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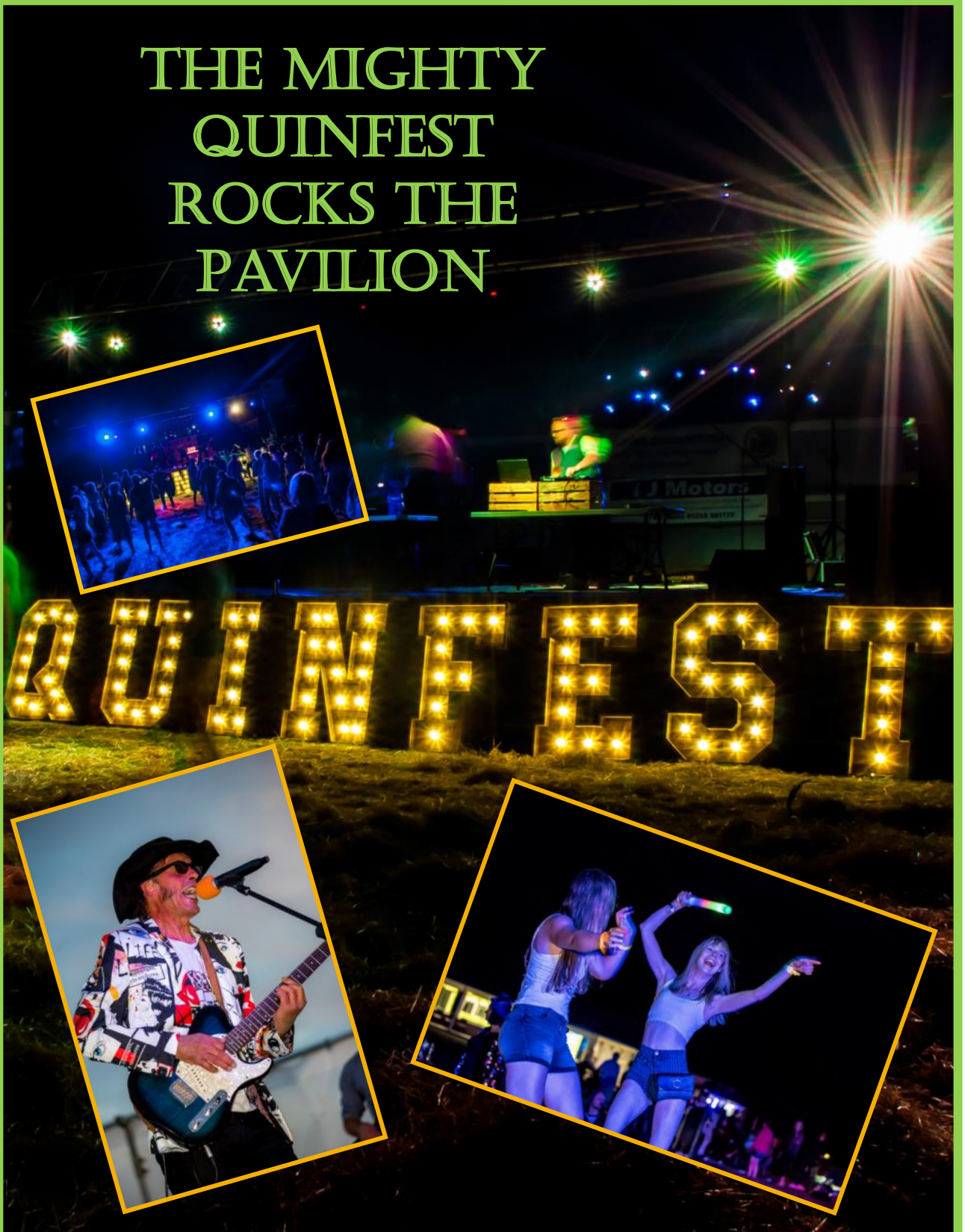
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Laurie Griffin (2nd from right), with Amy's sisters, auntie and mum, Chrissie



Amy Quin



THE Sports Pavilion provided the perfect setting for a one day festival in support of a local woman, Amy Quin, diagnosed with a brain tumour. Over a dozen acts performed, from DJs, dance acts, folk from The Milton Thatchers to the rocky Hollywood Killers, who covered the classic The Mighty Quinn in their set, in honour of Amy. Local companies also pitched in, building the stage, providing lighting and services and sponsoring the event. Organiser, Laurie Griffin, from Milborne and good friend of Amy, said they wanted the day to be family friendly and affordable for all, and there were entertainers to keep children happy, along with pony rides and a bouncy obstacle castle. The event was raising money for Brain Tumour Support and traders gave 20% of all food and drink sales to the charity and all the performers gave their time free. Together with ticket sales, it should mean the charity gets a nice boost, the final figure is to come. Laurie said, "I'm really happy with how it went, it all went to plan – and it made Amy's day, having all her friends and family together".

Ed Richards, photos by Dave Edmonds and David Lewis





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LETTERS to the Reporter

Milborne St. Andrew Scout Group

As many readers of the Reporter will know, I often write asking if anyone is available or interested in the role of leader within the group.

Unfortunately no one has come forward and as a result the group is now closing down. The group has been in existence since at least 1978, but I am afraid that without leaders it can no longer function.

The Beaver Colony, for six to eight year old boys and girls, will still meet in the Village Hall on Monday evenings, as usual, but it now forms part of Winterborne Whitechurch group, and will be administered from there.

It was very sad for me to oversee the closure of the group, but I will remain as a contact for the Scouting Association within the village, and should any person, male or female, decide that they would like to take up the challenge of starting the group up again, I will always be here to help.

This also means that I doubt very much if the Scout Christmas Post will operate in the village this year.

For those who have helped and supported the group over the years, many thanks.

Kind regards, Brian Burton

Thank you Dave

Thank you to Dave who helped me get out of a situation one afternoon. Without his help I wouldn't have been able to get to my destination.

Veronica Hoskins

Sabbatical cover

During Rev Sarah Hillman's sabbatical I have had the privilege of conducting some extra Sunday services, especially at St. Andrew's, Milborne and at All Saints Dewlish; along with the Benefice Farm Service at Parsonage Farm which was a joyous occasion, Messy Church and one or two midweek services. I have been very glad to help out in this way and it has been great to get to know the congregations a bit better, particularly those at Milborne and Dewlish.

I have had a little taste of how much Sarah has to do, along with being on call for those who would like a visit; but she has some very hard working teams of people at each church, all of whom love to serve God and others in what they do. It is a joyful fellowship that we enjoy together and my prayer is that others will come and experience the same.

Rev Rosie Coldwell

I am thinking of starting a Chair Yoga class on Wednesday afternoons in the village hall. Chair yoga is for people who might find it difficult to get down on the floor or do standing work, but can still benefit enormously from the breath/body/mind yoga that can be done sitting. Yoga slows down the aging process and helps us all make the most of what we have. If you would be interested, please let me know: 01258 839230 or saryan6630@gmail.com

Sarah Ryan

Are you addicted to pot(s)?

