookends members had met to discuss *'An Officer and a Spy'* by Robert Harris, with the majority finding it an enjoyable read. We now move on to *'The Finest Hour and a Half'* by Lissa Evans.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 11th April, when Richard Balson will talk about *'Britain's Oldest Family Butchers'*. Please do come along and join us.

Pat Bull

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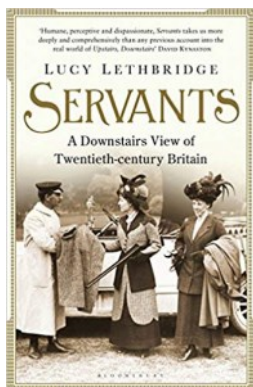
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A Good Read: 'Servants: A Downstairs View of Twentieth-Century Britain' by Lucy Lethbridge



THIS is a comprehensive, exhaustive, unmediated history of the domestic service economy. Described by a critic as a broad sketch of servitude; obscure unpublished diaries were utilised (including those of Alice Osbourne who covered various roles of service in Rectory Farm, Taplow) other source material ranged from fictional accounts, also encompassing Margaret Powell's '*Below Stairs*', Jean Rennie's '*Every Other Sunday*' and Winifred Foley's books. Most engaging were Alfred Praga's 1899 '*Appearances. How to Keep them Up on a Limited Income*'

and a short polemic entitled *The Psychology of the Servant Problem* written by Violet Firth in 1925 a work of radicalism at the time. Interestingly, socialist (often Bloomsbury member) women like Winifred Foley and Violet Firth were only able to enjoy the fruits of education and liberation when they were relieved of the burden of domestic work in the person of another woman.

A Ms Elizabeth Dashwood (E.M. Delafield) wrote columns on the travails of the 'Provincial Lady' capturing the mood of the post-First World War woman who saw herself trapped between the demands of domesticity and recalcitrant servants and those of her own spiritual development.

In 1900 domestic service was the single largest occupation in Edwardian Britain. Destitute children were trained to be domestics in Dr. Barnardo's Barking-side Village designed to be a wholesome pre-industrial idyll. Ms Lethbridge amuses, entertains and horrifies the reader in turn with some of her anecdotes. Appearance, even length of arms and a deferential manner were important in the suitability of maids who might perhaps have to open the door to visitors or reach up to top linen cupboard shelves. Or spend a great deal of time stirring boiling eggs until the yolks were centred. If they failed in this task they had to start again until they got it right. It conjures up disturbing images of 12 year old, barely pubescent, girls at 5am cleaning grates and laying fires in a bedroom where their employers still slept. Elbow grease was considered the only valid form of domestic work that was clean enough, good enough, perfect enough despite the availability of washing machines, vacuum cleaners, gas ovens, gas lamps, fridges. Many saw this economy relying on the neglect and degradation of humanity leading to the total waste of their mental and physical capacities whilst they 'toiled in the shadows'. It explores the sheer panicked realisation for many householders what life without servants would mean. Included are details of Domestic Recruitment Agencies such as Greycoat Lumleys and Norland Nannies. (Latterly using different descriptions other than Master or Servant but now "candidate" and "client".) This is a book with little jargon that tells a story with complex themes but that is totally true, in the process putting fantasies (such as Downton Abbey) to rest. Service changed as British identity changed.

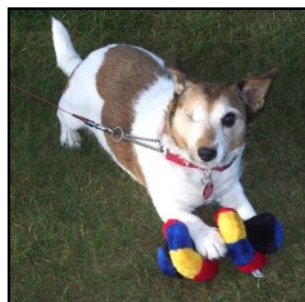
This is a vivid, discerning and compassionate record of what is now a waning 'profession'. It opens a window onto British society from the Edwardian period to the present highlighting how much depended on the constant cooperation of well trained servants. Without it the best breed of hostess was placed at a disadvantage. How well the author describes domesticity in such a fraught space. "Employers fatuously couched hard labour as morally necessary for the servant class....often (performing) unnecessarily elaborate tasks". Former servants contemplated life without having to conform to someone else's ideals of what their lives should and should not be. Above all she does not romanticise the role of servant. There is a remarkable amount of analysis and contrasting points of view. This is recommended for lovers of history, of 20th century gossip, of velvet and of laundry!

Carole Fornachon

Pets' Corner

Sunny is 17 years old now

YES, we do still have Sunny, our Parsons Jack Russell, that we adopted in January 2003. She was 11 months old in December 2002 when signed over, as unwanted, to the RSPCA rescue centre near Ringwood. It was obvious from the start that she had not been ill-treated and with very little training from us she has been a joy to have around. Many readers will remember her enjoying all the regular walks around the village, in the pub and sitting outside the shop. Always off her lead where safe away from main roads, never running off too far ahead. Just happy to be with us.



In 2009 she had to have an eye removed as the pressure had detached the lens. As the pressure was raised in the other eye she had to have glaucoma drops instilled each day, and with her usual good nature she carried on enjoying playing, walking and all her usual activities. She would sit by the fridge waiting for the drops, and by the end was having them seven times a day.

We had managed to keep that eye for three years, but in the end that was also removed. Without the pain at 10 years old she remained the happy dog she has always been, and continued to be off her lead where safe to be so. Running back and forth, when called, between Dave and I while out in Stour Meadows or Mill Down, you may remember her winning the BEST TRICK class at the Fun Dog Show in 2014 following Dave off her lead, sitting and begging on command.

She has always come on holiday with us, with her Pet Passport, she is well travelled whether in the caravan, an hotel or other pet friendly holiday accommodation, she has found her way around and always been made a fuss of at home or abroad, particularly since having no eyes.

Now she has also lost her hearing so we can no longer call her back and forth when out and in fact she has been much happier on her lead for the last couple of years.

