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Successful fair after move to Milborne

AFTER four months of sleepless nights, Monday 26th August, the
day of our Benefice Family Fun Day and Dog Show finally arrived.

We were apprehensive of a change of venue, after holding the
fete at Athelhampton for over 10 years, but our new location at
Milborne St. Andrew Sports Club proved popular with stall holders,
the band and visitors alike.

We prayed for good weather, but maybe a bit too hard, as it was a
very hot day! So hot, that the bar sold out of soft drinks within half
an hour, resulting in an emergency run to Blandford Tesco for
further supplies!

Our new venture this year was running the BBQ and adding a
tearoom within the pavilion. The BBQ proved popular, as did the ice
creams, served from the pavilion window.

Maureen Lock kindly judged the Dog Show for the third year
running, which was sponsored by Marion Clemens of Trophy Pet
Foods, who provided goody bags for all prize winners. The Dog
Show was complimented, this year, by displays from Moonlight Dog
Agility Team in the adjacent ring.

I'm still waiting on some expenses to come in, but current figures
indicate we might have matched last year's profits!

A big thank you to everyone involved, from stall holders,
Durnovaria Silver Band, Moonlight Dog Agility, Maureen Lock,
Marion Clemens, and all our visitors (including the dogs!), to
Richard Lock for all his help with our new venue and Mr Ferguson
for the use of his land for car parking, along with a kind donation.

Please can the Churchwardens pass on my thanks to all their
helpers. I am planning to hold a feedback meeting very soon, so if
anyone has anything they wish to raise, please let me know, or ask
your Churchwarden to contact me.

Thank you

Emma Hughes Benefice Administrator

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Dear Editor

The Act of Remembrance and the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal – Milborne St Andrew

For a number of years, I have, since the death of Peter Vacher-Dow, been organising the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal and the Act of Remembrance here in Milborne St. Andrew. During that time, I have through the pages of the *Reporter* been looking for someone to take over the role, unfortunately without success.

Having left the Royal British Legion, for personal, private and family reasons, it would be improper for me to continue, both to lead the Act of Remembrance and organise the Poppy Appeal. Therefore, unless someone comes forward, I cannot see the Act of Remembrance continuing at the Memorial Stone following the service at St. Andrew's.

Yours sincerely
Michael Hopper

Dear Editor

Found

Has anyone lost a garden equipment cover, in the winds of August, which I found in my garden? If so please ring 01258 837214.

Thank You

I would like to thank the very kind people in the village who have sent good wishes, cards and flowers, they were all very much appreciated.

Thank you also to the neighbours in Wetherby Close who have called to offer help.

Thank you to everyone.
Joan Pitman

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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 6th October – 2.00pm

The Southern Winterbornes

Meet near St. Nicolas Church, Winterborne Kingston

Grid reference: SY 863976 on OS Explorer Sheet 117 (approx. 4.5 miles)

Wednesday 16th October – 11.00am

Hambledon Hill and Hod Hill

Meet near the church in Stourpaine

Grid reference: ST 861094 on Explorer Sheet 118 (approx. 6.75 miles)

Bring a packed lunch.

Sunday 3rd November – 2.00pm

Charlton Marshall

Meet at St. Mary's Church in Charlton Marshall, on A350 from Blandford.

Grid reference: ST 900041 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).
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- 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.

Summer Successes

THE good weather meant that the Event Committee, with the help of others, had two successful stalls during July and August.

They ran a 'Granny's Attic Stall' at Milton Abbas Street Fair which sold some great bargains to visitors. Alongside it was a raffle for an amazing handcrafted quilt made by Cate from material donated to the church. Although the weather was sunny it proved to be a long, very hot day but successful. Thanks to all who helped and who donated items for sale.

On Bank Holiday Monday, our church joined with the three others from our benefice to organise and run the Fun Day and Dog Show held on the Sports Field. This event replaced the Athelhampton Fete as there is new owner of the house and land who would not have known the history of the previous owner's support of our benefice. It was also a very hot day but a good profit was made. The money goes towards funding the benefice administration such as for the administrator and other materials used by the four churches. Many thanks go to all who organised, helped, donated items and were involved in making it a success.

Watch out for notices about the Quiz evening in The Royal Oak with a pizza and chips supper to be held on the evening of the 19th October. Tickets will sell quickly so make sure you get yours as soon as they become available.

There will be the, now renowned, themed meal on the 30th November which is St. Andrew's Day. The theme will be the 'sea and fish' as St. Andrew is not only the patron saint of Scotland but also, amongst other things, of fishermen and fishmongers.

The final event of 2019 will be a Traditional Christmas Market on the afternoon of the 7th December. More details to follow.

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Plastic recycling in Dorset – The facts



1. The Dorset Waste Partnership and their contractors don't export the waste we collect to developing countries such as Malaysia
2. They don't collect low quality plastics (such as carrier bags) for recycling, so they have no need to dump or stockpile them anywhere
3. 59.6% of the waste they collect is recycled. This means it is sold to trusted reprocessors and brokers – mainly in the UK and Europe – as high quality recyclable material
4. 23.6% goes to Energy from Waste (EfW, or 'Waste-to-energy') where it is incinerated and turned into electricity, again in the UK and Europe
5. 16.8% goes to landfill (in the UK) – compared to a massive 71% back in 2004. Land-filled waste has the biggest environmental impact and also costs the most (through Landfill Tax) so we try to avoid it whenever possible
6. Any plastic material that cannot be recycled, either because it is too low quality or there isn't a current market for it, is sent to EfW.

What happens to our waste?

Where Dorset's materials go to be recycled

After kerbside recycling is collected, it is taken to be sorted and bulked up at various locations across the county.

Any materials that can't be recycled – either because they are too low quality or there isn't a market for them – are sent to an Energy from Waste (EfW) facility in the UK or Europe, where they are incinerated to generate electricity.

The table below shows where different recyclable materials are sent after they have been sorted:

Glass *Recresco, South Wales, URM Tilbury Docks* Sorted by colour and washed to remove any impurities. Crushed and melted, then moulded into new products such as bottles and jars.

Newspapers and pamphlets *UPM Shotton, North Wales* Newspaper and paper.

Mixed paper and cardboard *Saica, IFP Forest and Paper, Parenco* Recycled and turned into new paper and packaging material such as cardboard boxes.

Plastic bottles *Recycling UK, J&A Young, Viridor, Centriforce, PPS, Newport CH, Materials Recovery, IFP, Newport Paper* Processed and remoulded into new plastic products or made into fuel to create energy.

Food waste *Eco Sustainable Solutions, Piddlehinton, West Dorset* Anaerobic digestion, where food waste is used to create soil improver, compost and a renewable energy source.

Garden waste *Eco Sustainable Solutions, Parley, East Dorset Mark Farwell Composting, Stourpaine, North Dorset* Composted and used in horticulture.

Cans and unsorted materials *Cans: Ferrous to EMR. Aluminium to Novelis Materials Recovery Facility, North Wales* Materials are separated using a wide variety of sorting and screen technology and then sold to a variety of outlets.

What happens to items collected from household recycling centres and mini recycling banks?

Many items that cannot go in with kerbside collection can still be recycled; they just need to be taken to a household recycling centre (HRC) or a recycling bank at a car park.

Where materials collected at HRCs and recycling banks go:

Batteries

Collected by Abbey Metals Ltd. Then it is taken by S Norton and Co. in Liverpool and then sent to Varta Batteries, Belgium Batteries are

reprocessed and turned into new batteries.

Cardboard *St Regis paper Ltd, Kent* Cardboard from HRC's in Dorset is recycled and used to make packaging.

Clothing and textiles *Transported by Wilcox Ltd to Wolverhampton sorted and split for recycling and reuse* Textiles are graded; 10 per cent cannot be exported due to style or weight, these items are recycled and are then used to make industrial cleaning cloths and felt for cars. The other 90 per cent is sent overseas for reuse in Africa, Asia and Eastern Europe.

Electrical appliances *Abbey Metals, Dorset, Bournemouth Autos, Bournemouth and SWEET, Kent* The appliances are crushed and sorted using magnets and hand sorting. Plastics, metals and glass are separated for recycling.

Fluorescent lighting *Footprintmatters 2u Newport and Cambridge* The mercury is used for lab and industrial uses. The aluminium goes back to the metal market. Glass is made into new light tubes.

Fridges and freezers *EMR Ltd., London* Metal and plastics are removed for recycling, CFC gases are incinerated and CFC free foam (degassed) is land-filled.

Garden waste *ECO Sustainable Solutions Ltd, Hurn, Weymouth and Stourpaine* Made into a nutrient rich compost and soil improver.

Glass *Recycled by Recresco, South Wales* Glass is re-melted and used to make new bottles and jars.

Metal *Abbey Metals, Dorset, and Bournemouth Autos, Bournemouth. Sims Group UK Ltd* Smelted and turned into cars, aeroplanes, tin cans and other metal products.

Plasterboard *Country Style Recycling Ltd, Kent* Gypsum is used for more plasterboard and in the composting process.

Rubble *Commercial Recycling Ltd, Canford* Graded, washed, tumbled and re-marketed.

Televisions *SWEET Ltd, Kent* Dismantled and plastic and metal recyclable parts are separated. Glass is treated to remove any hazardous components before being sent to be recycled.