DO you have what Sally Nex of the RHS (Royal Horticultural Society) calls a "teetering stash of plastic pots" in your shed, in a corner of your garden or cluttering up your greenhouse? The by product/mainstay of many years of modern horticultural garden centres and the falling out of fashion bare-root plant stock. British gardeners get through 500 million a year, two thirds of which are never recycled. We are fortunate to have a local authority which will take them (yes, even the black, carbon pigmented ones and trays) in our recycling bins. There are 'take back' schemes at some garden centres such as Wyevale. The HTA (Horticultural Trades Association) have pressurised manufacturers to produce new 'taupe pots'. They are polypropylene carbon pigment free and, importantly, recyclable. (Apparently Monty Don featured them on his recent TV programme). Currently available from the Garden Superstore online at thegardensuperstore.co.uk



As Sally Nex comments, the older versions are clogging up landfill



sites and when corners break, brittle plastic fragments are scattered directly into the wider environment. Worse still, fragmented into ocean-polluting microplastics. Better to garden with pots we don't have to worry about! Clay pots are the best alternative but they're heavy and firing new ones requires 'eyewatering amounts of energy'. I try to

pick them up second-hand. There are single use biodegradable pots, left on after planting for roots to grow through. Also Vipots (greentechpots.com) made from rice hulls said to last three to five years. Fibre pots made of pulped cardboard rot quickly but 'coir' (coconut fibre) hairy pots are extremely slow to decay. They are shipped from Sri Lanka expending further carbon! Creatively, the use of toilet roll middles or even, as Sally has tried successfully, chopped up cardboard boxes held together with paper masking tape. As she says, not pretty but offer workable pots staying intact long enough to get a plant from potted on seedlings into the ground. A form of papier mache using torn up newspaper and cold water paste then moulded until dried works amazingly well. All of the above rot down naturally, no plastic, no carbon emissions, in fact no trace at all-just, as Sally comments, 'as gardening should be'.

Carole Fornachon

Reporter Team on Holiday

The Reporter Team will be taking a holiday for the next few weeks. This means that the next issue of the magazine will be October – published at the end of September.

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Scam victims to be refunded by their bank

PEOPLE who make a payment to an account that they believe belongs to a legitimate person or business, that turns out to be a fraudulent account run by a scammer, will now in most cases be given a refund by their bank.

The added protection for consumers is due to a new code of practice agreed by most major banks. The code states that victims should be reimbursed unless they ignored their bank's warnings about the scam or were 'grossly negligent' in transferring the money.

It applies to scams reported from Tuesday 28th May and only to transfers of money between UK accounts, overseas accounts aren't covered. Until now, while banks have generally given refunds when payments are fraudulently made without customers' authorisation, they haven't been obliged to give a refund when someone has been tricked into making a payment themselves.

This type of scam is called an Authorised Push Payment (APP) scam as the customer unwittingly authorises the payment to be made, usually either online, in person or over the phone. It is reported that £228.4 million was lost in 2018 due to APP scams.

The voluntary code commits banks that are signed up to it to a series of measures to tackle APP fraud, such as educating customers about scams and how they work. The code also encourages banks to identify customers who are at higher risk of becoming a victim, warn customers when they've spotted a scam and try to delay payments while investigating.

Scams can have a devastating impact on people, causing distress and hardship, some people will have lost whole life savings. This new code is therefore seen a real positive step forward until the industry can agree more permanent plans on how victims of such scams will be refunded.

If you think you have been a victim of this type of scam, then report it to your bank. For advice about scams and to report something to Trading Standards call the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 03454 04 05 06.

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Ready for Players' Panto 2020?

ONE production closes and another is on the move. Auditions are now booked for Panto 2020, 'Dick Whittington', for Monday 9th September. We are looking for cast and backstage helpers, front of house helpers, people to help with publicity and willing legs to deliver flyers to promote us. In whatever capacity you may have an interest or willingness to take part please get in touch. You can contact me, Caroline, direct on 07702 124579 or through our website www.milborneplayers.org.uk.

A young cast meeting "getting ready for panto" will take place on Monday 2nd September from 6.00-8.00pm for interested youngsters between the ages of 7 and 14. Anyone over 14 please join the main audition meeting on the 9th September.

No experience is necessary just enthusiasm to get involved. I look forward to welcoming some new faces to keep you busy over the autumn/winter months. The Milborne Players community drama on your doorstep.

Caroline Nobbs, for, and on behalf of, The Milborne Players

A date for your diary Village quiz

Saturday September 28th

To be held in the village hall.

So start getting your teams
together.

History festival is an eye opener

ON a very warm summer's day we visited the Chalke Valley History Festival located at Broad Chalke, just south of Salisbury – this is not as boring as it might sound! History is brought to life here and you encounter areas representing all history periods. You get to mingle with Dark Age peasants, knights from the Middle Ages, Napoleonic soldiers and World War II soldiers. You are given a chance to learn some things you had not even thought of, such as how to fight with a sword (Hollywood has got it wrong!), a knight's armour weighs 85lb (same weight as the kit for the modern soldier) and they can perform a shoulder roll in it. The knight we were watching also showed the very real problems with dehydration.

The programme is varied and you must work out your itinerary. You pay for talks and that will give you free entry (children go free). On the day there are demonstrations and pop-up history talks. I missed out on the rise and fall of the longbow, a Tudor cooking lesson (I was told the cheesecake was very good) and playing the role of a ship in the Battle of Trafalgar. I did learn about Agent Jack, MI5's tracking of Nazi sympathisers in WWII; what Britain did to try to appease Hitler and how awful the Vietnam War was. If I had the time I could have listened to Dan Snow and Phillip Mould (how to identify a fake painting).

There is plenty there for children (during the week schools attend special events). They can paint their own sword and shield and then attend sword school (not sure how good an idea that is), go through a trench or even try their jousting skills (without the horse).

If I have tempted you to go next year then my tips would be go early so you can plan your day, bring a picnic (with lots to drink) and something to sit on if you do not do grass. There is very little shade in the valley so if it is as hot as last year remember the suntan cream. I am off to find the sunburn lotion now ...

Linda Constant, photos by husband Pete





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THE VICAR'S LETTER

During Sarah's sabbatical we are using the Vicar's letter which is provided by the Parish Pump editorial team. This month The Rev Paul Hardingham considers the miracle of The Transfiguration, which is remembered by the Church on 6th August.

The Transfiguration – seeing Jesus as He is

The title of Bob Geldof's autobiography, 'Is That It?', will resonate with us, when we're looking for more in life. On a deeper level, we want to see and hear more clearly what God is doing in our circumstances. Jesus' transfiguration, which we remember this month, helps us to consider this (Luke 9:28-36).

Jesus was transfigured alongside Moses and Elijah, 'As He was praying, the appearance of His face changed, and His clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning.' (29). To understand our circumstances, firstly we need to see Jesus as God wants us to see Him. The disciples' eyes were opened to see Jesus' divinity. The presence of Moses and Elijah confirmed Him as God's promised Messiah. By foreshadowing the resurrection, this event powerfully calls us to entrust our lives into Jesus' hands to experience His presence and power.

Secondly, if we are to make sense of our circumstances, we need to hear what God says about His Son. A cloud covered them and 'a voice came from the cloud, saying, 'This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to Him.' (35). God affirmed His love and call on Jesus as His beloved and chosen Son. Do we hear God speaking these same words to us? When we know that we too are loved and accepted by God, this transforms our understanding of our lives.

Whatever our circumstances, they can be transformed by what we see and hear. Open your eyes to see a transfigured world. Open your ears to hear a transfiguring voice. Open your heart to become a transfigured life.

