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MSA Gardening Club . . . the year ahead



In November, the Gardening Club held a successful end of season AGM and social event. Having successfully led our club for many years, Sally Dyer stepped down as Chairman and Bill Love became our new Chairman. That was followed by a quiz, mulled wine and mince pies. We have an interesting programme planned for 2023; starting on Thursday 19th January with a talk on 'companion planting'. We meet in the Village Hall at 7.30pm . . . why not come along?



Above: Saying 'thank you' to Sally Dyer'

Below: The quiz winning team

Bottom: Val . . . overall monthly competition winner for 2022.



Further meetings during winter and spring include presentations on 'fragrance in the garden', 'gardening for a changing climate', how to make a raised bed and how to make a mobile plant pot base.

Everyone is welcome to come to our events and if you decide to become a member, for just £12.00 you'll enjoy several benefits including 25% off all compost bought from Gardens Group garden centres in January, plug plants to grow-on at home, 25% off everything bought from Gardens Group garden centres on our arranged day in May, trips to gardens, daffodil bulbs to plant in the autumn, interesting talks and an opportunity to win a prize in our monthly 'bring along something from your garden' competition . . . all with a friendly group of people, tea, coffee and biscuits!

Mark Johnson

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Village Hall News

THE hall has been looking very festive both inside and out thanks to the Christmas “elves”! Sadly we will not be able to hold a New Year party as we come back to the usual problem of finding enough people to be there on the night. The idea of bringing your fish and chip supper to the hall though does seem to be something that people are interested in, so this will be considered in the new year.

Ideas for events are plentiful but we do need to know what you would like and come to. To this end a questionnaire will be winging your way so that you can have your say. It is your village hall and it needs to be used.

The community café continues to be popular; if you haven't been do come along on the second Saturday of the month and also don't forget film night on a Friday once a month – look for the flyers through your door.

The committee wish you all best wishes for 2023.

Linda Wright

News from 1853

Following Pip Bowell's article about the candelabrum in the church the following newspaper article appeared in the *Southern Times & Dorset County Herald* on the 6th August 1853.

SACRILIDGE – During the past week the parish church of Milborne St. Andrew was broken into and some brass sconces stolen therefrom. Mr. Pouncy, the acting Superintendent of police in this town has been on the alert, endeavouring to detect the parties concerned, but as yet without success, except so far as having secured some pieces of brass at the shop of a marine store dealer in Fordington which appeared to form part of the stolen property. A reward of five pounds has been offered for the apprehension of the thieves.

Linda Wright

More than a movie

Mrs Harris goes to Paris

Friday 20th January 2023 at 7.30pm

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Mrs Harris goes to Paris

In partnership with the House of Dior, *Mrs Harris goes to Paris* tells the story of a widowed cleaning lady in 1950s London who falls madly in love with a couture Dior dress, and decides that she must have one of her own. After she works, starves and gambles to raise the funds to pursue her dream, she embarks on an adventure to Paris which will change not only her own outlook, but the very future of the House of Dior.

This is described as a well-directed and well-acted film about an English charwoman who becomes besotted with a Dior dress, and eventually manages to cobble up the funds to go to the House of Dior in Paris to buy one. But a Dior dress is not something she can buy off-the-rack, and so Mrs Harris has time for side adventures. The film is well-directed and well-acted, and allegedly the re-creations of Dior are authentic.

Paul Atterbury at Athelhampton

OVER 60 members of the Dorset Federation of Women's Institutes, including some from our own Milborne WI, attended a talk given by Paul Atterbury at Athelhampton House. This was followed by a very enjoyable lunch and get-together, including raffle. Well-known from the BBC Antiques Roadshow, Paul Atterbury has been an antiques expert since 1979, specialising in Art, Architectural Design and Decorative Arts of the 19th and 20th Centuries. He is a freelance writer, lecturer, broadcaster and exhibition curator.



The theme of Paul's talk was William Morris and the Arts and Crafts Movement, who he was, what he did and the impact on our modern lives. Morris is undoubtedly one of the most familiar names in interior design, a radical Victorian designer and

craftsman, who, along with his friends from university, John Ruskin, Edward Burne-Jones and others, (the Birmingham set) were major contributors to the revival of traditional British textile arts and methods of production.

Morris and his wife commissioned an architect to build them a house in Kent, which would be of historical design, 'medieval in spirit', and over the next two years the interior of the Red House was furnished and decorated in a modern style with help from their circle of artistic friends. This became their theme, outwardly living in the past, but inside was modern. Commissions followed and resulted in the opening of a shop in Oxford Street, where Morris sold wallpapers and textiles, embroidery and tapestries, tiles etc. This innovative and fashionable space offered a new kind of retail experience, where customers would visit to get ideas about design. They were, for instance, able to choose matching wallpaper and fabric; this diverse and co-ordinated look set a clear historical precedent and Morris was the first to do this, an innovation which saw the emergence of the department store.

Morris, Burne-Jones, Rossetti and others, were the names which set the tone for a new world, the Art Nouveau movement. They looked at houses with echoes of the past, but furnished them in the new, modern style, defined by light and air, and what the British liked. This changed the way of living, houses were even being built near railways lines to connect with the workplace, and became suburbia.

The 1871 Married Women's Property Act gave women a new freedom, and began a revolution of sorts, a new national habit in which women were the shoppers. Nationwide there was a real design revolution, the habits we now have are all to do with the Arts and Crafts movement. The adaptation of craft technology, a move started by Morris, spread over Britain. Of particular interest to the audience, Paul explained how much of what Morris did was the forerunner of a new era, opening up personal choice and possibilities, the beginning of modern design, the democratisation of the market. Today we are the inheritors of those attitudes. As Morris once said, 'Have nothing in your houses that you do not know to be useful or believe to be beautiful'. Pat Bull Milborne WI

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The Sports Club: A WIN-WIN situation . . . to some maybe!

OK, so to those that are new to the community, this is where we are at and what we are all about. If in any doubt, come and have a chat, we are very approachable really.

Ever wondered how big the Sports Club site is and how much of a challenge it is to maintain?

Well they are both huge. At a recent social event up at the Pavilion a local resident who has lived in the village for many years expressed surprise at how big the site was. In fact, twice as big as what she thought!