Tyres *W&S Recycling, Wimborne* First the metal rims are removed, tyres are then shredded and used as 25 mm chips for the equestrian market.

Engine oil *Veolia, Southampton* Goes through a process called secondary liquid fuel blending which involves careful analysis by chemists, the fuel is then blended accordingly, and then used to fuel cement kilns.

Vegetable oil *Living Fuels - Nottingham* Filtered and refined into bio diesel which can then be used for fuelling buses, cars and lorries that run on bio-diesel.

Wood and timber *Eco Sustainable Solutions, Dorset* Shredded and separated into various grades for chip board, biomass fuels (energy recovery) and equestrian products.

Foil *Sims Metals, Nottingham* It is melted into aluminium and turned into foil and cans.

Carole Fornachon



Harvest Thanksgiving

The first school I attended was a very small village school which was based in the home of the headteacher. I arrived there aged three (coincidentally on the same day that my brother was born) and left at 12. As schools go, it was quite unusual, but some of its traditions have stayed with me ever since.

One of these was saying grace before and after a meal. We had a selection of different prayers to give some variety. Some of them were in Latin – although I understand now what they were saying, I'm not sure I quite grasped their meaning when I was only three or four!

One of the English-language graces we used went like this: "For what we are about to receive, may the Lord make us truly grateful. Amen." It's short and simple but with an important plea – for God to help us recognise what we have and be thankful for it.

And that is, of course, what Harvest Festival is all about. Each year we celebrate the bounty of the land and seas, the hard work of those who produce our food, the sunshine and rain that enable the crops to grow and remember God, the source of all our blessings.

It is sadly noticeable that as people and nations grow richer, their sense of gratitude diminishes. We take so much for granted: food on our plates, water in our taps, rubbish collection, electricity, gas, solar power, good sanitation, health and education. The minute something goes wrong we move into complaint-mode, rather than being able to focus on how 99% of the time our services work well.

For those who are less fortunate, the things we take for granted are still a source of thanksgiving. To see the look on a child's face when their community first gets a tap with clean water is amazing. To read the stories of girls who can now continue to go to school during certain times of the month rather than having to stay at home because a school now has toilet facilities can be moving. To listen to the words of people who can now feed themselves because others have helped them to find a sustainable existence is inspiring.

Harvest Festival can remind us that we have much to be grateful for, and perhaps it can become a time not only of gratitude but also of generosity. We have so much; some have so little. There is enough in the world for everyone's needs, but if the dream of full plates and clean water is to become a reality for all the world's people, those of us with resources must be willing to share them with others. We may not feel rich but compared with many we have so much.

Thanks be to God!
With best wishes

Sarah

Harvesting Talents

ONE Harvest service that I was at, many years ago, the sermon was about giving to God, as one would expect; however, the priest suggested that it didn't have to be produce or money but could be the use of a person's 'talents' which could help us to be better disciples and to spread the 'Word'. It was one of those sermons that one never forgets.

A few weeks ago, a friend from church and I went to a Christian run event at Milton

Abbey titled 'Created to Create'. Not only was it a wonderful venue, great like-minded people, it was also a learning curve. As expected, there was the opportunity to attend several different workshops, such as basket making, weaving, silk painting, glass fusing, Dorset Buttons making, bread making, 'make your own top', photography and Bible Journaling. We also were led in praise in the abbey by the school's resident cleric which was a fabulous experience.

Our initial workshop was Bible Journaling. I had never heard of it before but it was so interesting that I feel I need to share the theory with you. Bible Journaling is a creative way to express and document how God is working in your life. A unique way to



This is an example of one form of creativity.

Church Services October 2019

6th October – Harvest Festival

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

13th October – Trinity 17

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

THURSDAY 17th October

12 noon	Lunch-time Communion	Puddletown
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20th October – Trinity 18

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

27th October – Trinity 19

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

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use sermon notes, learn scripture by using different translations, and creatively document your spiritual journey. Our course taught us how to use paint and colouring techniques to illustrate the 'message' that we heard during a reading from the bible. Many people use old bibles to decorate pages but you can also use a journal book or buy special journaling bibles which have a blank space at the side of every page and some even have pictures to be coloured in.

New to me, this form of creative praise is what reminded me of how God inspires us to use our talents. So, what talents will you be praising God with after Harvest?

Our Harvest Service will be at 9.45am on the 6th October preceded by a shared cooked breakfast at 9.15am to which all are welcome. This year should people want to bring gifts, we intend that packet, dry or tinned items be donated to the Food Banks and any fresh produce sold after the service with the proceeds sent to WaterAid. We would love to see lots of villagers. Please feel free to join us.

Dewlish Church Notes

OUR **Harvest Festival** is on Sunday 6th October at 6.00pm. We would welcome any gifts either beforehand or at the service. Please come and join us in our thanksgiving for a good harvest, both in the fields and in our gardens. The produce and some of the flowers will be auctioned after the **Harvest Supper** the following evening, with the proceeds being donated to WaterAid.

The supper (on Monday 7th October) is being held in the Village Hall at 7.00pm. This year, because of the huge workload of producing the meal, it will be a Ploughman's Supper, and we are being helped by Gadget and Andy, for which we are very grateful. Fliers will be circulated round the village containing full details. We do hope you will join us.

This year **Remembrance Sunday** is on 10th November, with the

service beginning at the War Memorial at 10.50am and then continuing in church after the two-minute Silence. Coffee and biscuits will be served in the Village Hall following the service.

LOOKING BACK...

OUR Pet Service in July was very well attended; we welcomed some lovely animals and their owners. There were five dogs, two guinea pigs, stick insects, two young turkeys and a mother hen with her chicks. Jim led the service, which was held under the yew trees outside the church. Thank you to all who supported the event.

Many thanks are also due to the Revd. Rosie Coldwell who looked after the parishes so well during Sarah's absence. We were delighted to have her take our services. Thank you so much, Rosie.

Very many thanks as well to Carole from the Pop-up Coffee Morning for donating £250 to our "Dewlish in Bloom" fund-raiser. We are most grateful.

Daphne Burg

Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club – it's quiz time!!



IN September we had fun putting awkward questions to an expert panel in our Gardeners' Question Time event. In October the tables will be turned! On the 17th at 7.30pm we will meet in the Village Hall to pit our gardening wits against all sorts of tricky questions put to us by quizmaster Martin Young. We are a mixed ability group, some of us are quite clever really whilst others of us are ... not. If you know that roots go down and stems go up, then you are suitably qualified to join us. Don't be shy – just turn up; we are a friendly bunch and would love to see you there.

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If you go down to the woods today . . .

IT'S wonderful to be back at Ladybirds after the long summer break. We've heard all about what the children have done over the summer holidays with some of them bringing in memory boxes containing bits and pieces from their holidays.

We decided our first topic would be 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' and the children became very involved. The tactile activity involved dry oats inside on the first day – after that it was moved outside – too much sweeping and hoovering needed! We made some delicious oat cookies and ate them at snack time. The small world had props to enact out the story – although we ended up with two bears – where did the third one go? A crime scene was set up outside with a taped off area containing a broken stool, clipboards, police helmets, magnifying glasses and 'strange' footprints. We talked about Goldilocks and asked if she should have gone into the house.

Our first session in the woods continued the bear theme and after reading 'it's a bear' the children set out to see if there were any bears

in the ood. They found bear footprints and followed them to find a teddy bear hiding in a tree. The children then took turns in hiding the teddy, gave it rides in the wheelbarrow then tucked it up safely in the storage box to sleep and come out to play next week.

Previously I said I would let you know any news on the pigs. There was great excitement to see lots of piglets! Norman did well; all of his three ladies gave birth – well over 20 babies between them!

Liz Dyer



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Scouting back in Milborne after merger

MILBORNE Scout Group has got a new lease of life after merging with the Winterborne Scout Groups, with Sam Elliott taking over as the new Group Scout Leader. Beavers, Cubs and Scouts will get a chance to take part in a variety of activities like archery, kayaking and climbing as well as trips, and of course, camping.

Beavers will meet in the Village Hall in Milborne on Monday evenings, Cubs at Dunbury School on Fridays and Scouts at Winterborne Whitechurch on Friday evenings. Contact Sam on sajelliott@yahoo.co.uk for more details.

Volunteer Rangers

What are volunteer rangers?

They provide voluntary support of a professional standard for the work of Dorset Council's Greenspace Service. In return for this help they are provided with all the training, information and resources required to perform this role. They are part of a team and able to work with like-minded people, developing skills and knowledge whilst on the job, with an opportunity to gain more formal training and qualifications. Volunteering is a great way to make new friends, keep active and help Dorset as well as to build up a CV for a career in Countryside Management. The team is always keen to fit around time offered and point of focus.

The work we do

The Greenspace Service manages the rights of way network (mainly footpaths and bridleways), long distance trails e.g. SW Coast Path, country parks, nature reserves, public open space, highway verge and school grounds. There is therefore a huge variety of work that volunteers can get involved in, and it really is up to them whether they fancy having a go at all of it or want to specialise in a few areas or in one location. The sort of work volunteers can get involved in includes mending stiles on the rights of way network, cutting back vegetation from paths, felling trees on heathland sites, helping run visitor centres, building wooden bridges, fencing and grass cutting . . . to name just a few. The work is diverse and interesting; perfect for anyone with an interest in Countryside management.

