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The Wednesday Club AGM

THE Wednesday Club held their AGM on Wednesday 3rd May. It was decided that the annual membership charge should remain the same as it has for some years. The current Committee is going to stay the same except we welcome the addition of Josie Wright and Di Harris.

We would like to thank Jenny Balcon, José Thomas, Sheila Burton and Dave Andrews for all the hard work they put into making the club a success.

We now look forward to a new year of friendship, interesting subjects, visits and fun.

Next month we are meeting in the Village Hall on Wednesday 7th June at 2.00pm when Pip Bowell will be giving us a talk on something close to his heart, which we know will be of interest to us all.

We always welcome new members so if you would like to join us for the next one, please come along. Lis Watts

Trading Standards news: Protected Food Names

WHAT do Champagne, Parma Ham and Scotch Whisky all have in common? They are protected food names. Dorset and the south west are also home to some fantastic traditional foods that carry the same legal protection as some of these well-known foods, such as watercress!

Dorset and the surrounding counties are home to the watercress industry, with several of the largest growers based here. Between them they supply the majority of all watercress sold in UK supermarkets. Watercress using 'Nasturtium Officinale seeds' has been grown in flowing water to a traditional production method used for over 200 years. Recently this industry came under threat from cheaper imports of 'Landcress' being passed off as Watercress. Other cresses may look similar but are not produced in the same way, and do not have the same characteristic 'peppery' taste or contain the same levels of nutrients. To counter this the industry came together and successfully applied for the name 'watercress' to be protected and it was awarded the status of 'Traditional Speciality Guaranteed'.

Other foods produced in Dorset that are protected include Dorset Blue Cheese, West Country Farmhouse Cheddar Cheese, West Country Beef and Lamb, and the newly registered 'New Forest Pannage Ham' made from pigs that are fattened up on acorns whilst roaming the New Forest!

Looking more widely across the region there is also the famous Cornish Pasty, Exmoor Blue Cheese, Wiltshire Cured Ham, Fal Oysters from Cornwall, Cornish Clotted Cream and Cornish Sardines.

There are three different types of protection. These are Protected Geographical Indication (PGI), Protected Designation of Origin (PDO) and Traditional Speciality Guaranteed' (TSG). You can recognise protected food as it must carry an appropriate logo.

Anyone wishing to produce a food that carries a protected



food name must be audited against a published specification before they start to sell the food. Trading Standards typically carry out these audits to help both protect food names and the interests of local food producers.



Village Spring Clean 2023

ON Sunday 23rd April a happy band of "wombles" came together to give an hour of their time to help keep our village litter free. It was great to see some new faces join the team from across the parish and welcome a group from MSA First School. Once again, litter from within the village itself was pleasingly scarce but a disappointing quantity was retrieved from the hedges of the rural roads outside the centre. *Richard Macnair*

Village Hall News

THE AGM was held on the 26th April chaired by our president Eric Crichton. Sarah Ryan highlighted activities thanking Ed Frost (treasurer) for obtaining many grants enabling installation of new doors and windows and solar panels. The Community Café begun last summer as a charity event and now run for village hall funds and has been a huge success. Ed Frost reported that at the moment the hall is in a good financial position but when Ladybirds move to the school there will be a big drop in income. He stated that it will be important to find new ways to fill the deficit. The Parish Council continue to provide support in the form of grass cutting and playpark inspection services. Sadly Sarah Ryan was stepping down as chairman and she thanked all the committee for their support and hard work. Eric thanked Sarah for her commitment to the village hall.

The AGM was followed by a committee meeting when Linsey O'Neill agreed to take on the role of chairman. Alison Riddle also stated that she wished to stand down as booking secretary but only when a replacement was found; subsequently Susan Poet has agreed to take on the role once she has learned the ropes.

Sadly the car park extension has had to be abandoned. Although funding and planning were approved the Dorset tree officer said that it could not have a surface laid so near to the tree at the corner on the Causeway. Therefore parking will continue to be a problem especially for big events. There are still plans to install an EV charging point.

The Pétanque court is being installed and the Parish Council will buy the boules plus other outdoor equipment (yet to be specified).

Lastly a huge thank you to Rich Hawker and Steve O'Neill for mending the flat roof; there was a quite a large hole, no wonder the rain was coming in! *Linda Wright*

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Play Pétanque (Boules) at the Village Hall

THE Village Hall Trustees are pleased to make available an area of the recreation field for the game of Pétanque (sometimes called Boules).