Previously she had only viewed it from Lane End and thought that it ended at the Pavilion. Clearly it doesn't and with thanks to Google maps you can see that if the 7.6 acre site was moved elsewhere in the village it would fill the entire area of Stileham Bank from the Milton Road to the tops of the back gardens.

Managing and maintaining the physical facilities requires a dedicated team that are prepared to put the time and effort in to delivering aspirations, expectations and opportunities covering a wide range of sporting, recreational opportunities. That is an awful lot of balls to keep in the air and every now and again we drop one (careful now) . . . but are then prepared to pick it up and carry on.

WELCOME.

This entire Sport and Recreation Space is provided for your enjoyment. It is managed by the Charity trustees as community volunteers and is funded by the paying users of the Pavilion and the two designated football pitches.

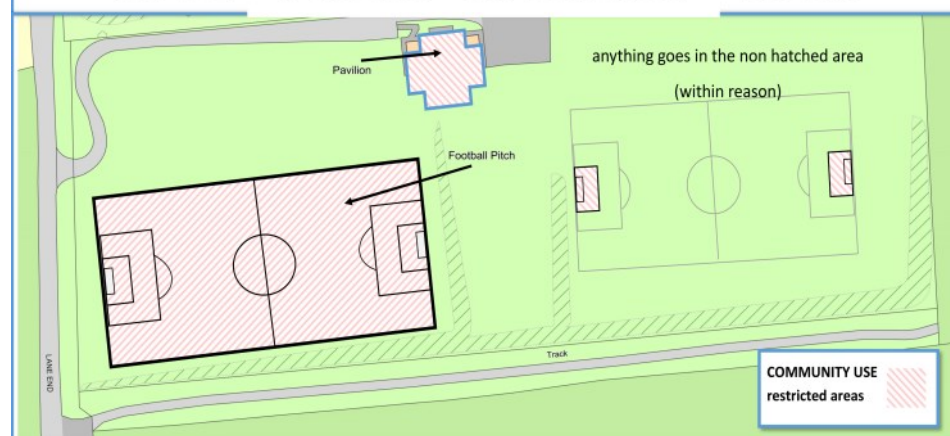
The Pavilion is locked when not being used and we ask everyone to RESPECT that the main pitch and the goalmouths of the lower pitch are dedicated to organised fee paying matches AND are also restricted (locked) from being used for casual football. (as indicated by the hatched areas on the plan).

We have provided mobile goals for casual football users wishing to play or practice and other types of recreational activities are still possible on the main pitch area (not the goalmouths).

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Therefore, when we heard that some local youths were upset about not being allowed to play football on the main pitch and being directed to use the portable goals specifically provided for community use, we realised that we were faced with a how do we deal with the “failure to get the message over” quandary.

It is not generally understood that we are allowed to rope off and protect from casual use what we consider to be important to our survival. However, to start roping and fencing off what is a lovely open site, goes against the grain as does the use of rather negative “What part of No don't you understand” signage.

The message we have failed to get over in this instance is that the Sports Club gets no regular funding support and satisfying the paying users of the Pavilion, and the two designated football pitches is an absolutely essential requirement. We usually get a lot of good feedback from those that come up and ask if it is OK to play or undertake such and such activity, including some who we understand have achieved fame on TikTok. We come to an arrangement that suits everyone's needs and it works well without the need for any formal documentation.

So there will now be the odd sign or two dotted around but they will be something that actually provides information, a welcome and a point of contact if there is a need to establish the What: Where: When and How issues for those that just want to drop in and enjoy using the space. Something like this “SHADES OF GREY” approach maybe!

Without going into every possible eventuality, we believe there are enough ‘shades of grey’ in this “WELCOME” message to make everybody happy, and to cover every conceivable “what if” situation that might arise, we hope that you agree.

We also hope that you understand where we are coming from, that we are a “can do – let's do it hate to say no” bunch of people and respect that we do have a job to do. If we don't protect our income stream, we die!!

The land is owned by the Parish Council and is leased to the Sports Club Charity, and everything has to be paid for out of the hire charges for the organised events both inside the Pavilion and outside. The first 30 hours of hire charges goes to paying the rent, so what to some looks like a football pitch or two they are actually vital sources of income that teams are willing to pay the going rate

to play on. (i.e. the insurance alone comes in at 18 hours of Pavilion hire or two games of football *per month* (heating and hot water, toilet rolls, female hygiene units included), commercial waste bins, line marking paint, mower fuel and everything else have their own hire charge rating.

At no cost to the Community the Sports Club is required to:

1. Promote sporting and other recreational and wellbeing activities as the permitted use and to pay a rent to the Parish Council as the Landlord. (we are also trying to dovetail what we do into the Dorset Council's own vision and strategic objectives to protect, enhance and provide sporting and wellbeing opportunities for the local Dorset communities).
2. Subject to not interfering with organised activities and those areas roped off

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January – Perfect Pairings with Poetry – Black Bun with Whisky Mac

It was only as late as 1958 that Christmas Day became a public holiday in Scotland. Boxing Day didn't get public holiday status until 1974, so the whole Christmas Festival extravaganza is quite a recent development in historical terms for Scotland. Enter Hogmanay, then, to satisfy Scots' need for a proper end-of-the-year party.

The reason Hogmanay has become the preeminent holiday in Scotland is simple. In 1640, during the Protestant reformation, an Act of the Scottish parliament was passed that made celebrating "Yule vacations" illegal in Scotland – and Christmas celebrations remained legally banned for almost 400 years thereafter.

The Scottish Kirk, which was itself fiercely Protestant, had abolished Christmas as long ago as the 1560s and, although James I had managed tentatively to restore the feast in his northern kingdom in 1617, it was banned there once again after his son's defeat by the Scots in 1640. There was no public holiday on December 25; punishments for violating the rules were harsh.

My mother's birthday was on December 31st so it was always



a celebratory day throughout my life, but I had no idea of how thoroughly the Scots enjoy Hogmanay until I married a Scotsman. Bob was a soldier and a proud member of his regiment, the Gordon Highlanders. I soon found there is a reason why in Scotland there are two days of public holidays on both January 1st and 2nd to recover from the event.