She doesn't want to walk very far now and some days when her lead is put on she will just lay there as if to say "you go if you want but I'm staying here". Most times it's just to the end of Stileham Bank and



back. She still goes in and out into the garden through her two dog flaps and loves being close by us.

When she had her annual check in December I told David Harding our vet, that she didn't want to walk far!

He asked if I'd seen many 103 year olds walking out. He says she is in good health for her age and won't be surprised to see her again this December. We hope so, we have enjoyed 16 of her 17 years and having aged with her are also less active!!

Val Andrews

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

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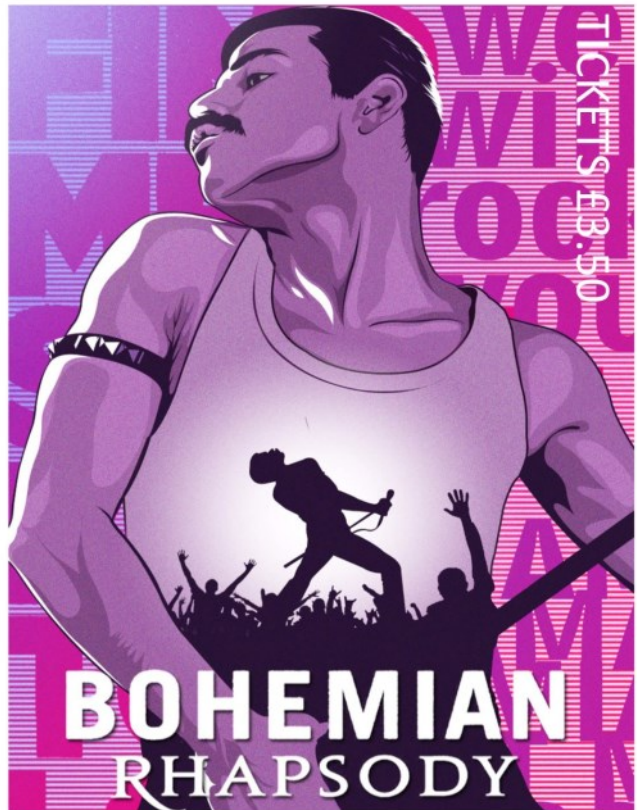


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April

- Wednesday 3rd** **Wednesday Club** Pauline Crump will be giving a talk "Weymouth Founding Fathers". Village Hall 2.00pm – see page 5.
- Monday 8th** **Bridge Group** The Royal Oak 7.00pm – see page 9.
- Wednesday 10th** **Dewlish Church AGM** Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 9.
- Wednesday 10th** **History Group 'Dorchester Now and Then'** Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 13.
- Thursday 11th** **WI 'Britain's Oldest Family Butchers'** by Richard Balson – see page 13.
- Friday 12th** **Milborne Movies 'Bohemian Rhapsody'** Village Hall doors open 7.00pm for 7.30pm start – see pages 16 and 29.
- Saturday 13th** **Ladybirds Playgroup Easter coffee morning** Village Hall 10.30am to 1.00pm – see page 9.
- Sunday 14th** **Mid-day deadline** for the next issue of the Reporter. Send copy via e-mail to msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk or give to a member of the team. Team members can be found on page 2.
- Sunday 14th** **Canzonetta** Parish Church of St. John, Bere Regis. 3.00pm, entry is free – see page 23.
- Friday 19th** **Messy Church Event** Village Hall 12noon to 2.00pm – see page 21.
- Wednesday 24th** **Kingston Maurward College** Armed Forces Community Carers and Lifestyle event – see page 25.
- Saturday 27th** **Village Lunch** Village Hall 12.15pm to 2.00pm £7 per head – See page 2.

Regular Bookings at the Village Hall

- Ladybirds Playgroup** Monday–Friday 8.30am–1.00pm MH (term time only)
- Beavers** Monday 5.00–6.30pm MH (term time only)
- Players** Monday 8.00–10.00pm MH
- ABC Line Dancers** Tuesday 7.30–10.00pm MH
- 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** every fourth Wednesday 7.30pm
- 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

- Kickboxing** Monday evenings 4.45–5.30pm Kanga (guide ages 5–8), 5.30–6.30pm Stripes (guide ages 9–13), 6.30–7.30pm ladies class, 7.30–8.30pm all ages and abilities. Contact Nikki Rich on 07752 199409.
- Tai Chi** Tuesday mornings 9.30am run by Geoffrey Bellinger. Local contact Brian Burton 839033.
- The Busy Bees** Under 5 Group from 9.30–11.30am 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).
- Boxing style fitness** Friday 12noon–1.00pm. Contact Nikki Rich on 07752 199409.
- Ballet style fitness** Friday 1.00–2.00pm. Contact Nikki Rich on 07752 199409
- 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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HAVING had a St. Andrew's Day, (sticky ginger pudding with whisky Mac sauce, November 2016), St. Patrick's Day, (steak and Guinness pie, March 2018,) and a St. David's Day, (Glamorgan sausages, 1st March 2019) it's about time this month for some St. George's Day recipes. St. George's Day is celebrated on 23rd April which is a Tuesday this year. It also happens to be Shakespeare's birthday.



St. George's Day was a major feast and national holiday in England, on a par with Christmas, from the early 15th century. Salisbury holds an annual St. George's Day pageant, the origins of which are believed to go back to the 13th century. In recent years the popularity of St. George's Day appears to be increasing gradually. Arguments have been put forward recently in the House of Commons to make St. George's Day a public holiday. In early 2009, the then Mayor of London, Boris Johnson, spearheaded a campaign to encourage the celebration of St. George's Day. Today, St. George's Day may be celebrated with anything English including morris dancing and Punch and Judy shows.