'Christians should see more clearly, because we have seen Jesus. We are people whose vision has been challenged and corrected, so that we can see the world as it properly is.' (Justin Welby).

A quiet reflective cool space

DURING the hot weather which we have had, our church has stayed a lovely cool haven. Normally we tend to complain about how chilly it is in church, even when the heaters are turned on, but I have had no complaints over the last month. However, when we are singing and rejoicing our bodies do get warm and glow with the Spirit.

June's benefice service was a wonderful Farm Service at Parsonage Farm. The weather was lovely and the view is stunning. Rosie led the service and Rev. Richard Kirlew, who is Dorset's Rural Field Officer, told us about his background and what his role is now. There is an awareness that rural parish churches do not have large congregations and struggle more than town and city churches. Thus, Salisbury Diocese has developed a programme called Renewing Hope through Rural Ministry and Mission. It is a programme, supported by the national church, to enable us to be a beacon diocese for the rural church across the country.

July's Messy Church was also held at Parsonage Farm and the children (and adults) enjoyed outdoor activities. There will be no Messy Church in August so the next will be on the 1st September in Tolpuddle Village Hall.

Our wonderful band of volunteers worked very hard in the graveyard last Saturday despite the hot weather. It is so nice to see the area reduced of so much overgrowth and unwanted plants, bushes and grasses as this allows the wild flowering plants to be seen. We are so pleased with the current grounds man and between him and our volunteers the graveyards are looking better cared for.

Like the other churches in the benefice we are all being encouraged to find suitable produce, products and helpers for the Family Fun and Dog Show Day (no longer called Athelhampton Fete). Thanks must go to those representatives on the planning committee, especially Emma and Pam who are pulling it all together. It will be different and interesting to see how successful the event will be in this year's venue, Milborne St Andrew Sports Club.

We look forward to Sarah's return this month to hear how she was able to use her time to her advantage and of course we will be pleased to have her leading services again.

Pam Shults – Churchwarden

Church Services August 2019

4th August – Trinity 7

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

11th August – Trinity 8

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

Monday 12th August

10.00am	Marriage of Kevin Fanner	Dewlish
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Thursday 15th August

12 noon	Lunch-time Communion	Puddletown
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18th August – Trinity 9

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

25th August – Trinity 10

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

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Church Services September 2019

1st September – Trinity 11

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

8th September – Trinity 12

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

15th September – Trinity 13

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

Thursday 19th September

12 noon	Lunch time Communion	Puddletown Church Rm
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22nd September – Trinity 14

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

29th September – St Michael and All Angels

11.00am	United Benefice Holy Communion	Tolpuddle
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Dewlish Church Notes

WHAT a lovely weekend we had for our “Dewlish in Bloom” fund-raising event! After three weeks of wet, cold weather the sun shone and it was hot! We had about 200 visitors altogether, and they thoroughly enjoyed visiting all the gardens. We are so grateful to all those who kindly opened their gardens. Additionally, we thank all the very talented ladies who decorated the church. We also had beautiful refreshments and thank all those who donated cakes. They were delicious!

About 60 people attended the concert in church on the Saturday evening, while some of us thoroughly enjoyed the Songs of Praise service on the Sunday morning.

Our net income for the weekend was £1,470 and, along with some very welcome donations, we shall be able to pay for the church window, the repairs to which are now nearing completion.

All of this weekend would not have happened so well without the support of Chris Uden who undertook all the printing and design (along with Adam) and was there to help us all the way. Thank you so much! Thanks must also go to Vicki and Andrew for allowing us to use their lovely garden for teas.

Our Farm Service, held at Mrs Sue Britton’s Parsonage Farm, and led by Rosie, was very well attended by our Benefice friends. During the service the Rev. Richard Kirlaw, the Diocesan Rural Officer, talked about his ministry. The collection of £100 was donated to Farm Africa. Thank you so much, Sue and her family, for your hospitality.

The **Benefice Fete** this year will be at Milborne Sports Ground on August Bank Holiday Monday (the 26th), 12 noon to 4.00pm. Dewlish will once again be running the jams, marmalades, pickles and produce stall. We would be most grateful for any donations. The money raised will go towards the costs of Benefice expenses and administration.

Daphne Burg

At the Village Hall

AS well as graffiti around the village, as reported in last month’s Reporter, the shelter in the village hall field has also had graffiti scratched into it and also the windows broken. The shelter was one of the items that the young people asked for, so it is a shame that it has been damaged in this way. Anti-social behaviour is difficult to monitor and the committee does rely on neighbours of the hall to report anything. Our new CCTV cameras should help in keeping a watch on the area.

On a happier note two new seats have been ordered for the swings so all of them will be usable this summer. We are also trying to find someone to overhaul the zip wire as this is long overdue.

The loft has had a big sort out, something else long overdue! There is a small keyboard and amplifier but no-one knows the owner. If some user group knows that it is theirs then contact the committee so that it can be removed.

Linda Wright

Milborne Movies Green Book

Friday September 6th

Doors and bar open 7.00; film starts 7.30 pm

IT’S 1960’s America and Tony Lip (Viggo Mortensen), a bouncer from an Italian-American neighbourhood in the Bronx, is hired to drive Dr. Don Shirley (Mahershala Ali), on a concert tour from Manhattan to the Deep South. However, Shirley is black, and even though he is cultured, and an acclaimed musician who has played for royalty all over the world, that all counts for nothing in segregated America, where he will not be allowed to stay in most hotels or eat in most restaurants. They have to rely on “The Green Book” to guide them to the few establishments that were then safe for African-Americans. Confronted with racism and danger, as well as unexpected humanity and humour, they are forced to set aside differences to survive and thrive on the journey of a lifetime.

This film, based on true events, won the Best Picture Oscar, and both men were nominated for Oscars, with Shirley winning one. Allison Skornick-Rose wrote ‘It was entertaining and emotional...above all, though, it is a story about breaking down barriers to build a friendship, and Mortensen and Ali did that beautifully’.

August Bank Holiday Family Fun Day

THE Four Churches Summer Fete has had to move from Athelhampton to Milborne Sports Club at the top of the hill in Lane End. Janet Allen has very kindly offered to transport people up the hill by car from The Square where she will be waiting for you. You can ring her on her mobile 07899 001945.

Further details from Eva Stockley on 01258 837468.

Experiments and dinosaurs at Ladybirds

THIS month we revisited the children's favourite topic of dinosaurs. In the hall we had lots of stories about dinosaurs, did some painting of very large footprints and created a dinosaur swamp in a tray. This includes mud, moss, tree bark and egg shells. In the outside area the children rescued dinosaurs trapped in frozen eggs of ice and made volcanoes with clay, vinegar and bicarbonate of soda. The children loved the volcano so we extended the explosions by putting Mentos in a bottle of cola – with a warning 'don't try this at home!'

In the woods we had some fun telling the children a large pile of sticks was a 'dinosaur nest'. They were so excited when they saw



two large yellow eggs in the nest. The teamwork and problem solving that went on to get the eggs was amazing – adults were told to go away as they could do it themselves! Not only did they recover the eggs they opened them to find toy dinosaurs inside. We are really proud of how confident our older children have become. We wish them all the best in their next stage of education – and good luck, school.

The hot weather has meant lots of water play outside which the youngest children love, particularly one two year old who likes to sit in tubs of water fully clothed. For our last week of term we will be setting up seaside activities and talking about keeping safe. Then roll on September when we start all over again, when our young children become the older group and a group of two year olds joins us.