Black bun is a traditional Scottish cake served at Hogmanay; it is fruit cake wrapped in pastry. Which I think,

north of Hadrian's Wall, qualifies with deep fried Mars bars as a health food. In 2013, Paul Hollywood demonstrated Black Bun in the Christmas special of The Great British Bake Off.

In times gone by a dried bean was hidden in the cake and whoever found it became King or Queen or had to pay a forfeit for the night. Perhaps if you plan to include one in your cake you might want to issue an advisory warning before serving!

In Moray and other parts of Scotland the cake is still a traditional Hogmanay gift given to friends and neighbours and symbolises that the family receiving it will not go hungry during the forthcoming year. Being a solid and very substantial cake, it is very good for soaking up the copious amounts of whisky offered when first footing.

Ingredients

For the pastry:

- 300g/10½oz plain flour
- 75g/3oz lard, cubed
- 75g/3oz butter, cubed
- Pinch salt
- ½ tsp baking powder
- 1 free-range egg, beaten, for glazing

For the filling:

- 200g/7oz plain flour
- 300g/10½oz raisins
- 300g/10½oz currants
- ½ tsp ground ginger
- ½ tsp ground cinnamon
- ½ tsp ground allspice



- ½ tsp mixed spice
- ¼ tsp ground black pepper
- 100g/3½oz dark muscovado sugar
- 100g/3½oz mixed peel, chopped
- ½ tsp bicarbonate of soda
- 2 tbsp. whisky
- 1 free-range egg
- 3 tbsp buttermilk
- One dried bean (optional)



Method:

1. For the pastry, sift the flour into a bowl and rub in the lard and butter until the mixture resembles breadcrumbs. Add the salt, baking powder and four tablespoons of cold water and mix to a soft dough. Turn out and knead into a ball. Wrap in cling film and leave to chill in the fridge while you make the filling.
2. Preheat the oven to 180C/350F/Gas 4 (fan 160C).
3. For the filling, mix all the ingredients together in a large bowl.
4. Line a 900g/2lb loaf tin with baking parchment. On a lightly floured surface, roll out two thirds of the pastry to a rectangle large enough to line the tin. Drape into the tin and press up against the sides. Spoon the filling into the tin, pressing down to compress. Press the dried bean into the cake mixture if you are adding one.
5. Roll out three quarters of the remaining pastry to a rectangle large enough to cover the tin. Dampen the edges of the pastry with water and press the pastry lid on top to seal. Trim the edges and crimp using the tines of a fork. Roll out the remaining pastry, along with any trimmings, to decorate the top of the cake. I like to make a St. Andrew's cross, attaching the strips with a brushing of water. Or you can be more creative and fashion a thistle.
6. Glaze with beaten egg and bake for two hours. Remove from the oven and leave to cool in the tin before turning out.

Whisky Mac

I really don't like whisky to drink, I only like the flavour as a gentle hint in the background. One of my favourite puddings, 'Glenfiddich chocolate mousse', uses just an almost homeopathic one teaspoonful of whisky for six portions.

However, the pungency of the sweet ginger wine in the Whisky Mac recipe means that the whisky flavour is not too pronounced and I find it very palatable. I'm not sure of the actual curative benefits of drinking this when suffering from a bad cold or flu, but it certainly makes you feel better for a while.

Incidentally, the drink's full name is Whisky MacDonald supposedly named after General Hector Archibald MacDonald (Gordon Highlanders) nicknamed 'Fighting Mac' who mixed whisky with ginger wine as the ginger had purported medicinal properties against the ravages of a cholera outbreak while serving in India in the mid 1800's.

This same general was also pictured on the labels on the first bottles of Camp Coffee, the labels were gradually changed over the years from an Indian servant serving coffee on a tray to the general, until the Indian and the general were sitting down having coffee together on an equal footing.



Whisky Mac Recipe, mix together:

- 50ml whisky
- 50ml ginger wine

To make this into a hot toddy, add 100ml very hot water and perhaps a teaspoon of honey.

Scotch Drink – Robert Burns (first verse of 22 verses!)

Gie him strong drink until he wink,
That's sinking in despair;
An' liquor guid to fire his bluid,
That's prest wi' grief and care:
There let him bowse, an' deep carouse,
Wi' bumpers flowing o'er
Till he forgets his loves or debts,
An' minds his griefs no more.

This is a perfect verse to learn by heart and recite at some suitable moment at a Hogmanay party . . .

Burns love of whisky has become almost as famous as his works, but it is unlikely to have had the ill effects on his health that were suggested after his death. Although he assuredly enjoyed a drink or two, there's little evidence that he regularly drank to excess. He was a prolific writer, worked long hours on his farms and even made a living as an exciseman (a job that was hated across rural Scotland) for a number of years.

This poem was written in reference to the passing of an Act in 1784 that prohibited the Forbes family of Culloden from distilling their popular Ferintosh whisky free of duty. Burns was angered by the British government's taxation of the drink. Here he celebrates the role whisky played in the life of the ordinary man – from festival days to gathering the harvest and settling neighbourly disputes.

Happy New Year!

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There's Snickers and Kit Kats and Crunches and Twix
Of Reece's I've got a huge stash
There's chocolate chip cookies and then for a treat
A cake spread with creamy ganache.

Who doesn't like chocolate? There's no one I'm sure
Doesn't crave that delicious ingestion
For the answer is chocolate every time
And you don't even ask "What's the question?"

I must say I feel quite a rush of delight
As those creme eggs go in through my lips
I cannot say no even though I'm aware
Of how long they will stay on my hips!

There's some say that chocolate is better than sex
But I'm not sure if I'd go that far
It might just come close if you take off your clothes
And spread it all on from a jar!