A traditional custom on St. George's Day is fly or adorn the St. George's Cross flag in some way: pubs in particular can be seen on 23rd April festooned with garlands of St. George's crosses. It is customary for the hymn "Jerusalem" to be sung in cathedrals, churches and chapels on St. George's Day, or on the Sunday closest to it. Traditional English food and drink may be consumed.

To balance the vegetarian recipe of last month I've gone for a very carnivorous St. George's Day menu. Sausage and bacon in the starter and for the main course a traditional Steak and Kidney pudding.

The S&K pud takes ages to cook, so can never be ready for lunchtime, unless you get up before dawn. Luckily after the initial preparation it can be left to steam away with minimal attention until it is time to serve. It will keep warm for ages so is best served with accompanying vegetables which will also keep warm without spoiling.

Steak and kidney pudding is first mentioned in print in the 1860's but variations on it may have been made for much longer than this. Ovens didn't feature in domestic kitchens for a long time but there have been pots boiling on open fires for thousands of years so I think early and primitive versions of this recipe have been around for a very long time.

I know that high fat food is not healthy to eat all the time, but an occasional small portion of delicious extravagance can be excused if you balance it up with healthier stuff for most of the time. I imagine one satisfying portion of S&K pud has less fat in it than half a dozen Cookies and Kreme Krispy Kreme Doughnuts.

St. George's Day celebration

To start with – The Full English:

Halved hard boiled quail's eggs, sliced cold cooked sausage or chipolatas, halved cherry tomatoes, crispy bacon bits, fried bread croutons (cooked in the bacon fat) served on vinaigrette dressed little gem lettuce, garnished with a slice of raw chestnut mushroom.

Main Course – Steak and Kidney Pudding

For the suet-crust pastry:

12oz (350g) self-raising flour
6oz (175g) shredded beef suet
Pinch of salt and freshly-milled black pepper

For the filling:

1¹/₄ lbs (560g) chuck steak
10oz (275g) ox kidney – you'll have 8oz (225g) after trimming
2 level teaspoons of well-seasoned flour
1 medium onion, sliced
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
Salt and freshly-milled black pepper

For the steak and kidney gravy:

1 onion, halved
1 teaspoon beef dripping or oil
1 heaped dessertspoon flour
Gravy browning (optional)
Worcestershire sauce
Salt and freshly-milled black pepper.

To make the pastry:

First sift the flour and the salt into a large mixing bowl. Add some freshly milled black pepper, then add the suet and mix it into the flour using the blade of a knife. When it's evenly blended, add a few drops of cold water and start to mix with the knife, using curving movements and turning the mixture around. The aim is to bring it together as a dough, so keep adding drops of water until it begins to get really claggy and sticky. Now abandon the knife, go in with your hands and bring it all together until you have a nice smooth elastic dough, which leaves the bowl clean. It's worth noting that suet pastry always needs more water than other types, so if it is still a bit dry just go on adding a few drops at a time.

After that, take a quarter of the dough for the lid, then roll the rest out fairly thickly. What you need is a circle, about 13 inches (32.5 cm) in diameter. Now line a large basin with the pastry, pressing it well all around.

Next chop the steak and kidney into fairly small cubes (reserving the trimmings for the gravy), toss them in the seasoned flour, then add

them to the pastry-lined basin with the slices of onion. Add enough cold water to reach almost the top of the meat and sprinkle in a few drops of Worcestershire sauce, gravy browning, if used, and another seasoning of salt and pepper. Roll out the pastry lid, dampen its edges and put it in position on the pudding. Seal well and cover with a double sheet of foil, pleated in the centre to allow room for expansion



while cooking. Now secure it with string, making a little handle so that you can lift it out of the hot steamer. Then place it in a steamer over boiling water. Steam for five hours, topping up the boiling water halfway through.

To make the gravy, simply place the meat trimmings in a saucepan with the half onion, cover with one pint of water, add some seasoning and simmer for approximately one hour. Then strain the stock, and in the same pan fry the remaining onion, chopped small, in the beef dripping until soft and blackened at the edges. Then stir in the flour, gradually add the stock little by little to make a smooth gravy, adding a spot of gravy browning if it's needed. Taste to check the seasoning and add a few drops of Worcestershire sauce. You can either serve the pudding by spooning portions straight out of the bowl, or slide a palette knife round the edge and turn the whole thing out onto a serving plate (which is more fun!).

Pudding – Rhubarb syllabub

Syllabub is an English sweet frothy drink which was popular from the 16th to 19th centuries, and a dessert based on it, which is still eaten. The drink was made of milk or cream, curdled by the addition of wine, cider, or other acid, and often sweetened and flavoured.

Ingredients

400g rhubarb, cut into small cubes
thumb-sized piece of ginger, peeled and finely chopped
75g caster sugar
100ml white wine
100g mascarpone
300ml double cream
50g icing sugar
2 pieces crystallised ginger, finely chopped



Method

Put the rhubarb, root ginger, sugar and white wine in a pan, bring to the boil and simmer on a low heat for 4–5 mins until the rhubarb has softened. Remove from the heat and set aside to cool.

In another bowl, whisk the mascarpone, double cream and icing sugar to soft peaks. Remove 4 tbsp cooled rhubarb and mash with a fork, then fold into the cream mixture.

Divide the rest of the poached rhubarb between 6 small glasses, reserving a bit. Spoon over the cream mixture, then top with a few pieces of crystallised ginger and the rest of the rhubarb. Can be chilled for several hours before serving.

Serves 6

The Village Hall AGM 1st May 2019

EVERYONE is invited to this year's AGM which will be held on Wednesday 1st May at 7.00pm in the village hall. The hall is a wonderful asset for the village and the trustees work hard to keep it operational. We would really like more people on the committee especially if you are a user group and do not currently have a representative. Please contact Sarah Ryan 01258 839230 or email saryan6630@googlemail.com before the 1st May if you are interested in joining the committee.