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Annual flu clinic

Our annual flu clinic will be held this year on **Saturday 12th October** at Winterborne Whitechurch Village Hall. If you are eligible for a flu vaccination, please make every effort to attend this clinic as this is the most efficient way for us to ensure we have time to vaccinate everyone.

Gillian Brindle, Practice Business Manager

Wilde night of blues at the Village Hall

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Ducks in the river 7th July 2019 10 babies

Restoring Blandford Parish Church . . . at the July WI

OUR summer supper was very much enjoyed by all who attended, even the weather played its part. We thanked Sheila for once again hosting what has become a very successful annual event. We still have our summer outing to look forward to; plans were finalised for our trip to 'Sculptures by the Lake' during August.

Val kindly hosted our monthly Bookends meeting, where Edith Wharton's classic novel 'Age of Innocence', produced interesting feedback and, as always, diverse opinions. We move on to a quite different genre, crime, with Linwood Barclay's 'No Safe House'.

Considered one of the finest Georgian town churches outside London, the parish church of St. Peter and St. Paul is located in the heart of Blandford Forum. It dates back to 1731 when it was constructed following a fire in the town. Sadly, this much loved building has fallen into a state of disrepair.

Churchwarden Sarah Loch is deeply involved in the restoration and day to day life of the church. Her talk painted a vivid picture of her life and the decisions she made along the way, which led to her present role. Born and bred in London, she spent some years as a children's nurse before returning to college to obtain qualifications as a computer programmer. After taking a very early retirement, she set her sights on living in the Dorset area, fell in love with an old Grade 1 listed property - 'the oldest house in Blandford', and entered one of the happiest periods of her life.

Sarah threw herself into community life, serving as a governor at a local primary school, and eventually as Mayor (twice). She spoke movingly of the Church, which was to become an important part of her life, and in particular with the parish church, and this was when she took on the role of Churchwarden. Her considerable energies have since gone into fund-raising for its restoration, even going so far as to abseil down from the church roof herself.

Despite a much-needed Heritage Lottery grant and ongoing fund-raising events, there is still much to be done to restore this beautiful building. Those of us who have not visited Blandford's parish church in recent times, will certainly be encouraged to go along, thanks to Sarah's interesting and energetic presentation.

Josie reiterated that support for the food bank during the school holidays was important, as many children will go hungry. We are asked to give donations direct to her, to our Church, or the local supermarket.

There will not be a formal meeting in August, our summer outing will take its place. On Thursday 12th September, Rosalind Atkins will talk about Dorset Buttons, and the exhibition will be for an 'Old Button'. We would be delighted to see you there.

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**Thursday 8th
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Any questions about the
Plan?

Drop-in Session on
Sunday 4th August in the
Village Hall 3pm to 5pm

Whilst not everyone will agree with all aspects of the Neighbourhood Plan, it is our best chance of influencing the future development of our parish.

Without it, developers may try to gain planning approval for developments of a size or location over which the parish will have very little influence.

The question that will be asked is:

***Do you want Dorset Council to use the
neighbourhood plan for the parish of
Milborne St Andrew to help it decide
planning applications in the
neighbourhood area?***

How was the Plan developed?

For several years, a group of volunteers and Parish Councillors have been preparing a Neighbourhood Plan for Milborne St Andrew. There have been many consultation sessions, a packed village hall on several occasions, stands at the school May fair and other drop-in events, website and magazine articles providing updates in the dozens, together with questionnaires and flyers to every household, to try to reach out and engage with as many local people as possible. The village has risen to the occasion to give their opinions and responses, and the result of all this work is what you see in the Plan.

Why do we need a Plan?

The North Dorset Local Plan (2016) anticipated some development in Milborne St Andrew but did not say how much or where. The new Local Plan for Dorset won't be finished until 2023. This Neighbourhood Plan provides a much clearer guide for our area, so that all of us (residents, landowners, developers and Dorset Council planners) can understand where and what development should be allowed here.

What does this Plan say?

The Plan allocates land opposite the Milborne Business Centre to be the main site where new homes, plus some small-scale workshops and community buildings that can be used for a Pre-School and a Branch Surgery, will be built. It sets out design standards for all new development to comply with. It protects our important local green spaces and our community facilities, and also sets out the priorities for improving local roads and footpaths, and highlights the flooding issues that have happened in the past, to justify a more rigorous approach to assessing flood risk and drainage solutions in the future.

What about the planning applications on other sites?

A number of the landowners whose sites weren't chosen to be included in the Plan have put in applications to build on their land, trying to get their plans approved before the Neighbourhood Plan comes into force. As at 1 July, the final decision on these applications had not been made. If this Neighbourhood Plan is voted in, then those applications that are in line with the policies in the Plan should be approved, and those that don't, should be refused.

Community Contacts

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

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

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	Chair: Andrew Booth	01258 837284
Parish Council –	Clerk: Colin Hampton	01258 837011
Milborne St. Andrew	Chair: Richard Macnair	01258 837912

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South West Highways hello@swhitd.co.uk	01404 821500
Wessex Water Sewerage Floodline	03458 505959
MSA Flood Warden, Non-Emergency Only: Mark Johnson	01258 839060

GENERAL – ADULT

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

GENERAL – YOUTH

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

POLICE

Police – Non-emergency contact	101
Community Beat Officer	PC Dave Mullins 101
Safer Neighbourhood Team	PC Dave Mullins and PCSO Luke Goddard 101
Home watch Co-ordinator	Richard Macnair 01258 837912

SCHOOL

Milborne First School		
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SPORT

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Athletics – Information	David Pearson	01258 837057
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Circuit training	Grace Martin	01305 213885
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Football – Under 14s


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Sports & Social Club	Chairman: Richard Lock	01258 837929
	Bookings: Richard Lock	01258 837929
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Yoga (at school)	Sue Chapman	01305 848053
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Yoga (at Village Hall)	Sarah Ryan	01258 839230

VILLAGE HALL


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Booking Secretary:	Margaret Groves	01258 837617
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August

Wednesday 7th	Wednesday Club Talk by Dave Andrews ‘Things I have found’ – see page 27.
Thursday 8th	Neighbourhood plan Referendum – see page 15.
Monday 26th	Benefice Fete Milborne Sports Ground , 12 noon to 4.00pm.
Saturday 31st	Village Lunch Village Hall 12.15 to 2pm £7 per head – see page 2 for menu

September

Wednesday 4th	Badminton restarts at Milborne First School, 6.30 to 8.30pm. New members welcome. Just turn up.
Friday 6th	Milborne Movies “Green Book” Village Hall doors open 7.00pm film starts 7.30pm tickets £3.50 – see pages 9 and 16.
Thursday 12th	WI meeting Village Hall Rosalind Atkins will talk about Dorset Buttons, – see page 13.
Saturday 14th	The Reporter mid-day deadline. Enquiries and copy to: msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk
Saturday 14th	Ride and Stride – see page 21.
Wednesday 18th	Parish Council Village Hall 7.30pm.
Thursday 19th	MSA Gardening Club “Gardeners’ Question Time” Village Hall 7.30pm £2 non members – see page 31.
Friday 27th	World’s biggest coffee morning in aid of Macmillan cancer support. Various venues around Dorset.
Saturday 28th	Village Lunch Village Hall 12.15 to 2pm £7 per head – see page 2 for menu.
Saturday 28th	Village Quiz Village Hall. Start getting your teams together.