Who can volunteer?

Anyone over the age of 18 – from a school leaver seeking a first step for a career in countryside management, to a retired person looking for further lifelong learning opportunities. The scope of the service is wide-ranging so, whatever your interests and skills, there should be a role that suits you.

Become a volunteer ranger

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer and want to find out more, contact us:

You can come in for a trial day to see if you like it and it suits your objectives. We can then arrange a more regular arrangement where we can provide you with training and support needed to work with the team. This can be followed by further accredited training in more specialised areas, to develop the particular interests and skills of the individual. Uniforms and appropriate equipment and tools will be provided.

You will need to bring:

- a packed lunch
- soft drink
- work clothes
- waterproofs

Senior Ranger – North Dorset

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Dorset Police commit to connect with communities

DORSET Police is introducing a new initiative in a commitment to better connect with local communities.

The Force has developed a series of plans under the Neighbourhood Engagement Contract (NEC) initiative so communities can communicate as effectively as possible with their local police.

The NEC sets out ten minimum standards and common objectives that each Neighbourhood Policing Team aim to achieve within their area. The contract and the neighbourhood plans that flow from it, aim to outline how local policing teams will engage with their local community through community meetings, partnerships and social media feeds as well as share best practice and good ideas.

The series of plans cover separate areas across Dorset and have been developed by their respective local policing Inspector.

Chief Constable James Vaughan of Dorset Police, said:

"Neighbourhood Policing is at the heart of everything we do and building trust and confidence with our local communities is vital in helping us to prevent crime and bring offenders to justice.

"Our local policing teams have worked hard on these plans which provide a two-way approach to communication with local communities, working towards long term sustainable solutions to reduce crime and understand the issues of residents' concerns.

"The plans have been developed based on the bespoke local profile and diversity of the communities they serve and the engagement tactics that work best for them."



Chief Constable Vaughan added: "While it's important we make local communities aware of our priorities, listening and engaging with our stakeholders is critical, so the contracts give my

commitment to ensure this happens.

"We will be paying close attention to feedback from the public and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, to make the NEC initiative as successful and accessible as possible to all."

Dorset Police & Crime Commissioner Martyn Underhill said: "Policing is far more complicated than it used to be in decades gone by – with complex crimes tackled by specialists rather than officers patrolling local beats.

"However, it's essential that the police still need to have close links with the people they serve – that's why I've set 'Working With Our Communities' as one of the key priorities at the heart of my Police and Crime Plan.

"I want to see Neighbourhood Policing Teams and other departments of Dorset Police doing consistently excellent work to connect with the public, from face to face engagements to increasing their use of social media.

"The Neighbourhood Engagement Contract isn't some dry document which will be left on a shelf and forgotten about. It's a vital piece of work, setting the agenda for how the Force will improve its relationships with our communities and build up stronger connections, while also reflecting on some of the good work that's already being done and seeing how that can be replicated across the county.

"I am pleased to support this new initiative which provides a strong platform for the future and I will work closely with police colleagues to help ensure that all communities are well connected with the police."

To view the neighbourhood engagement minimum standards, please visit: www.dorset.police.uk/NPT

The full plans are currently being reviewed and will be published in the Autumn.

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50th anniversary of the introduction of the 50 pence piece

ON the 14th October 1969 the UK introduced the British fifty-pence coin, which replaced, over the following years, the British ten-shilling note, in anticipation of the decimalization of the British currency in 1971 and the abolition of the shilling as a unit of currency anywhere in the world.

Before the fifty pence coin was issued, the Bank of England ten-shilling note was a banknote of the pound sterling. Ten shillings in pre-decimal money (written 10s or 10/- aka ten bob) was equivalent to half of one pound. The ten-shilling note was the smallest denomination note ever issued by the Bank of England. The note was issued by the Bank of England for the first time in 1928 and continued to be printed until 1969. The note ceased to be legal tender in 1970 and was removed in favour of the fifty pence coin.



The penny was literally one pennyweight of silver. A pound sterling thus weighed 240 pennyweights, or a pound of sterling silver. The symbols 's' for shilling and 'd' for pence derive from the Latin solidus and denarius used in the Middle Ages. The '£' sign developed from the 'l' for libra. At school we used to write the pound sign with two lines across but nowadays everyone uses just one.

One guinea was 21 shillings – that is one pound and one shilling. There were no guinea coins in the twentieth century, but you still got bills in guineas from solicitors, accountants and other professionals. If you went on holiday you might have to settle your hotel bill in guineas



and upmarket dress shops displayed their prices in guineas. It was a way of sounding posh and also making a bill seem a little bit smaller than it actually was – a bit like £9.99 instead of £10.

When I was a child there were still farthings in use

until 1960. I loved the picture of a tiny wren on the coin, also halfpennies and threepenny bits survived until decimalisation in 1971 and the sixpence was legal tender as 2.5 new pence until 1980. The misery of arithmetic at school was made even worse by having to work with pounds, shillings, pence, ha'pence and farthings. I had left school and started my teaching training by the time decimalisation started and I then realised that so much of my schoolwork had been a complete waste of time.

Chicken liver, bacon and mushroom risotto

This month's recipe is very economical, and extremely tasty. A lot of people are put off by any form of liver despite chicken liver pate being ubiquitous to most pub menus but if you can get over the look and texture of raw liver then the savoury flavour is well worth it. Calves liver is an expensive delicacy and very fashionable at the moment but I love the flavour of the much cheaper chicken livers. Just make sure that anyone who is eating it later doesn't see it until it is fully cooked. I buy supermarket frozen chicken livers and a small 225g tub is plenty for two people and only costs around 50p. This recipe uses cooked rice added at the end of cooking so is not an authentic risotto but it is very quick and easy to make.

Chicken livers are high in protein and a rich store of folate, which is important for fertility and helps prevent certain birth defects. (Rather confusingly the Food Standards Authority advises pregnant women not to eat liver because too much vitamin A can harm the baby.) Livers are also loaded with iron to give you energy and a treasure trove of certain B vitamins, most notably B12. This nutritional profile makes them a good choice for anyone prone to anaemia. Chicken livers are also one of the top sources of vitamin A, which helps eye health.

Recipe – Chicken liver 'risotto' (serves 2)

Ingredients

1 onion
1tbs oil
1 garlic clove
1 rasher of bacon
150g mushrooms
225g chicken livers,
chopped into pieces
1 tin of chopped
tomatoes
100ml water or chicken
stock
80–100g rice
1tbs Worcester sauce
A squirt of tomato ketchup
2tsp Italian seasoning
Fresh parsley



Method

Fry the onion gently in the oil until soft and golden
Add the chopped bacon and crushed garlic, fry for a couple of minutes
Add the sliced mushrooms, chicken livers, chopped tomatoes, Worcester sauce, ketchup and Italian seasoning.
Add the stock or water if necessary, to keep it moist but not too runny as it cooks.

Bring to the boil and simmer uncovered for about 10 minutes until thick.

Meanwhile boil the rice in plenty of water until tender, (I use easy cook long grain) drain and stir into the chicken liver mixture.

Make sure the rice absorbs any spare liquid, if necessary, simmer for a bit longer.

Season with salt and pepper to taste

Sprinkle with a little chopped parsley

Costs around £1.50 to make which is only 75p per portion

Three poems about money

50–50

I'm all alone in the world, she said,
Ain't got nobody to share my bed,
Ain't got nobody to hold my hand-
The truth of the matter's
I ain't got no man.

Big Boy opened his mouth and said,
Trouble with you is
You ain't got no head!
If you had a head and you used your mind
You could have me with you
All the time.

She answered, Babe, what must I do?
He said, Share your bed –
And your money too.

Langston Hughes

Fatigue

I'm tired of love; I'm still more tired of Rhyme,
But Money gives me pleasure all the time.

Hilaire Belloc

Money

That money talks
I won't deny
I heard it once,
It said, 'Goodbye.'

Richard Armour

Try these sums on page 15

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Garden Quiz

THURSDAY
17th October



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Entry: £2 non members

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Try these sums. (Remember: four farthings in one penny, 12 pennies in one shilling, 20 shillings in one pound, 20 cwt in a ton, 14lbs in 1qtr, 16 ounces in a pound).

Remember – no calculators allowed!
Just be very grateful for decimalisation.

1. What is the sum of £1/13s/6d and £4/15s/7d?

2. Coal is sold at 8s/6d a cwt. A discount of half a guinea is given for each ton paid in advance. What will the prudent householder pay if she (!) pays in advance to fill her cellar each month for eight months, when the cellar holds 5cwt coal?

3. Cook makes a cake with the following ingredients:

12oz flour
6 eggs
10oz butter
10oz sugar
3oz sultanas
3oz currants

If an egg weighs 2oz. And the cake loses one-tenth of its weight whilst cooking, what will be the weight of the final cake in pounds and ounces?

Answers at foot of page

Milton Abbas Surgery

If you are a smoker and are thinking about quitting, **Stoptober**, the 28-day stop smoking campaign from Public Health England, will be back in **October 2019**. It is based on research that shows that if you can stop smoking for 28-days, you are five times more likely to stay smokefree for good.