Linda Wright

EASTER LILIES

Church Flowers at St Andrews on Easter Sunday will as usual be dedicated in memory of friends and family.

If you wish to participate, please place your contribution and the names of those you wish to remember in an envelope.

These may be given to Sally Dyer (13 St. Andrew's View) or Eva Stockley, placed in

the locked collection box to the left of the main church door or brought to any service.

Please do this by 12th April as the flowers have to be ordered in advance.

Names of those in whose memory the flowers are given will be inscribed in the special book displayed in church at Easter.



I've chosen this poem by U.A. Fanthorpe who is probably best known for her poem "Atlas" which is one of my favourite poems.

Not my Best Side

Not my best side, I'm afraid.

The artist didn't give me a chance to Pose properly, and as you can see, Poor chap, he had this obsession with Triangles, so he left off two of my Feet.

I didn't comment at the time (What, after all, are two feet To a monster?) but afterwards

I was sorry for the bad publicity.

Why, I said to myself, should my conqueror Be so ostentatiously beardless, and ride A horse with a deformed neck and square hoofs?

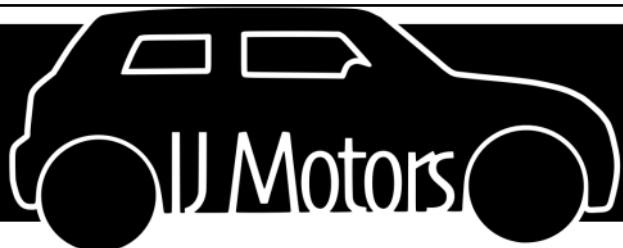
Why should my victim be so Unattractive as to be inedible, And why should she have me literally On a string? I don't mind dying Ritually, since I always rise again, But I should have liked a little more blood To show they were taking me seriously.

It's hard for a girl to be sure if She wants to be rescued. I mean, I quite Took to the dragon. It's nice to be Liked, if you know what I mean. He was So nicely physical, with his claws And lovely green skin, and that sexy tail, And the way he looked at me, He made me feel he was all ready to Eat me. And any girl enjoys that. So when this boy turned up, wearing machinery, On a really dangerous horse, to be honest I didn't much fancy him. I mean, What was he like underneath the hardware? He might have acne, blackheads or even Bad breath for all I could tell, but the dragon . . .

Well, you could see all his equipment At a glance. Still, what could I do? The dragon got himself beaten by the boy, And a girl's got to think of her future.

I have diplomas in Dragon Management and Virgin Reclamation. My horse is the latest model, with Automatic transmission and built-in Obsolescence. My spear is custom-built, And my prototype armour Still on the secret list. You can't Do better than me at the moment. I'm qualified and equipped to the Eyebrow. So why be difficult? Don't you want to be killed and/or rescued In the most contemporary way? Don't You want to carry out the roles That sociology and myth have designed for you?

Don't you realize that, by being choosy, You are endangering job prospects In the spear- and horse-building industries? What, in any case, does it matter what You want? You're in my way.



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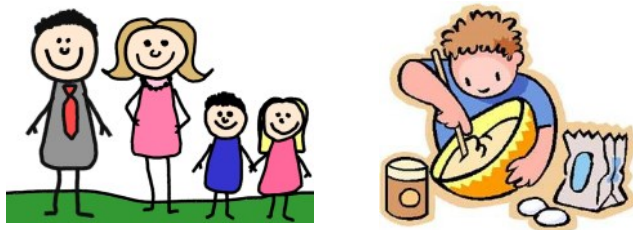
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Trading Standards News: Ban on pension cold-calling

PENSION cold-calling was made illegal on 9th January 2019, in a bid to tackle pension scams. Companies can no longer make unsolicited calls to people about their pensions. Those that break the rules could face enforcement action from the Information Commissioner's Office, including fines of up to £500,000.

The ban covers all cold-calling relating to pensions, including from legitimate firms, but it's intended to target fraudsters. The Government says cold-calling is one of the most common methods used by pension scammers, and research from the Money Advice Service suggested that there were as many as 250 million scam calls a year.

Victims of pension scams can be left with no money for their retirement. According to the Regulator, the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA), victims of pension scams lost an average of £91,000 each last year.

Not all calls about pensions have been banned – but to be legal, BOTH of the following must apply:

- The caller must be authorised by the FCA, or be the trustee or manager of a pension scheme.
- AND you must have consented to receive calls from the organisation, or have an existing relationship with the caller.

If you receive a call about your pension in any other situation, the call is illegal and may be a scam, and you should record the phone number and try to get extra information from the caller, such as the name of the company they're representing. Be careful not to give the caller any of your personal information though.

You can then report it to the Information Commissioner's Office at www.ico.org.uk or by calling 0303 1231113.

If you think you've been a victim of fraud, you can report it to Action Fraud, the national fraud and cybercrime reporting centre, online at www.actionfraud.police.uk or by calling 0300 1232040.

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PC pours cold water on flood risk home plan

A PACKED Village Hall witnessed a lively Parish Council meeting that once again was dominated by planning proposals within Milborne. A new application for 21 houses to be built on land adjacent to Milton Road was discussed, with input from councillors, residents, Neighbourhood Plan Group (NPG) and flood wardens. The NPG said that the site was rejected by them at an early stage of the plan given the flood risk – the access to the site floods habitually, said the flood warden, Steve Lord, adding that it has reached one acre in size and 0.9m in depth in recent years. The NPG ruled it entirely unsuitable for housing two years ago and now with the approval of the upper Huntley Down site, they said that there is no current need or benefit for the 21 home proposal.