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

Zumba Wednesday 6.00pm 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

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How to stay safe on social media

THIS month, Dorset Police Cyber Protect Officer Chris Conroy looks into how social media can be used against us – and what we can do to protect ourselves.

It was my birthday a few days ago. 32. Not a big birthday, admittedly, but that didn't stop the stream of notifications from my friends and family. I got some really lovely messages on my Facebook, some mildly offensive ones, and a whole load of two word "happy birthday" posts. Among all the noise, however, one message stood out.

It was a simple "Hello. How are you doing today?" and it came from a family member. That in itself, of course, isn't that strange. Sure, it's not a conventional "happy birthday", but we'll let that slide.

It was what came next that threw me.

"I'm just wondering if you heard about the good news going on. It's all about the PCH program."

It goes on . . . Apparently, the PCH program have randomly selected me, as well as my family member, and I am in line to receive \$90,000! Well, happy birthday to me!

But, of course, something isn't quite right. The language he's using. The prize being in dollars. The fact there are now two accounts in his name in my messages . . . It becomes pretty clear their account has been cloned. Their name, their profile picture, their basic details . . . everything had been taken in order to set up a fake account.

That account was made for one purpose. To defraud everyone in that family member's list of friends out of their hard earned cash.

Thankfully, your friendly neighbourhood Cyber Protect Officer didn't fall for it. But what if the fraudster had targeted someone else? Someone a little more trusting, or a little less cyber aware?

Cybercriminals can be incredibly convincing, and it's easy to see how some people fall victim. Especially when the messages appear to be coming from a trusted contact.

So I thought I'd take the time to put together a brief summary of the ways hackers and scammers use our social media profiles against us.

Fear not! It might make for pretty bleak reading, but there are tips along the way to make social media as safe as possible!

Here we go . . .

1) Harvesting details from our profiles.

Have you ever taken the time to consider what you're putting on your social media profiles?

Sometimes the hackers don't have to hack at all. Sometimes we hand our information over on a silver platter.

Some people are surprisingly liberal with what they share on social media, with dates of birth, addresses and phone numbers being quite common. If people share too much data, scammers can piece things together to stand a reasonably good chance of impersonating someone.

Another thing to consider is your password. I'd like to think everyone is using long, strong, complex passwords, but the reality is most are probably still using some combination of a name (a child, pet, or place for example) and the year they were born. Can people figure those details out from your posts? All those puppy pictures and birthday messages could be giving away more than you thought.

Solution:

Think about what you're sharing. If you wouldn't share it with a stranger, don't share it on social media. Take the time to check your privacy settings. Setting your account to private means only approved contacts or friends can see what you post, meaning you're safe from prying eyes.

2) Fake friends:

You've got your profile set to private, and no one but trusted friends and family can see what you're posting. Excellent!

This, however, is a relatively small barrier for a scammer to overcome if you don't pay attention to your friend requests.

I've lost count of the times I've received friend requests from people around the world. Maybe I've prematurely shut the door on some wonderful friendships. More likely though, I've just avoided the start of a sextortion scam, or blocked someone from snooping on my profile.

Sextortion – for those who aren't aware – is a particularly nasty

scam that can have devastating consequences. It relies on a victim accepting a friend request and getting into conversation with their attacker. The attacker pretends to be an attractive young male or female, and builds up a rapport with their victim.

As the trust builds, the scammer tries to convince the victim to remove their clothes in front of their webcam, or more. Then the scammer strikes. They tell their victim they've recorded everything, and a demand is made for a sum of money, with the threat of posting the video online if they don't pay.

The ramifications can be huge, with responses ranging from mild embarrassment and financial loss to suicide.

Solution:

Do not accept friend requests from people you don't know and trust, and be guarded with what information you share with strangers.

Do not allow anyone to pressure you into doing something you're not comfortable with. If you are unfortunate enough to fall victim to a sextortion scam, we do not recommend paying. There is no guarantee the scammer won't come back and demand more money. Call the police in confidence on 101, and we can help.

3) Phishing and Malware:

Phishing is something we more commonly associate with emails. Badly worded messages promising payouts from a Nigerian General, refunds due from HMRC, or mysterious purchases made on our Amazon accounts, for instance.

However, cybercriminals have cottoned on to the fact that social media is a veritable goldmine of potential victims. All a phishing attack needs to guarantee success is enough victims to target. Eventually, they'll find someone who will fall for their scam.

There are many ways a phishing link can be delivered. On a Facebook newsfeed, a direct message, a post on your wall . . . the possibilities are endless.

One particular example that sticks in our minds was delivered through a Facebook competition in which users were encouraged to like and share a post for their chance to win an £85 gift voucher for a major supermarket chain.

On doing this, the users were sent a message containing a link supposedly taking them to a site from which they could download their gift voucher. But clicking this link actually took them to a website that tried to install malicious software on their computer.

Solution:

Be careful where you click. Take the time to check the source of any link you stumble upon, particularly if it's offering something that seems too good to be true.

A quick pro tip – if you hover your mouse over any link or button in an email or website, the true address should be displayed in the bottom corner of your screen. If the link claims to be from a reputable company, but the true address looks wildly different, it's probably a scam.

A quick point about the "like and share" competitions on Facebook – genuine companies often use these to grow their online presence. Don't assume they are all fake. However, at the same time, don't assume they're all real!

Before you like and share, click into the page. Have a look around and see if it looks genuine. The "About" section of any Facebook page will tell you how old the page is, and whether it has been called something different in the past. We've seen scam pages change their name from that of a reputable jewelry store to that of a reputable pizza company, which should be a big red flag.

Also, think about how plausible the prize is. Why would a supermarket just give away gift vouchers? Add up all the likes, shares, and potential winners, and they'd be out of pocket by millions!

There you have it. Part one of the six ways social media can be used against us. If you found it interesting, come back next month to find out how criminals take control of our friend's accounts, how apps can syphon off your data, and how things live on in cyber space, even after being deleted.

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ART CLASS STARTS SOON!

ABSOLUTE BEGINNERS TO IMPROVERS WILL LOVE THIS COURSE!

GREAT NEWS for all our readers looking for something fun to do over the next few months! Our current class is full but we are now taking enquiries for our next part-time Art Class, which starts soon. This is a new 14 week part-time art class (once a week for 3 hours).

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Another successful event – Curry@Eva's

ONCE again, the annual 'Curry@Eva's' was very popular. Someone felt that curry was not a good idea due to the heat which surprised me when I think about the indigenous people who live in hot countries and eat curry! Those who came benefitted from a choice of curries, accompaniments, desserts and hot drinks. Eva's garden is a wonderful place for such an event and the diners were able to chat together. The profit was over £300 which will go for the upkeep of our church.



The next event will be the benefice's Family Fun Day with a Dog Show. This is a replacement for the Athelhampton Fete. As many of you may know, Athelhampton House and land was recently sold and it will not be possible for us to hold the '5 churches fete' in the grounds this year. After much deliberation, it was agreed that Milborne St Andrew Sports ground would make an excellent venue. So do come along on Bank Holiday Monday the 26th August from 12 noon to 4.00pm. Janet has offered to drive people from The Square to the top of the hill if needed so please contact her on 07899 001945.