There are lots of ways to quit and Stoptober can help people choose what works for them. Stoptober offers a range of free support to help people on their quitting journey including an app, daily emails, Facebook Messenger and lots of encouragement from the Stoptober online community on Facebook. In addition, people can get expert face-to-face advice from local stop smoking services. Those who use stop smoking aids and who get face-to-face support from their local stop smoking service are up to four times more likely to quit successfully.

Visit the **Stoptober** website or visit www.livewell-dorset.co.uk/stop-smoking/ for local help and advice.

A reminder that 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.

Finally, we still have a number of appointments each week with all of our clinicians that are missed by patients. We appreciate that everyone is human and may occasionally forget, but please make every effort to attend your appointment **on time**, or let us know **in good time** if you are unable to attend so we can allocate the slot to another patient. Thank you.

Gillian Brindle, Business Manager,
Milton Abbas & Milborne St Andrew Surgery

1. £6/9s/1d 2. £15/19s/0d 3. 2lbs 13oz
Answers

Deadline for the November issue is
mid-day Monday 14th October.

First year of CSW has zoomed by!

MILBORNE'S Community Speed Watch (CSW) initiative has been active for almost a year, with the aim of making the village's roads safer with monitoring sessions undertaken by volunteers. The first watch took place at the end of last October on Milton Road, with the fourteen volunteers of Milborne's CSW taking part in dozens more sessions at this and the two other locations that were approved by Dorset Police – CSW is part of, and supported by, the county force's Road Safe organisation.

The presence of people standing by the roadside in high visibility jackets undoubtedly has the effect of slowing the speed of some drivers travelling over the limit, but most hourly sessions see the registration plates of a handful of cars being noted. These are then officially recorded and passed to the Road Safe coordinator and cautionary letters sent in a similar process to 'speeding tickets'. Up to the 20th July, 47 sessions had taken place (15 others being cancelled due to wet weather or visibility) across the three monitor sites – Milton Road, Dorchester Hill and Blandford Hill – with a total of 14,623 vehicles passing the speed team. Of these, 57 drivers were reported to Dorset Police for speeding, including one travelling at 47mph in Milton Road, which has been the highest recorded speed in a 30mph zone by the team. Police had clocked a driver on this stretch of road in May, before CSW began in Milborne, speeding at 55mph. The Poole man was fined £315, including costs, in court. Dorset Police continue to support Milborne CSW, with data from the group aiding the force and directing where resources may be placed – if a particular site shows habitual speeding, then the police will include the site in their own speed watches, resulting in fines for speeding drivers. Recently a volunteer from the Milborne team was invited to accompany a police officer to take part in a live speed enforcement session on Milton Road (see photo). The approved monitoring location on Blandford Hill, opposite the junction of Lane End, is within the 40mph zone and a driver speeding at 61mph has been recorded here.



Most drivers that pass the CSW team in Milborne will agree with the aims of the group, especially those drivers that actually live in the village. However, volunteers do receive a certain amount of negative reaction from some drivers, which can be rude hand gestures to shouts of "get a life" and similar. Speed Watch members could well counter that with, "actually, we aim to save a life", but volunteers are not permitted to get involved with irate drivers, although leaflets are carried by the team to give to the public to explain our presence. In one session, a driver was recorded at travelling at well over the 30mph limit. The vehicle then pulled over further up the road and team members were perturbed to see him walking towards them. Rather than hurling abuse at them though, the driver approached the team to apologise for speeding through the village, which made for a welcome change!

The team has recently acquired a Dictaphone, which was funded by the Parish Council and was received with thanks. This enables ease of recording the details of speeding vehicles. Speed watch sessions are continuing throughout the year, at all times of the day and week – we hope not to be recording your details anytime soon!

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**The Neighbourhood Plan
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**At the vote on 8th
August 2019**

The majority of those that voted in the village, said **"YES"** to accept the Neighbourhood Plan for Milborne St Andrew.

MILBORNE ST ANDREW NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REFERENDUM DECLARATION OF RESULT OF POLL

I, Kerry Pitt-Kerby, being the Deputy Counting Officer for Dorset Council at the Referendum held on Thursday 8 August 2019 under the Neighbourhood Planning (Referendums) Regulations 2012, give notice that the result of votes cast is as follows:-

Description	Votes Recorded
Number cast in favour of a "YES"	281
Number cast in favour of a "NO"	29

The number of ballot papers rejected was as follows:-

(a) Want of official mark	
(b) Voting for more candidates than voter was entitled to	
(c) Writing or mark by which voter could be identified	
(d) Being unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty	
(e) Rejected in Part	
Total Spoilt Votes	0

Electorate: 894 The total number of votes cast was 310 a turnout of 34.7%

I do hereby declare that more than half of those voting have voted IN FAVOUR / AGAINST the Milborne St Andrew Neighbourhood Plan.

Dated Thursday 8 August 2019

Matt Prosser
Counting Officer

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As shown on the declaration, the results are:

Yes = 281: No = 29

This equals 310 in total, and there were no spoiled papers.

And gives an overall result of 90.6% in favour.

310 is a 34.7% turnout of the 894 possible voters on the electoral roll for Milborne St Andrew, this is similar to other Neighbourhood Plan referendum turnouts.

The plan is scheduled to be officially included as part of the development plan for the area at Dorset Council's Cabinet meeting on 1 October 2019.

What about the planning applications?

The Neighbourhood Plan and lack of housing across Dorset triggered a lot of planning applications last year, including from landowners whose sites weren't chosen to be included in the Plan, trying to get their plans approved before the Neighbourhood Plan came into force. The application for 25 dwellings at Huntley Down was reconsidered by the Planning Committee in July in light of the more advanced stage of the Neighbourhood Plan and this time around members considered it should be refused (and the Planning Inspectorate has also turned down the larger scheme). At the time of going to press, we are still waiting to hear the decisions on the other sites - both for the site allocated in the plan (where the outline application is for a mixed use scheme including up to 61 residential units, business units and a pre-school nursery, as well as a larger area of greenspace) and for three of the rejected sites (that are proposing about 150 further homes and other community facilities in addition).

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
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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

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M.A. Neighbourcar	Nigel Hodder	01258 470333
Wednesday Social Club	Sheila Burton	01258 839033
Women's Institute	Lesley Clarke	01929 471732

GENERAL – YOUTH

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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 101
	PCSO Luke Goddard 101
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SCHOOL

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

SPECIAL INTEREST

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Milborne Players	Roy Sach	01258 837033
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Badminton	David Payne	01258 837700
Circuit training	Grace Martin	01305 213885
Cricket – Dewlish	Elaine Kellaway	01258 837696
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Football – Under 14s

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Tennis	Rich Hawker	07393 309037
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Milborne St. Andrew		
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Booking Secretary:	Alison Riddle	01258 837148

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October

1st to 31st

Make a will month Weldmare Hospicecare – see page 23.

**Wednesday 2nd
Friday 4th**

Wednesday Club talk by Brian Bates – see page 27.
Milborne Movies 'Fisherman's Friends' Village Hall
Doors and bar open 7.00pm Film starts 7.30pm – see pages 18 and 27.

Sunday 6th

Harvest Festival St. Andrew's church cooked breakfast 9.15am. Service 9.45am – see pages 9 and 30.

Monday 14th

Reporter mid-day deadline for copy.

Wednesday 16th

Parish Council meeting Village Hall 7.30pm.

Thursday 17th

Gardening Club Quiz Village Hall 7.30pm – see pages 9 and 14.

Thursday 17th

WI AGM Poole Lighthouse Theatre Main speaker Tom Heap from Countryfile – see page 31.

Saturday 19th

Quiz night with pizza and chips The Royal Oak function room 7.00pm £7.50 per head including food – see below.

Saturday 26th

Village Lunch Village Hall 12.15pm to 2.00pm £7 per head – see page 2 for menu.

Saturday 26th

Milborne's got the Blues Village Hall doors open 7.30pm £10 – see pages 25 and 30.

Tuesday 29th

Theatre Fideri Fidera Village Hall 10am £6, £5 under 18 £20 family – see page 25.



Quiz night

With pizza and chips

19th October

7.00pm

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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

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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 – part two

DORSET Police Cyber Protect Officer Chris Conroy takes another look at how social media can be used against us – and what we can do to protect ourselves.

Hello! Chris here again, with part two of the six ways in which social media can be used against us.

Just to refresh your memories, last time we covered my brush with a fairly incompetent cyber criminal, how details can be skimmed from our profiles, how scammers try to befriend us, and how social media can be used to distribute malware.

This time round, we'll take a look at three more ways people can get their hands on our information . . . even information we thought was gone forever . . .

So, without further ado, let's jump back in with number four.

4. Malicious apps:

You may remember 2018's Cambridge Analytica scandal. It rocked Facebook and, for a very short amount of time, made people more aware of how their data could be misused. The issue stemmed from information being collected by apps and games within Facebook, and used to target users with adverts and information relating to political issues.

This is one borderline legitimate way in which our information can be taken. After all, with the Cambridge Analytica case, the information was taken from apps which the user had given permission to access and use their data. Admittedly, it might not have been very transparent, but there are some much worse offenders out there.