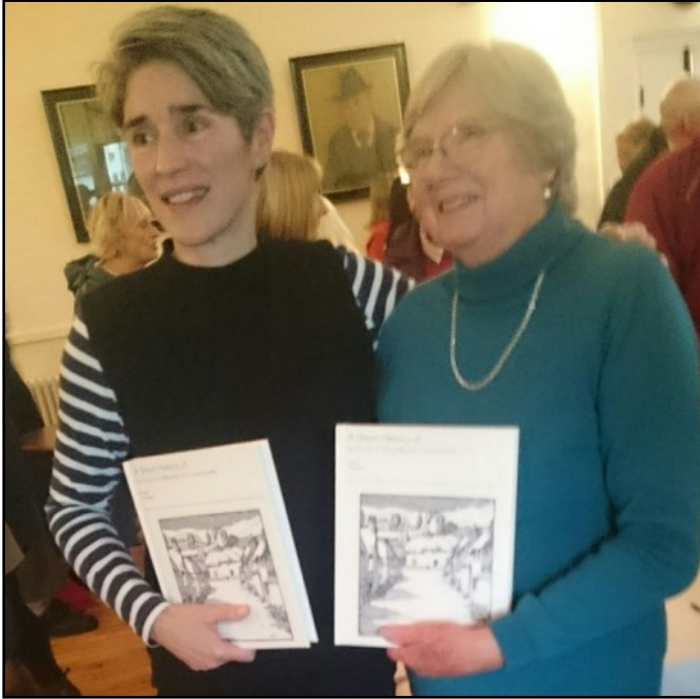
And then when it's late and the day's at an end
And the final goodnights have been said
You can go in the kitchen and heat up some milk
And take your 'hot' chocolate to bed!



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“As unaltered as the stars overhead ” *

BRIANTSPUDDLE Village Hall was packed to capacity on Saturday afternoon, 26th November 2022 to celebrate the launch of Sue Taylor and Leonora Sheppard's book "A Short History of the Parish of Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle". It is a beautifully produced and illustrated 308 page hardback, a delight to own



and to dip into giving an exhaustive and highly readable history of this totally amazing area. The 2014 first edition (self published by Sue) was the "foundation" for this one. All in all it took four years to complete and the launch was advertised by Sue pushing notes through the doors of each village. Eighty copies were sold on that afternoon. Leonora, a professional photographer sharpened up the original images and included more of her own. The graphic designer was Andrew Gray. To quote from the Introduction "the Parish is made up of Affpuddle, Briantspuddle, Pallington, Waddock Cross, Throop and Turnerspuddle. The smaller village of Affpuddle has the parish church, St. Laurence and is separated by a mile, along a short section of the B3390 from the larger village of Briantspuddle. Briantspuddle is home to the Village Hall and a Shop. Turnerspuddle with the Church of the Holy Trinity, and the hamlet of Throop lie further east. Pallington and Waddock Cross are to the south close to the River Frome." Sue describes them as a "linear string of villages or hamlets". The boundaries of the Parish and of the Manors therein have been defined since Saxon times including the ancient farm of Snelling. The evidence may be "scant" but man has been living in and around Affpuddle for the past five to six thousand years.

Regular readers of the *Reporter* will have seen previous articles of mine concerning Ernest Debenham and the Bladen Estate. He bought this Parish in April 1914 from the Frampton Estate in Moreton. An innovator with an abiding love of Dorset he would rent Moreton House from the Framptons for holidays eventually purchasing Rogers Hill Farm, Affpuddle Farm, Briantspuddle Farm and Tonerspuddle Farm from them for £49,500. Gradually adding to his portfolio from the Drax, Manson-Pleydell and Hambro families. The name Bladen came from 'Blagdon' or 'Blackdown' the hill above Briantspuddle where Blackdown House now stands. He put into practice his

advanced ideas on experimental and self-sufficient agricultural methods. So Bladen Farms was to be considered an experiment determining whether it was possible for Dorset and then for Great Britain, to produce a larger proportion of home-grown foods particularly of animal origin than it currently did. The architect Halsey Ricardo was engaged to design the buildings to harmonise with the Dorset landscape. Also Macdonald Gill (brother of the notorious cartoonist Eric Gill) worked with Ricardo becoming the architect in residence. Examples of their work are here in MSA; the old milk factory and the accompanying houses together with the chicken factory further along the main road towards Dorchester. Men returning from the First World War were employed to make the blocks used for the construction of buildings as Debenham strove to ease the unemployment problem. Original paintings and drawings were in the exhibition launch discovered by Gill's step nephew, Andrew Johnston, whose father had taught Gill calligraphy. He and his wife provided the cover bookplate.



Something for everybody can be found in this book. I see that an ancestor of Pip Bowell was the romantic lead in *Lady Debenham's* film of "The Golden Goose", directed by her in 1963,



filmed in the grounds of Kingston Maurward and Woodsford Castle and received with great enthusiasm in the Village Hall. (In 1997 it was screened again as part of the Purbeck Film festival). Even as the celebrations were underway, new information was received that should have a place in (perhaps) another edition of this book!

When, in 1991, the parish community opposed a plan for gravel extraction south of Throop a short video depicting the landscape was produced and actor, Edward Fox (living in the area) provided the narrative from an evocative script. Planning permission was refused on the basis that it would have resulted in a significant loss of amenity for residents and visitors. It would harm the appearance and character of an area of great landscape value. This is an extract from his narrative:

"As the sun sets over Thomas Hardy's timeless Egdon Heath, shadows fall across the ancient tumulus at Throop clump and darkness obscures the remains of the Roman road which follows a prehistoric way, traversing the Piddle Valley through a nearby field known as Starmoor. This is a part of Dorset which has defied the chaos of the twentieth century. The tones of the landscape are mellow, no brash discordant colours have daubed the features of the 'great inviolate place'. Nature alone has painted the seasons and her work has been admired and cherished by those who visit the countryside that inspired 'The Return of the Native'." We all lifted our glasses to another beautiful production which enhances and secures this parish for posterity.

**Thomas Hardy "The Return of the Native"*

Carole Fornachon

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The Tears of a Clown

By Josie Wright

It's New Year's Eve and Charlie the clown is getting ready for his next show.

'Half an hour left, just the face to do and I'm ready. Either my eyesight's going or this mirror's too small; better get a bigger one for next time. Clowning's not what it was when we were young, eh Evie? They looked after you in those days.

I'll have to get some more of this white makeup next week; the pot's nearly finished. Spread it round – grief, startled myself there . . . look like the ghost of the old year.

How I miss you Evie. Married 40 years ago today – would've been anyway.

Got to concentrate – get the mouth right – I must be getting old, look at all those wrinkles.

Damn it – that's crooked – where's the cold cream, I've never botched it before.

That's better, you'd never know. My hand must've been shaking – it's this flaming pain in me arm, catches me now and then.