The annual Ride and Stride will be on Saturday 14th September. As usual we will walk as a group. If you want to join or sponsor the team or individual, please get in touch on 01258 837203.

In October you are invited to come to the Royal Oak on the 19th at 7.30pm to join in the fun of a quiz and have a meal. More information and ticket sales will be released nearer the date.



Village History Group

IN July we were lucky to have Harry come back to tell us the very interesting story about his ancestors who emigrated to New Zealand. The families concerned were mostly silk weavers from Andover, some also moved to London but all lived in terrible conditions and worked hard for little pay. The New Zealand Company, who had a business plan to colonise New Zealand, provided passage for those wishing to start a new life; they were promised land and wealth. Many of the related families sailed for over 100 days to arrive to a land which was not what they expected. Harry told of battles, dangers and disappointments. Pioneering life was hard but many survived and remained there. He has been in contact with some of the descendants.

There will be no meeting in August and we will start again in September. We are still in the process of compiling information about buildings, businesses, people and other interesting historical information about Milborne St Andrew. If you are interested in helping by researching, writing a 'chapter' or article or talking to one of the members about things you know from the past then please get in touch – pamshults@btinternet.com

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In the meantime, if you want to ensure you're as safe as possible, make sure you use long, strong, secure and unique passwords for your social media accounts. This will help prevent someone guessing their way into your account.

Once your passwords are in order, make sure you turn on Two Factor Authentication. This acts as a safety net. Even if someone gets your password, they can't get in to your account.

Don't forget, if you represent a business or community group, you can get in touch to arrange a free, impartial cyber security presentation. Email us at cybercrimeprevention@dorset.pnn.police.uk.

2019 Half Year Weather Report

THERE was no rain in the first two weeks of January but 58.6mm of rain fell in the second two weeks which was 50.7% of average rainfall for January. 8cm of snow fell on the last three days of the month which all melted by 4th February. January was colder than average with the temperature falling to -6°C on 30th.

February rainfall was 84.9mm which is around average. Fog occurred on six nights during the month and the day temperature reached 18°C on the 27th. The temperature for February was 1.8°C above average.

March was a stormy month with 97.7mm of rain which is 125.2% of average. Storm Freya occurred on the 3rd and Storm Gareth occurred on the 12th. The temperature for March was 1.1°C above average.

April is best remembered for the very warm days over the Easter period 19th-23rd when the temperature reached 24°C on three days. The temperature for April was 0.5°C higher than average and the rainfall was 114.3% of average.

May was a cool month with the temperature 0.6°C below average and rainfall of 29.2mm which was 50.6% of average. There were ground frosts in the village on 4th and 5th of the month.

June was a cool, wet month with 128% of rainfall and the temperature 1.1°C below average. It was only the last few days of the month when it started to warm up.

2019 has been quite a dry year so far with rainfall to the end of June 36.7mm less than average.

It is claimed that June of this year was the hottest ever June around the globe. I do not know what makes Milborne St. Andrew different from the rest of the world but I recorded the coolest June for 20 years with some people putting heating on in the middle of the month.

Pluvius.

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Young voices welcomed by councillors

THE spate of vandalism and antisocial behaviour in Milborne prompted the Parish Council to include the item in its July agenda. Graffiti, damage to play equipment and at the Sports Club grounds have recently put the spotlight on younger residents, with residents commenting negatively about them on social media. The well-attended meeting (relatively-speaking) was invited to discuss the problems and the wider issue of facilities for children in the village. Parents present made a number of points, including the lack of facilities for the 10 to 17 year age group. It was suggested that a youth club, as was run in recent years, may help ease the problem but younger parents, remembering back to their own time in the village when young, said that was not the answer. Children, they said, needed a space to 'do their own thing without being repeatedly got at'. In a refreshing change to normal proceedings, councillors heard from three boys within the age range, who described how they were told off for things like accidentally kicking balls over the park fence. There was a perception that they were all to blame and were hurt by the hate-filled comments on Facebook about the 'youth of today' and 'it didn't happen when we were children' decades ago. However, a resident present countered this view, saying that she remembered a group of children 45 years ago that were far worse than any child in Milborne today. A youth council was suggested by another resident for children to discuss their needs, but new clerk, Wayne Lewin, suggested to start with the three boys should chat with their friends about what they would like to see in Milborne – a skate park, assault course, piece of land for DIY structures had been mentioned – and report back to the PC in a few months. Councillor Macnair said that seed money was available for volunteer groups who wanted to get projects started in the village.

An update of the Neighbourhood Plan Group (NPG) heard that information leaflets had gone out to every village home informing residents of the referendum of the NP on Thursday 8th August. Following the NPG's involvement, the planning application for new homes at Huntley Down will be decided upon by Dorset Council planning committee in the week following the PC meeting. A separate application for the land that bounds the west of the site came before the PC. This is a change of use from farmland to an informal public open space that forms part of the developer's mitigation to Dorset heaths from new development. The proposed land sets aside a portion for a dog activity trail, dog training area and 'dog dip pond', with the remainder as public open space and planted with scrub, trees and shrubs. Councillors were concerned about who would take on the cost and management of the site, since the plan only set out five years covered by the developer. Rather than accept or refuse the plan, they agreed to only provide comment on the application, saying that welcome additions would be some play equipment and a path that linked with the First School. Councillors believed that the northern side of the village needed something for younger children since the park was over the main road for residents on this side of Milborne.

The PC had received a copy of the Milton Abbas Neighbourhood Plan consultation, with potential development sites and a visitor centre. There were no sites for building that were near the Milborne boundary and councillors agreed that a supportive note should be sent to the MA NPG.

There was a plea for residents to keep hedges and trees that encroach upon pavements or roads in check. Residents present named a number of locations in the village where it was difficult to pass and councillors reminded householders to keep growth trimmed back.

Ed Richards

The next Parish Council meeting is Wednesday 18th September at 7.30pm and residents are warmly invited to attend.

Promise me you'll shoot yourself – the Downfall of Ordinary Germans in 1945 by Florian Huber

I READ a review of this book and thought the subject matter intriguing enough to make me buy it. At £20 it was an absolute bargain. I learned so much from reading it. The author is a German born in Nuremberg in 1967, and has written three books about German history, of which this is the first to be translated into English. I shall certainly be looking out for the others.

The book covers the huge wave of suicides that swept across Germany in 1945. I had heard that many people killed themselves rather than live under the Russian Regime, and of the death cult that surrounded Hitler, Goebbels and the elite in the Bunker in Berlin. However this book describes a much bigger phenomenon, which drove whole families of three or four generations, to drown, poison, hang or shoot themselves, having withstood the deprivations of war, bombing and bereavement, as Germany collapsed from 1944 onwards.

The first half of the book is very distressing reading. The author concentrates on one town, Demmin, and takes first hand accounts – diary notes, lists kept by a gravedigger's daughter, interviews with survivors, records by and interviews with officials, together with photographs taken by the arriving occupation forces, to describe the families, their deaths and the terrible circumstances where mothers killed their children and survived their own suicides. I could read only one chapter at a time, needing a break from the horror and distress of these descriptions. It was written in a very matter-of-fact way, with no exaggeration of injuries, just a growing list of descriptions of murder of children and multiple suicides, which is really hard to read constantly.