Have you ever seen those apps that let you see who has blocked you on Instagram? Or one that lets you see which Twitter accounts follow you back? If you've ever used one of those applications, you may well have given an unknown third party complete access to your data.

Apps which offer enhanced features – ones not typically available within the social media platform's own app or website – are quite likely to be fraudulent. These apps make promises of unlocking "hidden features" in order to hook unsuspecting victims, and misuse the permissions we give them to rifle through our personal data.

Solution:

Be careful when installing third party applications. Take a look at reviews and comments from other users. If an application, or an app developer, doesn't look particularly trustworthy, assume it is not.

On installation, the app will ask for certain permissions to be granted. Check these thoroughly, and ask yourself why it needs each permission. If it seems like it's overstepping the mark with what it wants access to, do not grant it. The same goes for mobile apps too. We've seen examples where a torch app on a mobile phone wanted access to text messages. It's been quite some time, and we still haven't been able to think of a good reason why the app would need that!

5. Compromised friends:

Have you ever been tagged in one of those posts where your friend seems keen to let you know about a really good deal on Ray-Bans? Or the one that's doing the rounds at the moment, about a miracle weight loss product?

It's usually pretty clear when a friend has had their account compromised, and it's often because they've clicked on a dodgy link or something along those lines. However, this isn't always the case. Phishing emails often play a part in taking over a social media account. This then gives the scammer the ability to interact with their victims as if they are one of their trusted friends, colleagues or family members.

A common practice is to reach out to friends and family to ask for money. It could be that they claim their PayPal account is locked, and they need help with a purchase. It could be that they are in a spot of bother on holiday, and need some money to get home.

You can see how this could be effective. After all, no one wants to leave a friend or family member in a bad situation. The problem being, of course, that the money ends up in the scammer's pocket.

Don't forget, as I can attest, it's not just hacked accounts we need to be mindful of. It's very easy to clone a Facebook account and send messages in someone else's name.

Solution:

Take the time to think about any messages you receive, particularly if they are uncharacteristic. If your friend doesn't usually ask to borrow money, but has just popped up doing exactly that, it could be a sign that something is amiss.

Try to verify any requests through a different medium, for example through a text message or a phone call. It may be that the friend has absolutely no idea what you're talking about, which is a clear indication that their account has been hacked.

Do not immediately trust any links you receive, even if they come from a trusted contact, particularly if it relates to an offer that's "too good to be true".

If you suspect an account may have been cloned, check your messages/contacts. This generally affects things like Facebook Messenger, where you don't have to be in a person's friends list to message them. If an account appears in your contacts twice, there's a strong chance it's been cloned. You can report cloned accounts directly to Facebook in their apps or on the website.

6. Deleted information:

In the immortal words of C. Montgomery Burns, of The Simpsons fame . . .

"Don't forget, you're here forever."

If you post something online you can delete it, you can edit it, you can do whatever you want, but sometimes it will still be there. Somewhere.

Things you think are long gone may actually be quite easy to retrieve so, if you post anything particularly sensitive, don't assume the "delete" button will save the day!

Solution:

We're going to loop back to the advice we gave for number one here. Think about what you post. Don't post anything you wouldn't want a stranger to see! And remember . . . once you click "post", it's out of your hands.

And there you have it. Six ways in which social media can be used against us. This list is by no means exhaustive, of course, but covers some of the key issues. Bear these things in mind when you're out there in cyber space, and you'll find it a much safer place.

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. Visit CyberAware.gov.uk for some password advice.

Once you've got your passwords 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 into your account. Find out more about Two Factor Authentication, including how to activate it, at www.turnon2fa.com.

All this talk of social media has reminded me . . . we're on Facebook (www.facebook.com/dorsetpolicecybercrime) and Twitter (www.twitter.com/dp_cybercrime) too! We try to post timely updates and warnings about ongoing scams, and things you might want to be aware of, so head on over and give us a like.

And, as ever, if you're part of a community group or business, feel free to get in touch. I'm always on hand for cyber security talks, so drop me an email at cybercrimeprevention@dorset.pnn.police.uk to find out more.

Until next time, stay safe out there.

Chris Conroy – Dorset Police Cyber Protect Officer

Family Halloween party

LADYBIRDS playschool and Busy Bees playgroup are holding a joint fundraising Family Halloween party, Friday 1st November 5.00 – 7.00pm, at the Milborne Sports pavilion. Tickets £2.50 per child (under 1's and adults free) in advance from Dione or Liz (07530741875) or on the night. Fancy dress very welcome, please bring your carved pumpkins for our competition (£1 entry). Lots of spooky activities, disco, bar, hot dogs and cakes also available!



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Weldmar Hospicecare
Caring for Dorset

Weldmar Hospicecare launch 'Make A Will Month', offering a free Will writing service during October

Weldmar Hospicecare has launched their first 'Make A Will Month', taking place this October, where local people can take advantage of a free Will writing service with a number of local solicitors.

It's estimated that just over half of all adults in the UK do not have a Will, which would ensure their money and property goes to the right people, and saves additional stress for the family at a difficult time.

Selected local branches of Kitson & Trotman, Blanchards Bailey, Porter Dodson, Humphries Kirk, and Battens will be offering the free service at appointments during October, with a suggested donation to Weldmar Hospicecare from anyone taking up the offer in return.

Sarah Balchin is Weldmar's Legacy Fundraiser, and says, "Having a Will is really important, and can provide peace of mind at the most difficult time. We are delighted that a number of local solicitors have come on board and we thank them for giving their time to this important campaign, so that we can encourage more people to write their Will".

Make A Will Month coincides with the launch of a campaign by the charity to get more people to consider leaving a gift in their Will to Weldmar Hospicecare. Gifts left in Wills directly contributes to the care of one in three patients in the last year of life.

With demand on services increasing by a predicted 25% over the next five years, leaving a gift in your Will now will ensure we are there for anyone who needs end of life care in the future.

To find out which solicitor is offering the service in your area, and to make an appointment, please visit the Weldmar Hospicecare website.

For more information or interview requests, please contact James O'Neill on 01305 261800 or james.oneill@weld-hospice.org.uk

Understanding your food dates

IN general food law requires pre packed food to have a date mark. Depending on the food type this is either a 'use by' date or a 'best before' date.

The use by date is about safety and is the most important date to remember! Food with a use by date goes off quickly even if it is stored correctly and looks and smells fine. You find it on food such as meat products or ready-prepared salads. Food can be eaten up until the use by date but should not be eaten after the date has passed. Most food, including meat and milk, can be frozen up until the use by date too. The food can then be defrosted and eaten at a later date. In these circumstances the use by date will no longer apply, but the food will still be a type of food that goes off quickly so should be eaten quickly once defrosted. For the use by to be a valid guide you must carefully follow storage instructions.

The best before date is about quality and not safety. The food will be safe to eat after this date but the food may no longer be at its best. Its flavour and texture for example might not be as good. The best before date appears on a wide range of frozen, dried, tinned and other foods. The best before date will only be accurate if the food is stored according to the instructions on the label.

Shops can sell food once the 'best before' date has passed, however selling food past its 'use by' date is a criminal offence and can lead to prosecution. Dorset Council Trading Standards would like to know if you find someone selling food past its use by date.

To report something to Trading Standards or for advice about goods or services you have bought please contact the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 03454 040506.



Operation Snap launches in Dorset

A SECURE website that allows the public to upload video and photos of driving incidents.

Dorset Police has announced the launch of Operation Snap, a secure online portal through which members of the public can upload dashcam or otherwise filmed video and digital photographs of road traffic incidents which they have witnessed.

The facility was produced with the support of the Department for Transport (DfT). Chief Inspector Adrian Leisk, head of Alliance Roads Policing, said: "We have been receiving complaints from members of the public about dangerous and anti-social driving for some time, and there is a significant demand for a facility such as Operation Snap.

"It allows us to effectively deal with digital footage and photos of traffic offences in a safe and secure way, whilst making the investigation process simple and straightforward for the police and members of the public.

"Dorset Police has a determined and robust approach to policing the roads in our force area and will take every opportunity to make them safer for everyone.

"Operation Snap is just such an opportunity as it increases the likelihood of the dangerous, careless or inconsiderate driver being caught. Driver education or penalties applied because of evidence submitted to Operation Snap helps to modify driver behaviour."

The secure portal can be accessed via the force website: www.dorset.police.uk/opsnap

The public are urged to read fully the extensive question and answer section (FAQs) on the website before uploading digital material, and also to remember the following:

The secure form is for traffic offences, it is NOT for submitting footage of road traffic collisions or any other offences, or for parking issues. They must be able to provide the registration number of the offending vehicle. They should be prepared to sign a witness statement and possibly give evidence in court.

Statements for Operation Snap can only be accepted from persons aged 18 or over. If you are under 18 the incident should be reported by email to 101@dorset.pnn.police.uk. Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner Martyn Underhill said: "I'm very pleased there has been a sustained drop in the number of people killed or seriously injured on Dorset's roads over the last seven years and I hope this system will provide yet another tool to help us continue to make our roads even safer, by empowering responsible motorists to help the police take dangerous drivers off the road."

Anyone for bridge?