Mr Lord said that the claims of the applicant that the site suffered only from surface water flooding was factually incorrect and the Flood Warden Team rejected the plan since it would severely affect the dispersal of groundwater, rainwater, SUDs and river overflows in the village. Cllr Smith also noted that the current sewerage system would not be able to cope with the new development. Cllr Macnair pointed out that 'overlooking' had not been mentioned by anyone which brought a vociferous response from a resident present, who said the same from councillors had not been afforded to existing Huntley Down residents. He said that the NP was a waste of money since developers were getting away with building what they wanted in the village. Councillors and NPG members argued that when the plan is effective then Milborne will have a strong voice against future developments and that much time by many people had been expended in getting to this point. The owner of the land then spoke, responding to comments that all the houses would have cesspits rather than be connected to the mains, saying that "the developer is well into it – he knows what he's doing".

The application for 85 new homes on the Homefield site came before councillors again since there had been an amendment in the original proposal. Councillors noted that they had objected to it before and that view had not changed. There was also an amendment to the application already approved for the building of a house between Little England and the farm. Councillors requested an extension to the deadline since they required more detail as to the change of plan. A retrospective planning application had been lodged for Honeysuckle Cottage, since the single storey extension does not have planning approval. The new owners were unaware of this fact when they bought the property, which is listed.

The grant application from the Village Hall committee to help with grounds maintenance was discussed again with the decision being to increase the coming year's grant and to look further into taking on the responsibility of grass cutting for the following years. The PC's clerk's pay was also discussed, with councillors agreeing to an increase of 85p per hour.

Local elections are to take place on 2nd May and nominations are sought for anyone interested in becoming a Parish councillor, the deadline for which is 3rd April.

The Annual Parish Meeting (APM) takes place on Wednesday 15th May and is an open forum for all residents to raise issues concerning the village. Possible topics of discussion were sought, with the clerk suggesting the problem of dog fouling being one of which the whole village is affected by.

Ed Richards

Speed initiative comes unstuck

SPEED warning stickers bearing the '30' mph speed sign will have to be removed from wheelie bins, Dorset Waste Partnership (DWP) has said. The stickers were circulated by the Parish Council after other local councils had backed the initiative but now DWP, following advice from police, want them taken off as "they cause more problems than they solve", some of which are driver distraction and bins left out after their collection dates. DWP also say it causes them problems if they want to reuse bins in other areas where there may be a different speed limit and that the stickers leave a residue. They reiterated that the bins remain their property.

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Tortoises – do's, don'ts . . . and birthday parties

MANY of us of a 'certain age,' will have had a tortoise in the family at some time. Unfortunately, those times were not too kind to tortoises and many of them died of poor care through ignorance. At that time they were readily available and cost 'five bob' at the local pet shop and were almost disposable. Nowadays, it is only possible to buy UK bred tortoises with correct certificates, as the import of them from their natural home, mostly Mediterranean areas, is illegal.

In 1987, one of my work colleagues had connections with a tortoise breeding group, and I was able to acquire two that were six weeks old. It is possible to influence the sex of a clutch of eggs by the temperature they are incubated at, and I had hoped for one of each as they were from separate clutches that had been incubated at the two temperatures. They were, however, both females. They were so small they fitted on a 50p piece and they looked like walnuts with legs. They were therefore named 'Date and Walnut'. It was somewhat distressing fifteen years later that Walnut developed a kidney stone or possibly a calcified egg, which despite intervention by a vet in Bristol, died, leaving me with Date, alone. Date has always been a friendly creature and unexpectedly fast, blink and she is at the other end of the garden. Once, she climbed up eighteen inches of wall by a gate in nineteen seconds while I was watching her! Then, four years later, I was contacted by someone who had five tortoises that they no longer wished to keep. I jumped at the chance for some company for Date, so I



adopted Ermintrude and Florence, who were thought to be 50 and 35 years old. After some early conflict that involved shell banging and leg biting, they have now settled down together. Date has always been used to human company and responds to us appearing in the garden and comes for food or just to say hello. The other two are more reticent, as I suspect they have had little attention with their previous owner. One of our young grandchildren asked when their birthdays were. Not knowing, we decided on 1st August and had a party for all three, with invitations to tortoise owners that we knew in the village. Nine tortoises came and there was a salad cake and party hats. (see photo)

As more is known about tortoise types and their requirements, their survival as a home animal is more assured. Being a Mediterranean animal, they are less able to cope with the cooler temperatures and wet of this country and this has to be considered when providing them with a home. Conveniently, they are able to hibernate so can be considered to be a 'part-time' pet, but when awake they have specific requirements to maintain good health. Their natural diet consists of coarse vegetation with low nutritional value and this should be maintained when kept as pets. An exclusively herbivorous diet ideally

contains some of the following: lettuce, dandelion, cabbage, clover shoots, kale, parsley, carrot tops, sow thistle and some fruit e.g. melon, tomato, mango, pineapple, pepper, cucumber, apple and pear. Additional vitamin supplements are advised e.g. Vionate® or Nutrobal®. They are intolerant of foods high in protein, e.g. egg or meat so feeding them with protein will result in soft shells due to insufficient calcium. They are also not able to properly digest foods high in nitrogen compounds e.g. peas and beans, as they have no processes to metabolise it properly, which will result in kidney failure and raised scutes (the separate parts of the shell) called lumpy shell. Growth in the tortoise is from the edge of each scute, which, like counting tree rings, is an extremely rough way of judging age.

Hibernation is a time of risk for the tortoise as they have to have put on enough weight to cover them for the period of sleep and there is a chart available of weight against shell length to be sure of this. The



temperature of hibernation has to be considered as the warmer it is the more of the reserves they will use up, but also if they are allowed to go below 0°C they will freeze, with their eyeballs affected first. I put mine in a fridge at 7°C and open the door regularly to allow fresh air in. It seems strange but it is a controlled environment.