Reminds me of that night we met in the ring, Evie. You were like a little fairy, leaping and dancing on your pony. Clowns were doing some business with the old fire engine, spooked the horse and down you came, into my arms for ever. Or so I thought.

Stop snivelling, get a grip, those kiddies will be waiting.

Just the eyes to do – carefully does it – there we are – lovely.

'Urry up Charlie, only ten more minutes!'

'Coming.'

'Cheeky little sod, no respect.

Red nose and that's it – this damned arm's been aching on and off all day. Here we go! Bloody hell! Pain's shot right across me chest then, must sit down again for a minute, really took me breath away. Could do with a cup of your tea, Evie, you're the only one who ever made it just right.

Got to get moving – if I can just reach me coat – that's it.

On with the show – end of the year tonight, end of . . .

'Charlie, you silly old bugger, you're on. Stop messing about, what yer lying there for?'



Panto News

All on track for a super show!

The Cinderella story is an ever popular panto theme and this is already proving so for the Milborne Players. Rehearsals are running smoothly and enjoyably, with lines learnt and now the music being prepared. All this, even though two of the baddies are rebelling and planning to switch sides and support the fairy. And Cinderella's gang of animal helpers have wrecked the kitchen! Things get ridiculous when Prince Stileham's suggestion that Dandini should get a dog has a most unexpected result. Want to know more? Then don't miss our show on Thursday 2nd, Friday 3rd and Saturday 4th February (matinee and evening performances on Saturday!)

Ron Karly, director

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Milborne St. Andrew Football Reunion

The bad weather on Saturday 26th November didn't deter about 50 previous players, supporters and friends turning out for a reunion of Milborne St. Andrew Football Club from 1978-96 held at the perfect venue of MSA Sports and Leisure Club.

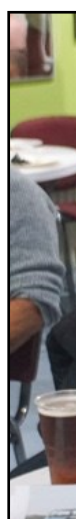
They came from all over Dorset, Hampshire and further afield from Cumbria and Chester, bringing photos and memories from the past, including the many Easter tours and Boxing Day fun which was had by all.

Many thanks to Andy of the Royal Oak for supplying the buffet and: Hayley Davis from Cherry Picked Hampers and Dorset Cherry Bar for running the bar, with help from Phillip Smith.; Steve Small for his entertainment; and Richard and Malcolm for their help before and after the event.

Thanks also to Terry Gillingham from Service Appliance Blandford.

We look forward to maybe having a summer reunion but not leaving it 30 years this time. Thank you once again to all who made the events so special.

£165 was donated to the sports and leisure club. *Christine and Mike Surtees*





Trenches in the park, tank traps in the market square

"APOCALYPSE" is how Kateryna Mokhonko (known as Kate) described the scenes in Kyiv, Ukraine where she has lived for 27 years most recently with her husband, Oleksandr and nine year old daughter Alona. She hopes to return but for the past five months home has been Heathcote House, Milborne St. Andrew. This was their haven at the end of a difficult journey from Ukraine partly by car to her in-laws' house in Yagotin, a small country town 100km from Kyiv in February. In April when Ukrainian troops drove the invaders out they went back briefly only to escape again in July to Warsaw and thence to London by plane. She speaks of having bags constantly packed with essentials, sleeping in their clothes and resting for only 15 minutes then checking her phone for 15 minutes every night. Air Raid sirens warned them of coming attacks. Their initial safe place had been the cellar under her in-laws' country house.

Sadly her father had to stay in Kyiv to care for his sick parents and her mother for her Government work. For the first few days here Alona flinched at every helicopter flying over Milborne and the noise of heavy rain on the roof, but has now settled into this peaceful village and made many friends at Puddletown Middle School including four other Ukrainian children. Ironically, so I am told, children are considered safer on the street alone in Ukraine unlike here in England. Her new school has a "buddy" system whereby the older children take younger ones under their wing. This has worked well for Alona and her English has dramatically improved. Opportunities like Summer School, after school English and tennis lessons have enriched her experience. Importantly the companionship of the owner, Teresa Carter's pet dogs in Heathcote House unlocked her shyness and fear of speaking in a foreign tongue. She now describes having "two homes" and "two mothers". Whatever the weather she takes the dogs out for walks at 6.30am even picking up after them, not shirking the un-cuddly side of pets. Each evening on school days



she will spend perhaps up to two hours on "English" homework together with that from her Ukrainian teacher sent online. Teresa Carter describes her as a loving, affectionate and humorous child. Her mother has secured work at Puddletown First School as a Playground Supervisor and is improving her English conversation for four hours a week at Weymouth College with upcoming examinations in December/January. However Kate fears for her parents, telecommunications engineer husband and also friends and relatives still in Kyiv especially with current power cuts caused by Russian bombing leaving her to be totally reliant on text messages. The horror of Iranian made drones overhead and the constant noise of bombardment is still in her mind as is the fear of ongoing destruction and death. The pain of missing her work as a Human Resource Manager in Farmazzi; a small wholefood/

healthy living company; also her friends and family is evident as is her determination to do everything she can for her home country, including giving blood and sending gifts to help the besieged folk and the military still trapped in a war zone not of their making. She has been overwhelmed by the 'kindness of strangers' since arriving in England. Her daughter has a list of "dreams" to fulfil. An example of this was a meeting with Paddington Bear in Paddington Station when they first came to MSA arranged by Teresa Carter in whose home they found refuge. Still the list grows including Spiderman in the USA!

Kate is entranced by the 'picture book' houses she sees in this county. Food is more plentiful, of a greater variety and 'tastier' here . . . but more expensive. It is a shock to her that basic vegetable staples are such 'high' prices. The owner of Heathcote House, Teresa Carter signed up for the Homes for Ukraine scheme having already been friends with contacts of Kate; Anton and Natalie, who are staying in a similar property in Puddletown. Kate speaks highly of Teresa's kindness and





Two "angels" made by Alona sent to protect the Ukranian troops.

generosity of spirit. Ms Carter tells me that there have been no difficulties in their relationship, they are close and mutually supportive. Her four children having left home she enjoys young people living there again and feels it important for her own children to see how lucky they are by meeting with others less fortunate. She describes lots of fun and lots of talking and is full of admiration for Kateryna's resilience and parenting skills. Currently she is in her second year of living in MSA, teaching locally whilst occasionally taking in Airbnb visitors. It seems that both women have achieved a pitch perfect balancing act despite their very different backgrounds and experiences. An admirable example to the rest of society.