SADLY summer is now over so the Milborne St. Andrew social Bridge group will be reverting to our winter schedule. We will be meeting in The Royal Oak on Thursday evenings when there is no scheduled 'Pie Night' or 'Theme Night', or Wednesday evenings if there is, all starting at 7.00pm. The October schedule will be: Thursday 3rd; Wednesday 9th; Thursday 17th; Wednesday 23rd; and Thursday 31st

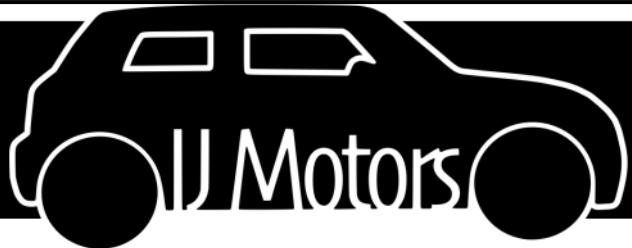
There are currently around 10 members – some of whom can only play on Wednesday and others who can only make Thursday but there are generally around six to eight of us available each week.

The aim of the group is to provide an opportunity to learn and improve your playing skills in a social and 'blame free' environment. As the evenings draw in now is a good time for anyone with an interest in finding out about bridge to make a start by joining the group where you will be made very welcome. For anyone who has never played before instruction will be provided. In fact, several of our 'regulars' had never played before joining the group but have enjoyed the way of learning and improving their game. There is no charge for joining or playing.

If you would like to try something new or to improve your playing skills by regular practice and would like more information please contact me, Laurie Benn, on 01258 837720 or by email at laurie@benn.me.uk

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We are so excited to be bringing the talented young blues harmonica player, Will Wilde, and his band to Milborne for the next edition of our charity Blues Nights.

Will Wilde has taken the harmonica way beyond its blues roots since he first emerged on the music scene in 2010. Always pushing forward, evolving and redefining his sound, he now takes the rock world by storm earning the accolade of "the Hendrix of the harmonica".

On his latest album, *Bring it on Home*, Will's hard-edged harmonica steals the spotlight from the traditional rock guitar, with a sound that owes as much to Jimmy Page or Ritchie Blackmore as it does to Sonny Boy Williamson or Little Walter.

Will comes from a musical family. "Music was always around me." He says. "British hard rock and blues was the soundtrack to my childhood." His grandfather was a wartime jazz 'n' blues pianist and his sister, Dani Wilde, is an acclaimed blues and country singer in her own right.

Will's playing featured in the More Than insurance TV advert (the harmonica playing cat) – we can only echo the message . . . this cat can play!

This time we will be raising funds for Dorset Mind, a local mental health charity.

Tickets (£10) from Clive on 01258 837280 or 07910 875184. email cliverawlins@hotmail.co.uk or Facebook

Breaking news . . . Will and his band will be joined by a special guest, our very own good friend and brilliant singer, Zoe Schwarz. This will make for an exceptionally exciting night of live music, so get your bookings in early to avoid disappointment



Theatre Fideri Fidera – Ogg 'n' Ugg 'n' Dogg

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Digital Champion

SUPERFAST Dorset team at Dorset Council have some news about our new Digital Champions and how this army of volunteers is helping people all around Dorset to improve their digital skills. We would be very grateful if you could include this information in your next edition; we know the offline community love their local and parish magazines such as yours so it is a great way for us to reach these people.

We have a Digital Champion in your area; please feel free to drop in and see him.

We have asked your local Digital Champion to send you details of where and when sessions are run; please feel free to add these to the article. If you don't hear from him, come back to me and I will supply this detail. Alternatively you might want to interview your local Digital Champion for a future edition – what makes him volunteer, why they think it's important, perhaps.

We will send you more news for people who are offline, roughly once a month; we would be delighted if you could help us by raising awareness of these issues and how people can get help to get online or improve their digital skills. With more and more services going online, we feel it is crucial that people are supported to benefit from the internet.

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Sam McLaren—Superfast Dorset, Dorset Council

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Wednesday Club news

OUR very own Dave Andrews both informed and entertained us at the Wednesday Club on 7th August in the Village Hall. Dave grew up on a farm where as a boy his love of tractors and large mechanical vehicles gave him his future employment, he drove tractors as a boy and later bulldozers and diggers as a man.

Dave has spoken to us before and is a very entertaining speaker, this time he talked about things that he had found when clearing sites for building work etc before the present time of recycling. Anything he found worth money could be saved. He brought along a collection of many varied smaller articles that he had discovered in various sites. There were some beautiful tiny animal shapes that were discovered which must have been used as moulds for jewellery, in an old building that had been a silversmiths which was being bulldozed. He also showed us some little cars and tracks that had been made as prototypes by Matchbox toys but never put on sale. At another site he found a roman Tear catcher, the Victorians were into putting tears in a bottle and putting them in a coffin to show respect for the dead person and these older Roman relics may have been used for this although some historians think they were used to hold other liquids like perfumed oil.

At one site Dave was warned to stop his bulldozer as an unexploded bomb was beneath him! When clearing marsh land at another site, they found a German bomber, in very good condition, full of bombs! Another time in 1958 Dave discovered a vacuum cleaner, which worked so he gave it to his mother who was delighted as she did not own one!

These are just a few examples of things that Dave found in the course of doing the work he loved and we thank him again for an enjoyable afternoon.

Lis Watts

FOR our September meeting on the 4th we were out and about again for a cream tea. This time we visited the garden centre at Owermoigne, once Wyevale, now Dobbies. Although it was good to meet up again with friends, sadly the centre itself was disappointing. Dobbies has not yet stamped its personality on the the place. Perhaps we need to pop back at a later stage once they are established.

Our meeting on October 2nd will be a talk by Brian Bates based on his collection of photographs of in and around Dorchester. We will also be collecting names for the Christmas Party.

November 6th is our AGM when our revised Constitution will be available. Sorry, it will also be subscription time!

José Thomas

Hedgehogs this summer

It has been quite a quiet year for reports of hedgehogs in the village, but the ones there have been have mostly been of regular visitors. For myself, I have only had one brief visit for three nights when the hedgehog food was eaten from the food shelter. I left the food tray out in the open but I suspect the food was taken by a cat.

I learned recently that in a nearby village a shelter for a tortoise was shared by a female hedgehog which actually produced some young in the shelter. I have not heard what happened to the family later.

I have spent some time on North Ronaldsay, the most northerly of the Orkney Islands which is a tiny four square miles, where I have been working as a volunteer. There, the attitude to hedgehogs is quite different to ours. In 1987 a pair of hedgehogs was taken to the islands where there had been none before. They bred successfully but there has been increasing concern about the hedgehogs impact because of their predation on the eggs of ground nesting birds, particularly arctic terns. A review of their number and habitats was established. The numbers were estimated to be in the region of 500, and as a result 200 were located back to the Scottish mainland. However, the nesting birds are mostly in the middle of fields or in open ground. As a result it is unlikely the hedgehogs are a problem, although the numbers with no predators or competitors on such a small island seem excessive. Wouldn't it be nice if we had those numbers!

Pip Bowell

Introducing "Let's Get Walking"

I RECENTLY retired from full time work and having a love of the great outdoors have spent my summer researching walks in our beautiful surrounding countryside. Circular walks that are between two and four miles long that will take one to two hours.

Many of us love the idea of getting out for a walk, but do the same route over and over, would maybe love to try somewhere new, but not want to walk alone or are not confident enough to go off exploring . . . well, I have done the hard work, had strange conversations with people seemingly in the middle of nowhere and appearing to be a strange woman walking alone (yes, I can hear those who know me confirming this is the case), spoken to landowners and retraced my steps on several occasions also had a couple of run ins with herds of curious cattle questioning why I was in their field!

We are being reminded more and more about the physical and mental health benefits of walking – so, Let's Get Walking will take you outdoors, filling your lungs with fresh clean air and clearing cobwebs from your brains come rain or shine, hug the occasional tree if the tree is worthy and give you the opportunity to join in and socialise, make friends knowing you are in the company of someone who can guide you from start to finish.

There will be two walks a week aiming for Tuesdays and Thursday or Fridays – the walks will go ahead regardless of the weather unless it is deemed too dangerous. Where possible they will start and finish at or near a local pub or cafe, if you want you can choose to stay afterwards and have a drink and chat. If there is no facility, bring your own drink and I will supply refreshments in the form of cake or biscuits!

You may worry that you are not fit enough to join in or that you don't know anyone. Let's Get Walking is about inclusion and having fun, no one will be left behind. Distances and difficulty of walks will be detailed and I am on hand to answer any questions through my website, email or Facebook – please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

There is a small fee for each walk and you will receive weekly emails with updates for the forthcoming weeks.

I can be contacted via Email: letsgetwalking1@gmail.com. Website www.letsgetwalking.co.uk or via Facebook – Let's Get Walking

Come and join us – you will be very welcome

Sandie Sach



Milborne Movies are showing 'Fisherman's Friends'

in Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall
on Friday 4th October.

Doors and Bar open 7.00; film starts 7.30pm

A FAST-living, cynical London music executive (Danny Mays) heads to a remote Cornish village on a stag weekend where he's pranked by his boss (Noel Clarke) into trying to sign a group of shanty singing fishermen (led by James Purefoy). He becomes the ultimate 'fish out of water' as he struggles to gain the respect and enthusiasm of the unlikely boy band and their families (including Tuppence Middleton) who value friendship and community over fame and fortune. As he's drawn deeper into the traditional way of life he's forced to re-evaluate his own integrity and ultimately question what success really means.