Date, Florence and Ermintrude seem settled at our house when in the garden, but a secure area is essential to prevent them wandering.

Some paint a postcode on their shell, and I know of some who tether them using a hole in the shell, but I hope the secure, tortoise-resistant gates are sufficient. They work well, but not if the gate is left open!

They can live up to 120 years, so you need to have someone you can pass them on to, as they will live longer than you!

Pip Bowell

Sacred music for Holy Week with Canzonetta

ON Palm Sunday April 14th Canzonetta, the nine-voice female close harmony ensemble, brings a musical celebration for the start of Holy Week to the Parish Church of St. John, Bere Regis.

A programme of sacred choral music for Palm Sunday might well be expected to encompass the classic pieces of the sixteenth or seventeenth centuries, or even earlier . . . a little Monteverdi perhaps? A hint of Palestrina or a touch of de Victoria? Canzonetta will bring you something different, not completely different, but subtly and beautifully. Our concert will focus on sacred music written by 20th and 21st century composers some of whom are considerably younger than some members of our ensemble! Several of the pieces were written within the last ten years or even the last twelve months. We hope you will love these pieces as much as we do and recognise the common musicality of the sacred choral tradition which is timeless. The concert is at 3.00pm, entry is free, and will be followed by tea, cake and a collection for church funds.

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Armed Forces Community Careers and Lifestyle event

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The Dorset Armed Forces Covenant Programme is hosting the county's first careers fair specifically aimed at the Armed Forces community.

It will showcase the employment and training opportunities available both here in Dorset and nationally for those in the process of leaving the Armed Forces, as well as veterans and the families of serving members of the Armed Forces.

Dorset has a large Armed Forces community, with four military bases across the county. This event is the first of its kind to be held outside the military bases in Dorset and it is hoped it will be the first of many.

Cllr David Walsh is chair of the Armed Forces Covenant Programme Board and a veteran himself. He said: "The Armed Forces community brings with it a huge range of skills and knowledge that employers would find invaluable.

"This will be a fantastic opportunity for those leaving the Armed Forces, as well as their spouses and dependents, to see how their experience and skills could benefit others in their community, and provide an exciting new personal challenge."

There will be a diverse range of businesses and organisations offering information, advice and recruitment opportunities to all members of the Armed Forces community. There will also be a rolling programme of speakers and workshops throughout the day, offering insights, advice and training, including support to start up your own business.

Voluntary and community organisations will also be on hand to provide advice, support and guidance, as well as life-coaching to Armed Forces personnel and their families.

Kevin Moore, Dorset's Armed Forces Covenant Programme Coordinator said: "We are excited to be able to put on this exciting event that will offer opportunities and inspiration to everyone within the Armed Forces Community in Dorset.

"There will be a special focus on opportunities for the spouses of serving members of the Armed Forces, as this group can be overlooked."

Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner Martyn Underhill, who is supporting the project, said: "Veterans leave the services with an impressive wealth of skills and knowledge, and this event is a fantastic way of enabling employers to tap into that valuable resource – while also helping former Armed Forces personnel make the most out of their new civilian lives.

"The Armed Forces Community plays an incredibly important role in all areas of life across Dorset, and I'm proud to be supporting this project, which will provide a huge benefit to veterans, their families, as well as to the business community and to the county's wider economy."

The event runs between 11am-7pm, with organisers suggesting a stay of at least an hour to make the most of the workshops, information stands and guest speakers throughout the day.

Entry is free to Armed Forces personnel, veterans and their families. Businesses and recruiters can book a stand at the event for £20 to promote their organisation and any opportunities they have. Voluntary, charitable and community organisations can book a stand for free.

To book please visit: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/armed-forces-community-careers-and-lifestyle-event-tickets-56416763057>

For more information about booking / attending (including exhibitors) contact Ian Wells: atian.wells@dorsetcc.gov.uk or on 01305 244307.

This event is being organised by the Dorset Armed Forces Covenant Programme, which is a partnership between Dorset County Council, Bournemouth Borough Council, Borough of Poole, Dorset HealthCare NHS University Foundation Trust, NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group and Dorset Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and in conjunction with Wessex Reserve Forces and Cadets Association and Kingston Maurward College.

Artsreach in Milborne: Ninebarrow

ON Sunday March 10th the folk singing duo, Ninebarrow, gave a wonderful evening of songs and music in the Village Hall. Ninebarrow are Jon and Jay, two young men who have been singing together for several years, and who finally gave up their day jobs (Jay a GP, Jon a teacher) about three years ago to spend all their time singing and composing. . .and now writing as well. They come from Dorset, and still live here and love it. When they realised that most of their own songs and poems were composed while walking, they decided to create a book of walks, with the music associated with them, and this beautiful book has just been finished. We were able to see the first three copies during the interval, when we could also meet Jay and Jon, who are charming and modest and very nice.

The house was packed and we had to turn one or two people away, which is always a horrid thing to have to do. I hadn't heard them before, though I had heard of them from several friends, all of whom raved about them . . . and they fulfilled my expectations. Their voices melded beautifully, always complementing each other, a bit like an English version of Simon and Garfunkle. They sang both old folk songs and new, and many of their own. They have quite a following, and a significant proportion of the audience had come to hear them again. If you get a chance to hear them in the future, I would thoroughly recommend it.

Sarah Ryan



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SORRY – This article from the Gardening Club was missed from the printed issue – apologies from the editor

Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club Getting fruity at the village hall



IT'S all been happening at the Gardening Club; a talk on 'Water in Gardens' in which we learnt about the landscaping and technical aspects of pond construction plus our annual club lunch were enjoyed in February, followed by a presentation on 'Spanish Gardening' in March. What's next? Well, this month we are looking forward to a talk on 'Home Grown Fruit'. So, if you don't know the difference between a raspberry and a loganberry and you think Victoria plum is an online bathroom retailer, you need to make your way to the MSA Village Hall on 18th April for 7.30pm, where an expert from the Poundbury Garden Centre will tell you all you need to know. All are welcome so see you there!