Carole Fornachon

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SCHOOL NEWS



On the last Friday of November, The Friends of School hosted Milborne St Andrew First School's Christmas Market. They did a wonderful job. The atmosphere was brilliant and certainly got all of us into the festive spirit! Our children here at Milborne worked really hard creating some homemade gifts to sell. Our Rabbits class made wrapping paper. Our Robins class made little bobble hat tree decorations and Raccoons made homemade cards and peppermint creams!

It was an absolute success. Thank you to everyone who came and to The Friends of School for all your hard work.

We talked about Children In Need and why we were raising money. We noticed that Pudsey loves spots and this reminded Miss Wittman of an artist who covered everything in dots (and wasn't sorry!) We shared the book and looked at some of her artwork online before using circles of tissue paper and card to imitate her work by gluing them in place. We finished our piece by using the dabbers and circles to print paint shapes.



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It's Christmas! . . . At Ladybirds

This month's photos don't show Christmas – other activities have been going on – thank goodness! The weather has been unusually mild with many activities taking place outside including a construction site. One of our books has been Owl Babies – little owls that need to be brave as they wait in the dark for their mother to return. The pictures in this book are beautiful and the children made some lovely paintings of the owl babies using a woolly pompom to print with.



By the time the *Reporter* reaches you Christmas will be passed. But for now, our Ladybirds are busy making gifts and cards, cooking and getting ready to perform to their relatives at our Christmas party. This will be the first time since Covid struck that parents have been invited in, and it looks like a popular choice with adults outnumbering the children. Hopefully, nobody will get stage fright, and all goes well.

The cheeky elf has taken up residence in the Hall again hiding in the Christmas tree and hanging from the decorations. For a while we thought he wasn't going to show but luckily was found in the Hall's Christmas boxes where he has spent the last year instead of returning to Lapland to holiday with Santa.

During November Ladybirds had an Ofsted inspection. These things are always stressful. Preschools receive a phone call at noon

from an inspector who asks lots of questions and then comes in the following day. For a pack away setting in a Village Hall without office storage this is particularly challenging and as we were short staffed, I couldn't go home to prepare until session closed. With the inspector arriving at 8.00am the next morning I had an evening of phoning, messaging and ensuring all required items were packed in my car ready for an early start. As we haven't received the report back from Ofsted I can't give you the result but suffice to say the Ladybirds team worked brilliantly getting in early to set up and talk to the inspector. Not to mention the wonderful parents who spoke to the inspector and the children themselves who chatted and showed what they were learning. *Liz Dyer*



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Happy New Year

As I write this letter in early December, the New Year still seems a long way off. As yet the busyness of Christmas hasn't quite kicked in, but I know that in the blink of an eye 2023 will be here and we will be wondering what the New year will hold for us. New Year is often a time of reflection for people. Some people like to look back over the past 12 months, to see which, if any, of the resolutions they had made they have managed to keep. Other people, however, are just glad to see the back of the previous year and don't want to think about it anymore. I'm sure that we all hope that the coming year will be a better one for us.

As I reflect back on the past 12 months I remember the uncertainty at the beginning of the year regarding Covid and lockdown and whether more restrictions were to be imposed. And I remember the collective sigh of relief when they weren't. Thank goodness we thought, life can begin to return to 'normal'. However just a few weeks later Russia invaded Ukraine, and life for many people has not been the same since.

This winter has been, and will continue to be, particularly challenging for many of us. We are in the midst of a major 'cost of living' crisis and many people are faced with the stark choices of feeding their families or heating their homes. There is no sign that the economic hardship faced by many is likely to abate any time soon. For many people the New Year continues to fill them with dread and anxiety, and very little hope that anything will change.

Christians are not immune to these challenging times, they too suffer financial hardships and have difficult decisions to make; but Christians also have hope. This is not the same type of hope as 'hoping something will happen', this is the hope of God who is faithful in Jesus Christ. Christian hope is rooted in the deep and faithful love that God has for us all; the same love that gave us Jesus - Jesus whose birth we have just celebrated; Jesus who conquered death; Jesus who will come again; Jesus in whom we can put our hope.

However difficult and challenging the coming months ahead are, my hope for you all is that you will experience something of God's great love for you, and that perhaps you may feel able to place your hope in God too.

With love and good wishes for the year ahead,

Maggie

Milborne St. Andrew Church News

I AM writing this early in December, when the Church is still in the season of Advent, awaiting the yearly celebration of the coming of Christ into the world at Christmas. We are having our first real taste of winter, too. We await the coming of Christ, the Light of the world, and the lighter evenings as the days lengthen.

Our Service of Remembrance in November was well attended, with a good number gathering at the Jubilee Stone for the Act of Remembrance at 11.00am. 20 had gathered at 11.00am to mark Armistice Day - the 11th hour, of the 11th day of the 11th month. Thanks to Maggie, our Curate for leading the Service in Church, and to Margaret Rickard for preaching a challenging and inspiring sermon. It was good to have the Beavers with us. The Church was beautifully decorated with poppies, and a special dimension was added by the Clay Poppies made by pupils of Milborne School, which were on display, and greatly admired. Our thanks to Richard for organising the Act of Remembrance at the Stone; to Evie Andrews for speaking the Exhortation and Kohima Epitaph with such clarity and sincerity; to those who laid wreaths, and to Gren for providing the music.

The Christmas Fayre on November 28th raised £724 for Church funds. Thank you to all who contributed to this total.