I found the second half of the book utterly fascinating. It begins in 1926 and follows the stories of various German people throughout the good and bad times up to 1949. It increased my understanding of how an entire nation seemed to be swept up in such atrocious behaviour, how people developed the mental strength to ignore the bad things whilst accepting the good. The good included from 1933-39 the transformation of a society on its knees and hating the Treaty of Versailles to an economic powerhouse, from massive unemployment and starvation to full employment, the introduction of workers' holidays, days off, family allowances, welfare policies, a booming leisure industry, and social mobility – all good Socialist Goals that were promised when the National Socialists were elected, and delivered. The engagement with the regime seems to state that if you are happy with all of that, the fact that Herr Schmidt has gone to prison for questioning the method can be ignored. Many felt that the country was more open and progressive, and the price of repressed intellectual freedom and formal dissent were a price worth paying.

Again the writer uses personal stories (some from the same people as in the first section) to show how it was easy to slip into this society, despite having reservations, and the eventual outcome when the guilt of not speaking out sooner actually broke through for many. There are descriptions of the treatment of everyday Poles by everyday Germans which make your heart weep, and the mental impact on the soldiers home on leave are described by their surviving siblings who did not know what they had seen and done, but which we do now understand.

I found the book interesting, informative and engrossing, as well as distressing and thought-provoking. I also feel it pretty brave of a German National to print such material at a time where we are now being led to believe that it wasn't Germans but Nazis who perpetrated these crimes, and that the Germans are victims too. This re-writing of history will not help as we face an uncertain future in the early 21st Century. Without understanding what really went on we may well be doomed to repeat it. I can only quote

'A lot of Germans knew something. They'd hear something, from some cousin or other, and suddenly a curtain would tear open before them – but because they didn't really believe it, the curtain would fall shut again. Who, after all, would probe into a truth as awful as that?'

Susan Wilson

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Celebrating Yorkshire Day – August 1st – with Yorkshire Fry

EVERY year our summer holidays were the last week in July and the first week in August. We travelled down by car from Yorkshire for two weeks in a caravan by the sea in Wales and looked forward to it all year.

Caravanning in the 1950's was very different to the way it is now. Our hired four berth caravan had no bathroom, and no electricity, only gas lights and a tiny two burner gas cooker run off bottled gas. We lit the gas lights with a match and had to be careful not to touch the very fragile mantle, which was made of fabric mesh and would disintegrate so easily.

Water was available from a single tap at one end of the campsite and had to be carried back in a large and heavy container. My brother



was detailed for water carrying duties.

The only outside lavvy and washbasin with cold tap was quite a walk away and we had to take a torch with us when it got dark as there was no electricity. There were no showers or baths either but we only had a bath once a week at home and we swam in the sea at least once each day, whatever the weather.

Mum never swam in the sea; she had a selection of glamorous swimwear for sunbathing but never got them wet. When it was very hot, she would paddle, but wouldn't venture in above her ankles. Dad was a very keen swimmer and sported a pair of pre-war navy-blue woollen swimming shorts which must have been as heavy as lead in the water.

My brother spent much of his time fishing for sea bass off the beach. Apparently early morning was the best time to catch them and he often brought his catch back to the caravan for breakfast when mum would clean, gut and fry the fish for our breakfast. Rather smelly in the close confines of a caravan but the fresh fish tasted delicious straight from the sea.

We didn't have a battery powered transistor radio until the 1960's, so in the evenings mum and dad went to the campsite country club where they soon made friends with other couples, and played cards or dominoes with them. There was a resident trio which played a selection of waltzes, quicksteps and foxtrots for dancing. We children played table tennis in a recreation room and dad brought us out the usual bottles of pop with a straw in and bags of crisps with a tiny blue packet of salt to sprinkle on yourself. Of course, children were not allowed in anywhere that alcohol was served. In our area of Wales alcohol was forbidden to be sold on Sunday so mum and dad simply drove to the next county so that they could have their usual tippie.

When it came to driving back home on the long journey to Yorkshire, we had a special map and route instructions provided by the AA and mum would navigate by reading out the instructions. It took a very long time as, of course, there were no motorways and very few large towns had bypasses. Luckily though, rush hour and traffic congestion were unknown then. We all gave a big cheer when we crossed the border between Lancashire and Yorkshire because that meant we were nearly home again, and always broke into a chorus of "On Ilkley moor Bahat 'at".

I wonder if parents and children still sing together on car journeys? These days whenever we draw alongside families in traffic jams each

individual seems to be plugged into a different gadget. The memories of listening to and joining in those simple songs and rhymes last a lifetime and I'm sure those early enjoyable shared experiences laid down my lifelong love of rhyme. One of the joys of our internet age is being able to vaguely remember a few lyrics from years back and then in just a few clicks finding the lyrics of a long-forgotten song in full.



The song below was adapted into a Disney cartoon in 1941 and in the 1980's Whitbread adapted the song using their own lyrics for a series of commercials on British television, suggesting that the two protagonists were great fans of their beer who squabbled over trivialities

such as what type of glass to drink it from, because they had forgotten that "the best needs no etiquette". The commercials featured Stephen Fry and Roy Castle among others. There are also various military and rugby club versions of the song . . .

This song was one of my mum's party pieces, in those days everyone had to recite a poem or monologue or sing a song or play the piano or fiddle at any party or family gathering. We all had a selection of items to recite from memory. I'm not sure what the

younger generation would think these days but judging by the popularity of tv shows like The Voice and Britain's Got Talent. I think people still enjoy putting on a performance.



Abdulla Bulbul Ameer

Oh, the sons of the Prophet are hardy and grim
And quite unaccustomed to fear
But none were so reckless of life or of limb
As Abdulla Bulbul Ameer.

When they wanted a man to encourage the van
Or to harass the foe in the rear
Or to take a redoubt they would always send out
For Abdulla Bulbul Ameer.

There are heroes in plenty, and well known to fame
In the ranks that were led by the Czar,
But the bravest of all was a man by the name
Of Ivan Skavinski Skavar.
He could imitate Toole, play Euchre and Pool,
And perform on the Spanish guitar.
In fact quite the cream of the Muscovite team
Was Ivan Skavinski Skavar.

One morning the Russian had shouldered his gun
And assumed his most truculent sneer
And was walking down town when he happened to run
Into Abdulla Bulbul Ameer.
"Young man," says Bulbul, "can your life be so dull
That you're anxious to end your career?—
For, infidel, know – you have trod on the toe
Of Abdulla Bulbul Ameer."

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"Take your ultimate look upon sunshine and brook,
Make your latest remarks on the war;
Which I mean to imply you're going to die,
Mr. Count Cask-o-whisky Cigar."
Said the Russian, "My friend, my remarks in the end
Would avail you but little, I fear,
For you'll never survive to repeat them alive,
Mr. Abdulla Bulbul Ameer."

Then the bold Mameluke drew his trusty chiboque
And shouted "il Allah Akbar"
And being intent upon slaughter, he went
For Ivan Skavinski Skavar.
But just as his knife had abstracted his life
(In fact he was shouting "Huzzal!")
He felt himself struck by that subtle Calmuck,
Count Ivan Skavinski Skavar.

The Consul drove up in his red-crested fly
To give the survivor a cheer,
He arrived just in time to exchange a goodbye
With Abdulla Bulbul Ameer.
And Skobeleff, Gourko and Gorsechekoff too
Drove up on the Emperor's car
But all they could do was cry "och-whilliloo!"
With Ivan Skavinski Skavar.