Mark Johnson

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Small Businesses in MSA: Number 16 The Chef/Restaurateur

DECLAN Chubb at the age of 28 years owns two catering businesses. Both are imaginatively and descriptively named. *Beast and Bacchus* (his outside catering umbrella) and *The Hare and Bramble*. He speaks lyrically and articulately about his philosophy of both food and service. He gives credit to three important women in his life. His mother for insisting he became qualified as a product designer (at Bournemouth University) before he entered what she perceived as the insecurity of catering, his fiancée (a history teacher at Parkstone Grammar School for Girls) for coming up with the title names and his grandmother for doing his accounts. Also his grandfather for setting up outside kitchens with the added skill of calming the pre-wedding nerves of anxious brides!

Readers will have encountered his business in the last edition of the *Reporter* when Laurie Benn wrote up the Food and Wine Club's lunchtime visit to Declan's Langham Vineyard based restaurant. He wrote of the young Chef's ethos of championing "all parts of an animal from nose to tail". Julie Johanssen, Chair of the group speaks of Declan's accommodation to their needs even whilst moving in to his new venture! Her words were "he did us proud . . . we were very impressed, the food was beautifully presented, cooked to order". He takes this further by using foraged ingredients, such as wild garlic which is growing in abundance at the present time, without 'disturbing the land and giving all ingredients respect and love.' He says he will treat a carrot in the same way as a breast of lamb. Nothing is wasted. The harvested wild garlic will be made to last a year until the next season by various preservation methods such as purees, butters, oils, pickles and brine flavours and fermentation. He speaks of the 'abundance of free produce' which, gathered properly, can give great flavours to food. He wants to create a rustic environment encapsulating his rural location, hastening to add that there is no pomposity. The food is 'not too pretentious, simple, refined and smart'. His Head Chef is Poppy, someone with whom he has worked in the past, and whom he was able to employ full time once he was offered this base. He describes her as having 'great finesse, a delicate touch'. She is the cake maker, the vegetarian and fish specialist (there are currently four out of eight main courses on the menu for vegetarians). *The Hare and Bramble* opened on 4th January and since then they have worked in partnership.

Declan started in catering at the age of 15 years, working in the lowliest capacities as kitchen porter, washer upper and other kitchen



jobs. Having left Thomas Hardy and graduated from university he headed to York for nine months working as a chef de partie in the Meltric Restaurant then for a friend in Rebecca Green Catering as a sous chef Monday to Friday with no split shifts. This latter work appealed as it allowed a life outside the business. In 2016 he set up *Beast and Bacchus*. He focussed mainly (as now) on meat and butchery. The name fitting the agricultural county in which he was based and Bacchus after the Roman God of Wine. He has acquired a great deal of knowledge from reading and learning on the job. As he comments he is not classically trained but with a 'passion for looking and finding, not afraid of doing something weird'.

For his outside catering he can call upon a 'team' of weekend, part time summer staff so currently he is advertising for job opportunities with this new venture. This will include the urgent need for someone to act as front of house manager. He describes the

qualifications for the job as someone who is a 'foodie, who gets excited about great food, loves coffee, a great sales person, willing to grow with the business, to invest with a new company who can share (his) dream of profit sharing'. Age is no barrier, it doesn't matter young or old. An opportunity for someone reading this piece maybe? He admits that he is now two years ahead of his own expectations and is aware that what he is doing is financially risky but exciting and full of opportunities.

The opening hours of *The Hare and Bramble* are 10.00am to 4.30pm, closed on Sundays and Mondays. Their inside seating capacity is 42 but with outside tables the numbers rise to 106! Events coming up are Mothering Sunday with either a three or two course meal at £39 per person; the 18th May four seasonal five course spring meals. He will be opening in the evening for the first Fridays in June, July and August. These will need to be pre-booked. *Beast and Bacchus* still cater for Dinner Parties and Weddings mostly at a rate of two events a month. He feels that it is the locally sourced food and drinks plus being a family run business that gives it an appeal. If you wish to learn more about this successful business go onto www.beastandbacchus.co.uk +44(0)7780 690774 email declan@beastandbacchus.co.uk. Find them on Facebook and read some of the glowing five star reviews. You will see he has described it as a "handcrafted yet refined dining experience". Or just drop in for breakfast, lunch, a glass of Langham's champagne or a cup of Golden Teapot Dorset tea and see for yourself. *Carole Fornachon*



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Milborne Movies are showing 'Bohemian Rhapsody'

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on Friday April 12th

Doors and bar open 7.00; film starts 7.30pm

'BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY', says the film review site, Rotten Tomatoes, is a foot-stomping celebration of Queen, their music and their extraordinary lead singer Freddie Mercury, who defied stereotypes and shattered convention to become one of the most beloved entertainers on the planet. The film traces the meteoric rise of the band through their iconic songs and revolutionary sound, their near-implosion as Mercury's lifestyle spirals out of control, and their triumphant reunion on the eve of Live Aid, where Mercury, facing a life-threatening illness, leads the band in one of the greatest performances in the history of rock music . . . cementing the legacy of a band that was always more like a family, and who continue to inspire outsiders, dreamers and music lovers to this day.

Come and see it with us – or see it again, if you have already enjoyed it!

The Ukulele Band comes to St. Andrews

IN St Andrew's church on the first Sunday of the month we hold a very informal service called Celebrate. This Sunday (April 7th) we are very pleased to welcome a ukulele band to play for us after a breakfast of bacon butties.

This group came to us via Sam Ryall our church organist, who apart from many other activities, formed and runs the band.