Mike McCahill of *The Guardian* said, "This gentle, sweet-natured comedy has warmth and a certain X factor of likability, helped by big-hearted performances from a cast including Daniel Mays and Tuppence Middleton."



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Village History Group Report

Meeting held on Wednesday 11th September 2019

ALTHOUGH a small, but select, group we shared not just research, but personal histories. Alice Harrell led us through the longevity of the Dorset Horn sheep from B.C. through the Domesday Book records showing 800 of the curly horned, plump, merino clad creatures, nine head of cattle and 109 pigs, to the present day. This illustrated their importance to the local economy. Some experts think their veins still



Sheep dipping in Burton Bradstock

run with the blood of prehistoric flocks! They daily grazed on local pastures and arable at night, their ewes able to lamb throughout the year. In 1724 Daniel Defoe counted 600,000 within a six mile radius of Dorchester. The poet William Barnes whilst watching the sheep noted the sound of their bells, miniature versions of those worn by cows in Switzerland. They warned the shepherd if things were not well by the alteration of their sound. There is still a "washpool" in Martinstown where fleeces were washed of oil in order to fetch a higher price. In the 1800's the Dorset Horn was crossed with the Somerset Horn to improve the breed. A Mr Lenthall even took them to Australia to cross them with a Tasmanian horn-less breed crossed again on return to create a "poll" version! There followed reminiscences from the group, of sheep being driven down Milborne St. Andrew's streets.

The history of **Dorset Buttons** was examined originally based on the horn of the

Dorset Horn sheep covered with needle-worked thread. Metal rings were later used and different styles emerged. Basically a crosswheel and later many intricately weaved styles. Linen yarns were used for quality and commercial work some cheaper versions in woollen yarn. In 1622 a Mr Abraham Case moved to Shaftsbury and set up the first commercial button making enterprise in a small workshop using some "outworkers". Buttons were graded by quality. The finest, export grade, were mounted onto pink cards, domestic quality on dark blue cards and the lowest quality on yellow cards. "Buttoney" became an important industry controlled by the Case family and it grew with a second depot opening in Bere Regis and agencies in Milborne St. Andrew, Poole and other places. New forms of buttons were developed with imported wire coming from the Midlands by wagon replacing the former horn discs. Ring making was carried out by children; "Twisters" who formed the rings and "Dippers" who soldered them shut! There was further discussion on local industries including the **Dairy** (see page 32).

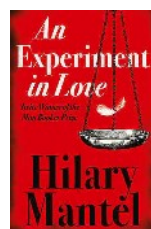
The next meeting of the Group will be 9th October 2019. Details to be announced later. *Carole Fornachon* (in Pam Shults' absence)



Dorset Horn Ram – Melplash Show 2006

A Good Read:

An Experiment in Love by Hilary Mantel



THIS is a portrayal of not so likeable people in whom the reader remains interested even whilst repelled! That may sound a strange introduction to a, once again, amazing but sad, sad tale written by one of our most inventive and engaging writers. Without resistance it drags you into the hearts of the characters. We feel their sufferings, their fleeting joys, their hopes and confusions. The main character is Carmel McBain. She comes from a working class Catholic background. Her mother appears emotionally stunted, self righteous, angry and annihilating who covers her daughter with elaborate embroidery. It is a 'picture novel' which charts the excruciating maturation process of the main characters. Carmel's sheltered upbringing does not prepare her for a London college and Roman Catholic run girls' hostel in the 60's drowning in sex, love and birth control. She studies hard and starves herself on a scholarship grant. It is fast moving with a witty narrator who reveals outright descriptive mastery. The core cultural context employs all five senses.

She is accompanied on her life changing journey by Karina, a hostile and violent girl from her home town. Their relationship is one of mutual hatred and suspicion. It seems that Carmel can never leave her former self behind. There are thematic similarities with Muriel Sparks' book "The Girls of Slender Means". In her criticism Margaret Atwood calls it 'contaminated love'. Hence the somewhat ambiguous title. It seems that Karina is Carmel's personal albatross who constantly drags her back down the plug hole of memory into a dire childhood. She is loaded down with loyalty and obligation. There are no wasted words. It is immediate, acutely observed, vivid, funny and bleak. Moral confusion reigns throughout portrayed with metaphors and similes as Carmel gets sadder and wiser. There are some wonderful phrases, a bowl of soup is described as an "uncleaned aquarium in which vegetable matter swam". Parsnips (a new vegetable to her) remind her of "ogres' penises". I can't recommend this book more highly. It has a cool tone, a detached stance and will keep you riveted until the unbelievable ending.

Carole Fornachon

Tip of the Month

ALTHOUGH summer has officially passed, there are lots of visitors coming here to enjoy all that Dorset has to offer. As a resident of Dorset you may also be taking some time out, either relaxing in your garden or taking in one of the many local beauty spots.

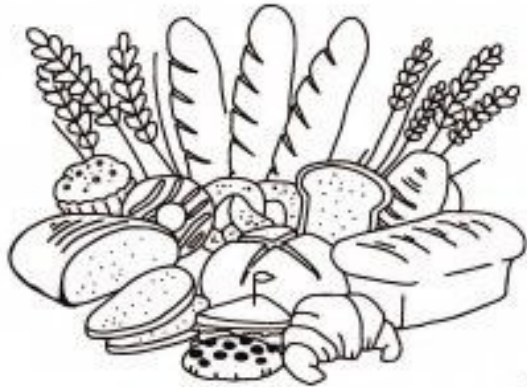
Before you settle down to enjoy your time out think, have you secured your vehicle? As with our homes, an open car door or window is an invitation to the opportunist thief.

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- Keep driving documents and your personal correspondence at home.
- Remove the key and lock your vehicle whilst refuelling and paying.
- Don't leave your Sat Nav on display, or in the glove box or boot and rub away the tell-tale ring it leaves on your windscreen

And whilst you secure your vehicle, also think about your pets and never leave your dog alone in a car, especially on a warm day, as even with the windows open, it can very quickly become unbearably hot.

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Button-making in Dorset . . . at the September WI

THE art and craft of button-making originated in Dorset and our first speaker of the new season, Rosalind Atkins, is well-versed in both the history and their production. While she talked about the different styles of buttons, we valiantly tried to make one ourselves!

Abraham Case set up the first commercial button making enterprise in 1622 in Shaftesbury, using outworkers working from home in the evenings after a day on the farm and this became an important source of income for many poor families. Nearer to home, agencies were set up in Milborne St. Andrew and Bere Regis.

Machine-made buttons signalled the decline of home-made buttons and was the cause of much destitution. Hand-made Dorset buttons are always much admired, with different styles such as High Tops, Dorset Knobs, Birdeyes, Singletons and Crosswheels. (King Charles is reputed to have worn a High Top button on his waistcoat as he went to execution).

Business followed with Lesley working her way heroically through all of the summer's correspondence. Skittles matches have been arranged. Pub lunches will start again in October. Our Annual meeting at the Lighthouse Theatre in Poole is on 17th October, with Tom Heap from Countryfile as our main speaker.

Veronica reported back on Bookends, who have met twice during the summer, the first to discuss a thriller by Canadian author Lindwood Barclay, which was followed by a 'cream tea' – a tradition for the August meeting started by Shirley Dunkley. Josie was invited to the meeting and was presented with a voucher for two for a Posh Tea at The Priory in Wareham as a 'thank-you' for all the years she has hosted the book club. Our recent meeting looked at a thriller by Dorset author Minette Walters, generally considered a good read. We move on to 'The Buddha in the Attic' by Julie Otsuka, a moving account of Japanese women becoming US brides.

Open Meeting: At our next meeting on Thursday, 10th October - one to which all are invited as we think it may be of interest to many - Colin Varndell will talk about the Hedgehog Predicament. Please come along and join us; refreshments will be available, and we would love to see you.

Pat Bull



Parish Council hears Huntley Down gets go ahead

AFTER a break for the summer, the Parish Council (PC) returned with a full agenda for September's meeting, with news that the refusal for the plan of 25 homes at Huntley Down had been overturned to allow the build to go ahead. Dorset Council Planning Committee had originally dismissed the proposal in July by a vote of six councillors to four, with aspects of the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) being cited as reason to object. However, in September, a technicality brought the plan back to the committee, who this time voted nine to one to approve it. It was acknowledged that it went against the NP but "substantial community benefits" outweighed this. The stark difference in voting of the two sittings of the committee was surprising and a resident present said he was speaking with his solicitor and also submitting a Freedom of Information request against the council. Parish councillors noted that the process for obtaining the Section 106 sum of money – payable by Wyatt Homes to offset the build – would need to begin.