There's a grave where the waves of the Blue Danube roll,
And on it in characters clear
Is: "Stranger, remember to pray for the soul
Of Abdulla Bulbul Ameer."
A Muscovite maiden her lone vigil keeps
By the light of the true lover's star
And the name that she whispers as oft as she weeps
Is Ivan Skavinski Skavar.

A very old-fashioned recipe this month to go with the above old-fashioned song (first published in 1877 during the Russo-Turkish war). This recipe was one my grandmother's, Hannah Maria Sykes, she was born in 1873. Of course, you will have guessed that the above song was originally one of her party pieces.

Yorkshire Fry

Ingredients

- 1lb shin beef or stewing steak
- 1 pint stock (or water)
- 1/2 lb lamb's liver
- Salt and pepper
- 1 sheep's heart
- 2 tsp dried sage
- 1 onion
- 1 tbsp dripping or oil

Method

Gently fry the finely chopped onion in the dripping until golden in a flame proof casserole

Gradually add the chopped beef, liver and heart and fry until coloured

Add the stock, sage and seasoning

Bring to the boil, cover and simmer gently on the hob for 3 hours or put in a low oven.

Serve spooned over Yorkshire pudding – no vegetables!

The gravy in the original recipe is very thin, so I usually add some Bisto at the end to thicken it up a bit. Don't let the unusual ingredients put you off, the heart becomes meltingly tender with long slow cooking and the liver gives a very rich flavour in the same way that kidney does to steak and kidney. I have served this dish many times, always with compliments but just remember to be a bit vague if questioned about the ingredients. A bit like haggis, sometimes it's best not to know the full details . . .

Afternoon tea at Moreton

ON Wednesday 3rd July. twenty members of the Wednesday Club met at the Village Hall to arrange car sharing to take them to The Walled Garden at Moreton. There we visited The Dovecote Cafe for a delightful tea, sandwiches, scones, jam and cream and cakes.

For those who don't know, The Walled Garden and Dovecote Cafe, work in partnership with Onsite Social Enterprise, where Employ My Ability students with disabilities gain real life experience in catering, customer services and horticultural facilities, working alongside trained professionals. It is a lovely place to go for breakfast, lunch and tea or simply a walk round the relaxing garden and a coffee.

After tea we wandered round the garden, the weather was great and the setting delightful and there are places to sit and quietly enjoy the natural surroundings.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday August 7th at 2.00pm in the Village Hall when our own Dave Andrews will be giving a talk on 'Things I have found'.
Lis Watts, photos by the Editor



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THEN . . .



Then and Now This photo of The Old Rectory was taken in 2010 for a collection of four postcards that were produced for the church. Earlier this spring, some residents were woken in the middle of the night by a loud crash. The morning light revealed that two large boughs had sheered from the magnificent copper beech. Unfortunately it was badly diseased and had to be felled in the last few weeks.

. . . and NOW





MILBORNE ST ANDREW FIRST SCHOOL

Learning together and having fun

SCHOOL NEWS



PART of Science Week this week, the children at Milborne St Andrew First School took ownership of their learning and headed outside to demonstrate these skills. There were three areas of challenge . . . Construction, Creative and Creature Finding. The children built large dens in teams, smaller shelters as mini habitats, explored the grounds like Darwin and showcased their art.

Take a look at the fabulous, fun that was had.



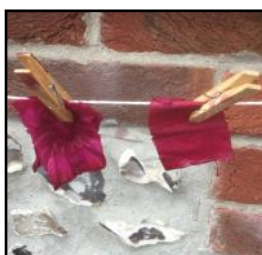
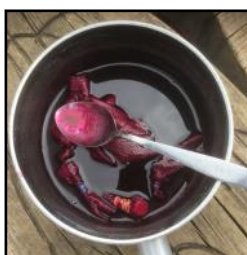
We had a visit from Dorchester Library and they introduced us to the reading challenge for 2019 'Space Chase'.

Dolphins produce grown this year!

We have grown potatoes and then cooked and ate them. They were yummy!

We grew beetroot which we

then used to make some beetroot dye and dyed some white fabric purple and discovered that you can use beetroot as lipstick!



KS1 Science this term at Milborne First School!

Milborne pupils are great little scientists. They are curious and ask very interesting questions. All of them have great knowledge about wildlife and the environment. Here are a few of our activities this year; we followed the life cycle of caterpillars into Painted Lady butterflies, we explored an urban heath land at Tadmoll Heath, we grew an amazing amount of potatoes (amongst other things) and during science week, we have all been experimenting!

Science Week at Milborne First School!

All of this week here at Milborne First School we have been doing 'Science' Week. This included a visit from the 'Explorer Dome' and Monkey World, plus the whole school doing outdoor education on Wednesday where the children worked in their house teams to do four activities. These included clay models using natural materials, land art, bug hunting and den building. A great time was had by all!



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

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Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club – August and September



IN August, Gardening Club members will put down their tools and meet up for our annual get together which will, weather permitting, involve lovely food and drink being enjoyed al fresco.

On September 19th at 7.30pm we will meet in the Village Hall for Gardeners' Question Time. So, if you're worried about the orange spots that have appeared on your cucumber or you want to know what to do with a ginger lily (*Hedychium*) that you bought a while ago, come along and ask our experts. Answering questions will be Neil Lovesey of Picket Hill Nursery and local gardener and knowledgeable person, Pip (Hedgehog) Bowell.

Do come along, it will be fun.

For more information about the MSA gardening club contact Ann Guy, 01258 837131. *Mark Johnson*

From the Head's Study at Milton Abbey School – *BTEC School of the Year*

EARLY July brought to a closure another exciting year in the life of Milton Abbey School, culminating in Speech Day on July 5th in the wonderful setting of the school.

The term has ended on a remarkable high with the award in Westminster of the *BTEC School of the Year* at Pearson's international BTEC Awards. BTEC qualifications, which are vocational and practical in nature, are increasingly popular, with more than a million BTEC learners worldwide and one in four entrants to UK higher education having at least one BTEC among their qualifications in 2018. Competing with entries from around the world, we were so proud to win this title, as well as Silver Award in the Teacher of the Year category for our wonderful Head of Land-Based Studies, Lissy Carr. Year 13 students were also successful, with a Silver in Digital Creative Media for Darius, who leaves us for film school, and a Bronze in Business and Enterprise for Joe, who has already set up a thriving business converting mountain bikes into electric bikes, and is off to study Business at university. We couldn't be prouder!

Milton Abbey has long been considered a market-leader in vocational education. This award is a great reflection of the hard work of our students, the dedicated work of the School staff team and the support of the wider community. Please do take a moment to look at the BTEC Award video on our website at miltonabbey.co.uk.

Although the term has ended, there will still be lots ongoing in and around the school over the summer as other organisations make use of the excellent facilities and of course, the Milton Abbey International Musical Festival will be running from 29th July until 3rd August – please do come along and enjoy the concerts!

Wishing you a very good summer!

Judith Fremont-Barnes, Head, Milton Abbey School

Village Quiz

Saturday September 28th

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And it's not just the loss; you also have the inconvenience and all those phone calls to make, so BANG goes your relaxation in the sun.

So the tip for now is, relax and enjoy the summer, but make sure that your doors and windows are secure and that's not just your home; your garage, shed and car should also be kept secure.

Let's not make it a summer of plenty for burglars and thieves.

Thank you.

Elaine Ryan, Prevention Development Officer

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