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

No prize, just a bit of fun.

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Deadline for the May issue is mid-day Sunday 14th April.

Police, pubs and a castrator

This month the local history group looked at the pubs that have served the village, the police that have kept law and order and the occupations of the villagers as recorded in the census from 1841 to the 1939 register (and yes there was a castrator living here in 1851, 1861 and 1881). All this information is part of our BIG project to eventually put together a book. If you have any information or memories of the village we would love to hear from you. Photographs would be wonderful too. Next month's meeting (Wednesday 10th April) will be in the Village Hall at 7.30pm and the speaker will be Brian Bates giving an illustrated talk "Dorchester Now and Then". All are welcome donation welcome. *Linda Wright*

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 7th April – 2.00pm

Tarrant Crawford

Meet near the church in Tarrant Crawford which is about three miles SE of Langton Long when driving from Blandford Forum.

Grid reference: ST 923035 on OS Explorer Sheet 118 (approx. 4.5 miles)

Wednesday 17th April – 11.00am

Stourpaine and Bryanston via the Trailway

Meet at the car park behind the Brewery in Blandford Forum

Grid reference: ST 889058 on Explorer Sheet 117 (approx. 6.5 miles)

Bring a packed lunch.

Sunday 5th May – 2.00pm

Tolpuddle

Meet outside the Martyrs' Inn, Tolpuddle.

Grid reference: SY 795945 on OS Explorer Sheet 117 (approx. 4.5 miles)

Please note:

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

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

Bring Waterproofs and refreshments (packed lunch on Wednesdays).

Pace We go at the pace of the slowest.

Terrain Expect mud, inclines and stiles.

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

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

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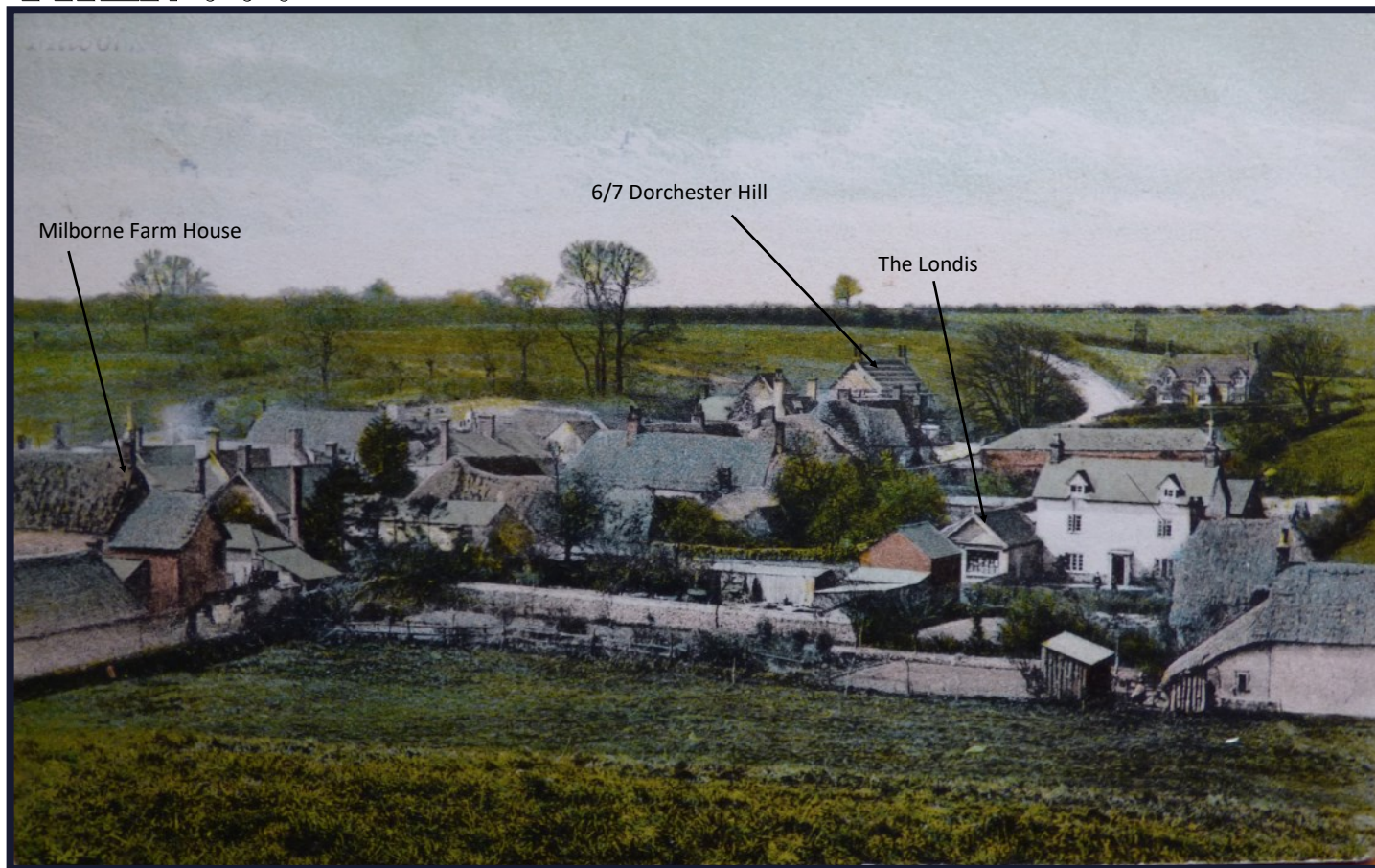
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Then and Now This month's is looking towards the centre of the village from where Stileham Bank is now. You can see The Londis and 6 and 7 Dorchester Hill. Not an easy photograph to take but I thought it was worth a try as I felt people would like to see just how it's changed.

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