We send our love and best wishes to Cynthia Clarke who celebrated a "significant"

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Services in the Benefice of Puddletown, Tolpuddle, Milborne with Dewlish

January 2023

1st January – Naming and Circumcision of Jesus

9.30am	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30	Celebrate	Milborne
11.00	Parish Communion	Puddletown
11.00	BCP Morning Prayer (traditional language)	Dewlish

8th January – Epiphany

9.30am	Parish Communion	Milborne
11.00	Puddletown Praise	Puddletown
11.00	Parish Communion	Dewlish
5.30pm	Sunday Reflections	Tolpuddle

15th January – Epiphany 2

9.30am	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30	Worship in Stillness	Milborne
11.00	Parish Communion	Puddletown
11.00	Family Service	Dewlish

SATURDAY 21st January

???	Marriage of Steve Mulholland and Dawn Thompson	Puddletown
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22nd January – Epiphany 3

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

29th January – Presentation of Christ

11.00am	United Benefice Holy Communion Tolpuddle followed by bring-and-share lunch
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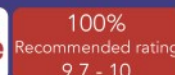


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birthday at the beginning of December. We give thanks for all that she, and Derek contributed to St Andrew's in so many ways in days past.

As we enter a New Year, may we remember the promise of Jesus, "Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of time". May 2023 be a healthy, happy, peaceful, and blessed one for all of us.

Tony and Pam, Churchwardens.

Dewlish Church Notes

OUR Remembrance Day Service was well-attended both at the War Memorial and at the church. John had kindly put up Memorial banners and sheets for each of the 21 people named on the Memorial. We were delighted to welcome six soldiers from Bovington Camp, along with a trumpeter.

Jim led the service, also Dom on the crossroads. Lauren read a poem, which was very suitable after Dom explained a heart-breaking experience he had when he was serving. Afterwards, we went to the Village Hall for refreshments. Many thanks to all who took part and contributed.

Tina has held another Jumble Sale, and raised £97 for the church roof repairs. Thank you so much to Tina and her family for all they do. I believe there is to be another sale in January, so please check the notice board for details.

Our Christmas Bazaar went very well indeed and, at the time of writing, raised £562.79. Huge thank-yous for everyone's support, to those who helped on the day, and also for the wonderful financial donations given. Our church can keep going!

Finally, our good wishes to all for a **happy and peaceful New Year!**

Daphne Burg

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I have got to the age where I am using the NHS more so it worked for the dentist, the chiropodist and the like. If you are visiting the surgery it only costs £3.

My hand is now on the mend and I am now able to drive but I would like to thank all those involved with the Neighbour Car system for their work and kindness.

Steve Parnaby

Happy New Year 2023

By Jan Beaumont ©

I've seen so many New Year's Eves
In the time that I've been here
I was always up past midnight
Sharing alcoholic cheer.

But now I've changed a little and
My sleep means more to me
At 12 I'm sure I'll be in bed
As cosy as can be.

So I'm getting in real early
Just to wish you all good cheer
And hope that you find '23
A Happier New Year!

Wherever you are, I hope you have a happy,
healthy, virus-free year ahead.

I look forward to sharing with you
all again in the coming 12 months.

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New Year's Resolutions

Lifestyle change doesn't have to be huge and overwhelming. Sometimes the smallest changes add up to the biggest impact. Why not take it easy this January and ease your way into a healthier you with some simple and achievable bite-sized wellbeing boosts. Download the LiveWell Dorset Small Change calendar, and get ready for 31 days and 31 ways to improve your health and wellbeing: <https://www.livewell-dorset.co.uk/articles/small-change-campaign/>

If trying something different, increasing your activity, or joining a group is one of your small changes, why not look at our Wellbeing groups run by our volunteer health champions? Further details can be found on the surgery website.

If you don't have internet or would like a paper copy of either the LiveWell Calendar or our Wellbeing Group activities please contact Kelly, our Social Prescriber at the surgery on 01258 880210 and she will be happy to help you out.

Your Surgery Needs You!

Our Patient Voice group works closely with the surgery in representing the views of all our patients. Why not come along to one of our group meetings? The meetings are open to all patients of the surgery and are usually held at 6.30pm on a weekday evening every quarter – in March, June, September, and December. The venue alternates between the surgery waiting room in Milborne St. Andrew and the Reading Room in Milton Abbas.

If you sign up to the email list you will receive the agenda for forthcoming meetings giving you an opportunity to see if something interests you personally and receive minutes of meetings which regularly include a Practice Report. To sign up for future email communications please send an email to ma.patientvoice@gmail.com

If you are not on email but would like to receive communications via the post please pass your details to a member of the surgery Reception Team.

We look forward to seeing you at the next meeting!

Visiting the Surgery – Mask Wearing

Just a reminder- to protect all our patients and staff, and ensure business continuity, we still ask that all patients and staff wear face masks in patient facing areas and clinic rooms. Please could you remember to bring your own when visiting the surgery. Thank you.

Introducing Dr Jon Dent

We have a new addition to our practice team! Some of you may already know Dr Jon Dent as he did his last year of GP training with us as a Registrar from August 2021 for 12 months.

We are delighted to have Jon working with us as a qualified GP, and we are sure you will want to join us in welcoming him to the surgery.

Long Covid HOPE programme

The Long Covid Regional Team have been working with the HOPE programme to deliver the HOPE Programme for Long Covid.

This is a self-management course and is available to those who may require support through the recovery of Long Covid. It is free of charge programme delivered digitally over the course of eight

weeks. The first course date is 09.01.23 but there are also courses in February, March, and April. There is no inclusion/exclusion criteria, so open to all affected by Long Covid. Please also note that participants do not have to have been referred to a Post Covid Clinic.

Please see the following website for more details: www.h4c.org.uk/courses

New Year's Message to all of our patients

May the New Year bring you happiness and peace, and be filled with new adventures. Wishing you a joyous 2023 from all of us here at Milton Abbas Surgery!

What's on in Milborne

January

Wednesday 4th

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Thursday 5th

Thursday 12th

Thursday 12th

Saturday 14th

Saturday 14th

Thursday 19th

Thursday 19th

Friday 20th

Thursday 26th

Wednesday Club Party Village Hall 2.00pm.

Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7.00pm.

Bridge The Royal Oak 7.00pm.

Bridge The Royal Oak 7.00pm.

WI Village Hall 7.30pm.

Mid-day deadline for copy for the Reporter msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk.

Community Café Village Hall 10.00am to 12.00 mid-day – see page 22.

Bridge The Royal Oak 7.00pm.

Gardening Club *Talk on Companion planting* Village Hall 7.30pm.

More than a movie *Mrs Harris goes to Paris* Village Hall Doors and bar open at 7.00pm for 7.30pm Tickets £6 which includes a drink or ice-cream – see page 5.