Preceding the PC meeting was an address by PCSO Mike Sinnick about crime within the parish. After providing statistics of the recorded crime in Milborne in 2019, which had violent crime (which includes domestic abuse) topping the list, he took questions from the public. The parking of cars near junctions was brought up, but PCSO Mike said that although cases may be in contravention of the Highway Code, police cannot intervene unless it is deemed dangerous. He also talked about antisocial behaviour – of which six cases have been reported in Milborne this year – and how it is defined, going through scenarios that could, or may not fall into the category. His presence at the meeting was in part brought about by previous discussion before the summer break about recent vandalism and damage caused around the village, counterbalanced with sparse facilities for young people. New councillor, Jayne Williams, who was co-opted on the PC at the meeting pledged to be a voice for Milborne's younger residents. The PC heard that a trial run of youngsters using vacant open ground near the allotments had gone well although it needed cutting and wasn't suitable for riding bikes as it was flinty.

Retrospective planning permission is being sought for residential use at a property at Greenacres on the A354 past Dorchester Hill. An agricultural building had been converted to living accommodation without permission and following an enforcement investigation, planning has been submitted. It was said that the cattery on site had consent for one living unit on the grounds of business use. Cllr Cherry said the PC needed to be careful since it could be seen as giving carte blanche for residents to turn any building into living space, if they consented to the plans. Cllr Witherden said that if approved, the land would become more valuable since it was residential use, meaning that business use would then be less likely. Councillors agreed four to one abstention in objection to the change of use to residential.

Planning permission was needed also at the Sports Club to erect goal rebound nets to stop wayward balls flying out of the ground. As effective tenants of the Parish Council, the Sports Club is required to seek approval of the PC before applying for planning permission. Since it would be cheaper for the PC to apply rather than it, the Sports Club was also enquiring whether the PC as landlord would apply for permission. Although a laudable suggestion since it saved money for the club, councillors and clerk felt that legally they could not agree to do so. However, they made clear that the Sports Club was welcome to apply for grants to help with the cost of the rebound nets.

It was noted that Dorset Council had reduced the frequency of grass cutting around the village and it was suggested that the PC's budget could be shuffled to provide for paying for cutting on a more regular basis. It was agreed to look into which locations could benefit from extra work, although it was made clear these were to be public areas only.

Ed Richards

Walking for Health in Puddletown

WALKING is underrated as a form of exercise and is ideal for people of all ages and fitness levels who want to be more active. Regular walking has been shown to reduce the risk of chronic illnesses, such as heart disease, type two diabetes, asthma, stroke and some cancers.

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We intend to join the national Walking for Health scheme which is run by the Ramblers as a separate entity with funding support from Sport England. WFH will provide free training to any volunteer and ongoing support to help them fulfil this role. The time commitment is not onerous and the success of other schemes in Dorset is testimony to the enjoyment of all involved.

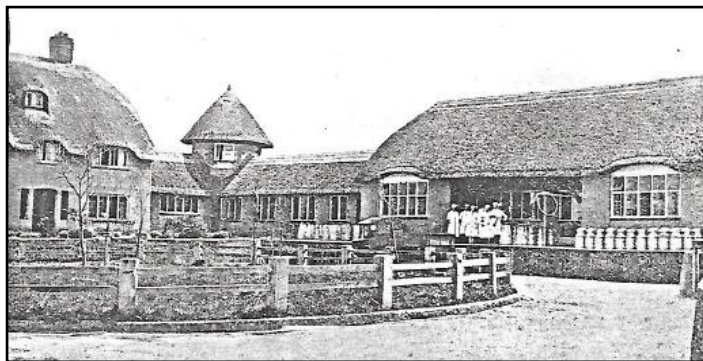
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A Man and his Legacy

MILBORNE Saint Andrew was part of an agricultural and social experiment which earned its creator a knighthood! Ernest Ridley Debenham, grandson of the founder of the Debenham Department Stores, established a Business Centre as part of Bladen Farms, initially in the village of Briantspuddle. Having run the family company from 1900 and accruing a great deal of wealth, he bought farm land the owners of which were forced to sell for financial reasons after the 1914-18 War. These included Milborne Saint Andrew. His decision to marry agriculture with commerce and science boosted the production of home grown foods decreasing our vulnerability to imported goods. The latter was highlighted during the Great War. He had an eye on the migration of farmworkers to the towns and wished to arrest the trend by "readjust(ing) the balance of population and enable(ing) a larger number of workers to live on the land . . ." thereby arresting the trend of migration to the towns.

This was a highly successful venture though years ahead of its time. It became a large demonstration farm with its own internal resources for transport and marketing, acting as a test bed for farming experiments from which all benefitted. He encouraged farmers to cooperate in the marketing of their products and bypassing what he termed "middlemen and intermediaries". The "Old Dairy", behind (the first) 'Ring' at Briantspuddle Farm imported milk from all the dairy farms on the estate for testing, separation and bottling. In all there were two 100 cow dairies run by a staff of six and eight 50 cow dairies



The old dairy at Briantspuddle as it was in 1929. The editor and a few other people from Milborne will remember this building being used as the canteen for the village school which was about 250 yards away. run by a staff of three. About 1,000 gallons of milk per day were processed into "Grade A" milk, butter, cheeses and pig food. The factory contained a fully equipped bacteriological laboratory where the purity and fat percentage of milk was analysed. The workers on the farm producing the milk with the lowest bacterial count received a bonus! 'Grade A' milk was on sale in Parkstone within an hour of leaving the Briantspuddle Dairy. Milk processing was moved to the new Central Dairy in Milborne St Andrew in 1929 to test Ultra Violet sterilisation of milk. Milborne Saint Andrew became the centre of milk

production from then onwards. Milk was processed, packaged in wax cartons (another innovation). The paper cartons called 'Sealcones' were considered much more advantageous, as they were lighter, non-returnable, and being dipped in liquid wax were therefore sterilised immediately prior to being filled with milk and distributed throughout the South of England. Managed by Martin Debenham, Sir Ernest's son, it supplied Cunard and the Home Fleet with milk until it was sold in 1941 to Independent Dairies, later to become Independent Milk Supplies then Express Dairies which was eventually sold on to Grand Metropolitan. The idea behind the new Dairy at Milborne St Andrew, with its head office at 15 St James's Place, London, SW1 was to deal with the higher production of 10,000 gallons of milk a day for liquid consumption, and another 10,000 gallons for cheese and butter with the whey used for animal feed by the new company that had also been set up called Whey Products Ltd. Steam generators were adapted to make electricity for the Dairy, with the exhaust steam being used for the pasteurisation of the milk. What a model for today's eco generation!

One of the last remaining inhabitants of Briantspuddle to have worked at the Bladen Dairies, remembered an experiment to test the sterilisation of milk from the MSA dairy: milk was taken to Cape Town and thence to Salisbury (Rhodesia) where half was opened and found to be fit - the remainder was returned to Milborne St. Andrew where it, too, was found to be in good condition. Sadly the Great Crash in 1929 caused prices to tumble. There was record unemployment and industrial disruption. Many businesses were struggling to survive including farming. This affected Sir Ernest and one of Britain's foremost pioneers had to accept the gradual selling of his lands, businesses and farms. He was eventually forced to sell the dairy to Independent Dairies in 1941, (as mentioned above) and by the time he died in 1952, most of the rest had gone despite having changed focus and diversified. This included close cooperation with the Estate poultry farm, West of England Egg Producers Ltd. so that local egg producers could send their eggs there and receive the same benefits as the dairy farmers. He had been an enterprising, self sufficient idealist thinking on a large scale from an early age. His method of dairying foreshadowed the Milk Marketing Board which was not established until the 1930's. Housing for staff was also one of his innovations. The first 12 cottages had an expansive and symmetrical layout with a sympathetic use of natural materials and local crafts. It was his belief that those housed in them, as a rule, gave better work. Unusually for the time, they had inside baths and lavatories, quarter acre gardens and oil powered generators. Several of the houses had 'floating' upper floors where temporary employees could be accommodated. This enterprising move, together with the planting of walnut trees (for good nutrition) marked him out as a man with ideas years ahead of his time. The houses, trees and dairy still stand as a testament to his brilliance. A change agent in this village.

Carole Fornachon

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Casting call for panto

DICK Whittington is on his journey, knapsack on his shoulder and cat by his side. The casting is underway with rehearsals starting on Monday 7th October. King Rat could still do with a few more followers so any youngsters or adults interested in joining him to cause havoc are very welcome to get in touch. The Sultan would also be grateful of some help with pest and visitor control. Again, youngsters or adults welcome. There are always extra hands needed for panto in varying capacity so if you fancy just getting involved generally then please contact me on 07702 124579.

Production dates are 6th to 8th February 2020.

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Caroline Nobbs – Director and Producer for DW2020



Milborne Players

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Then and Now As it was impossible to get where this photograph was taken I have taken two but feel sure you all know what it looks like now. Even this was quite dangerous to take!

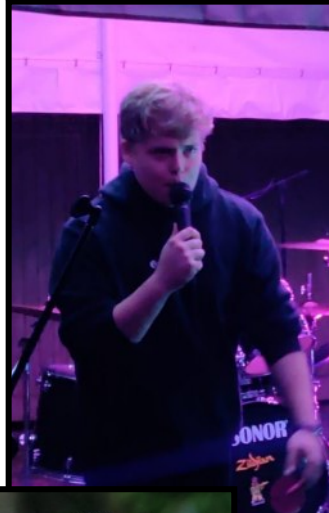
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 Always a reason to pop along.
 And along we've popped for a long time
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