Bridge The Royal Oak 7.00pm.

Regular Bookings at the Village Hall

Ladybirds Playgroup Monday–Friday 8.30am.

Players Monday 7.00pm weekly.

Line Dancing Tuesday 7.30pm weekly.

Wednesday Club 2.00pm 1st Wednesday monthly.

Yoga Thursday 3.30pm weekly.

Karate Thursday 5.10pm weekly.

Women's Institute 7.30pm 2nd Thursday monthly.

Gardening Club 7.30pm 3rd Thursday monthly.

Artsreach Events – look out for the posters.

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

Regular Bookings at the Sports & Social Club

Busy Bees Under 5 Group from 9.30–11.30am on Thursday term time only. Contact Claire Tudge on 07970 734162.

Yoga (Mellulah) Thursday (evening): Friday (mornings).

Beavers Friday 5.30–6.30pm.

Football Saturdays and Sundays.

Private parties, birthdays, wedding receptions check online calendar.

Check the Sports & Social online calendar on the village website for any other events you might be able to join in with.

Regular Bookings at the First School

Pilates Monday 6.30–7.30pm (term time only).

Yoga Tuesday 6.15–7.45pm (term time only).

Badminton Wednesday 6.30–7.30pm (term time only).

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Community Contacts

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

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

COUNCILS

Dorset Councillor	Emma Parker	07411 149997
Parish Council Dewlish	Clerk: Amanda Crocker	
	dewlish@dorset-aptc.gov.uk	
	Chair: Chris Uden	07973 167117
Parish Council	Clerk: Wayne Lewin	07419 136735
Milborne St. Andrew	milbornestandrew@dorset-aptc.gov.uk	
	Chair: Richard Macnair	07774 081551

Dorset Council Services: For matters relating to roads repairs, bins, litter, environmental health, planning, footpaths and parking, www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk or call 01305 221000
Flooding: Environment Agency Floodline 03459 881188
Environmental Incident: Environment Agency Hotline 08008 807060 www.gov.uk/government/organisations/environment-agency
 South West Highways hello@swhitd.co.uk 01404 821500
 Wessex Water Sewerage Floodline 03458 505959
 MSA Flood Warden, Non-Emergency Only: Mark Johnson 01258 839060

GENERAL — ADULT

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

GENERAL — YOUTH

Scouts, Cubs and Beavers	Sam Elliott	07873 762035
Busy Bees	Claire Tudge	07970 734162
Milborne Ladybirds	Liz Dyer	01258 839117

POLICE

Police – Non-emergency contact		101
Community Beat Officer	PC Dave Mullins	101
Safer Neighbourhood Team	PC Dave Mullins and PCSO Luke Goddard	101

SCHOOL

Milborne First School		
Acting Head of School	Michelle Cheeseman	01258 837362
Chair Governors:	David French	
Friends of School co-Chair:	Marie Chappell	

SPECIAL INTEREST

Bellringers	Pip Bowell	01258 837329
Bridge Group	Laurie Benn	01258 837720
Cribbage	Peter Anthony	01258 837089
Dog Training Behaviour	Natasja Lewis	07896 275357
Food and Wine Club	Steve O'Neill	07490 691121
MSA Allotment Society	Joy Robinson	01258 837661
MSA Gardening Club	Bill Love	01258 837677
Milborne Players	Gren Davis	07876 793319
Village History Group	Pam Shults	01258 837203

SPORT

Hardy Country Bowmen	Mike Healy	01300 342134
Badminton	Bruce Dyer	01258 839117
Circuit training	Grace Martin	01305 213885
Cricket – Dewlish	Elaine Kellaway	01258 837696

Pilates (school)	Claire Barratt	07703 648869
Football – Milborne Sports	Kelvin Dormer-Woolley	07544 725855
Football – Veterans	Paul David	07841 506839
Skittles – Dewlish	Simon Ross	01258 837606
Sports & Social Club	Chairman: Richard Lock	01258 837929
	Bookings: Richard Lock	01258 837929
Tap Dancing for Adults	Kevin Selby	01305 250386
Tennis	Rich Hawker	07393 309037
Yoga (at school)	Sue Chapman	01305 848053
Yoga (at Sports & Social Club)	Saira Francis	01258 880505
Yoga (at Village Hall)	Angela Johnson	01258 839060

VILLAGE HALL

Dewlish		
Chairman:	Andrew Barnett	07551 839296
Booking Secretary:	Margaret Groves	01258 837617
Milborne St. Andrew		
Chairman:	Sarah Ryan	01258 839230
Booking Secretary:	Alison Riddle	01258 837148

HEALTH

Bere Regis Surgery		01929 471268
Milborne St. Andrew Surgery		01258 880210
Milton Abbas Surgery		01258 880210
Puddletown Surgery		01305 848333
NHS for non-emergencies		111
Patient Voice Secretary	Nigel Hodder	07983 013781

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- because of their particular importance to the Sports Club, to permit the general public FREE pedestrian / accessible access for the purpose of enjoying the recreational and wellbeing space during daylight hours. (The proposed keypad, maglock system will allow 'controlled' vehicle access too)
3. To keep the grass in good condition, ensuring the playing surfaces are free from harmful objects, weeds and substances and in a safe and reasonably suitable state for sports purposes. NOTE: The difference (financial savings) in the cost of materials to maintain a mediocre pitch and changing room facilities that meets the requirements of the Dorset FA compared with the high-quality facilities that we provide is minimal. THE DIFFERENCE is ALL in the time, effort and pride of the volunteers involved.
 4. Keep the Pavilion in a good condition and state of repair at all times.
 5. Keep all the boundary structures including hedges, walls and subsidiary gates in a good state of repair
 6. To be responsible at all times for the security of the buildings and site and take all reasonable steps to prevent any encroachment
 7. To comply with all regulatory requirements and keep in force an insurance policy covering all claims arising from the permitted use in order to keep the Council fully indemnified against all losses arising directly or indirectly out of any act, omission or negligence.
 8. In return the Sports Club gets to peaceably and quietly hold and enjoy the facilities for the 50 year term of the lease with no automatic right to any extension.
- "Peaceably and quietly hold and enjoy" is an interesting turn of phrase, is it not?!!

Richard Lock



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