The game, which is widespread on the continent, is gaining great popularity in the UK with many well-established clubs and the "Pétanque England" organisation supporting and encouraging its adoption. It is a game for families and for individuals of all ages.

The game is simple to play: two teams composed of one, two or three players compete to throw their metal boules as close to the smaller "jack" as possible. The team with a boule or boules closer to the jack than any of the opposition's wins the round and the game continues until one team gains 13 points and wins the match. See the "How to Play Pétanque" sign by the playing area and check on-line for detailed rules to sort out every conceivable dispute!



We know that many local families already own their own boules but, thanks to the generosity of the Parish Council, sets of equipment are available at the Village Hall to borrow at no charge. See the Village Hall website for further information about borrowing boules and other outdoor games equipment.

The Village Hall Trustees have obtained support for this community sports facility via the S106 Developer's Fund as a result of the new housing development on Huntley Down. Further support is now being sought to provide one or two outdoor table tennis tables to be sited on the recreation field.

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Help for the Honey Bees – at the May WI

WE began our meeting by raising a loyal toast to King Charles and Queen Camilla, who, like our late Queen, is a member of the WI.

Lee Briggs admits that beekeeping is his passion. The Western Honey bee is one of only eight species of honey bees in the world, and, despite their name, they are not all about honey. Insects generally are in a massive decline, due to a variety of factors including disease, pests, and lack of forage in the environment. It is pollinators such as honey bees which play such an important part in food production; they are part of a multi billion pound industry, and as such we need to look after them.

Lee described the colony of bees in great detail, the importance of the Queen, who can live for up to seven years and



lay 3,000 eggs a day in peak season. The worker bee, responsible for all the chores, and who, unsurprisingly, only lives for 21 days – these are the girls – and then the drone bee – the boy – whose

sole purpose is to mate with the Queen. Despite their different roles, the colony works together in a highly efficient way. One of Lee's hives produced 170 jars of honey last year – he 'talks to them and they listen'!

To help with the long-term decline of the honey bee, the North Dorset Beekeepers' Association is launching a 'Honey Bee Centre' in Dorset, at Shillingstone. Visitors will be able to see at close quarters the important role the honey bee plays in food production and the wider environment. Judging by the interest shown in Lee's talk by our members, this Centre should be a success.

After a break for tea and cakes, Dee presented this year's Annual Meeting resolution – 'Water quality in our rivers is shameful. Legally, designated bathing waters must be regularly monitored for pollution. The NFWI urges its members, the wider public, local authorities and Government to make, support and promote applications for official designated bathing sites on appropriate stretches of rivers in their area. This will be as instrumental to the clean up of rivers as it has been for water quality improvement at coastal beaches'.

Dee had very thoroughly researched the background to this resolution. Her conclusions led her to believe that, although not a full answer, if this is the way we have to go to clean up our rivers, it is at least a start. As such, she recommended we support the resolution. The vote in support was unanimous.

There are various dates coming up, including a skittles gettogether on Monday 12th June at The Royal Oak, and a Pub lunch on Monday 5th June.

Veronica reported that the Book Club members had met to discuss 'Strange Flowers' by Irish writer Donal Ryan. A novel of love, loss and redemption, it had received a mixed reaction. The next book is 'The Man on the Street', by Trevor Wood. Continuing on the literary theme, the recent afternoon tea at Athelhampton, where Louise Morrish discussed her debut novel, had proved very enjoyable.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, 8th June, 'To see a man about a dog' with Hillary Green. The competition is for 'a dog in any medium'. We welcome all interested visitors, please come along and join us. *Pat Bull*

Perfect Pairings with Poetry – June

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Trifle with Babycham Continuing from last month's Royal theme, this month I am looking back to our village's Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations just a year ago, over the weekend of 4th/5th June. As I'm sure I've mentioned before, I've found Milborne St. Andrew such a friendly and welcoming place to live, with so many affable and gregarious people willing to put in a bit of effort to make community events happen and I'm so pleased that I chose here to live 22 years ago.

Although it is so long ago, I still remember the kindness of a neighbouring couple who knocked on my door in my first week living here and asked if I would like to come fruit picking with them. Living alone for the first time in my life in my fifties, not knowing anyone at all in the village, I was struggling a bit and it really helped to be offered friendship and companionship.

Queen's Jubilee trifle

Last year there was a national competition to produce a new pudding recipe for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and a winner was announced. This recipe is an adaptation of the original winning version which, I seem to remember, was rather time consuming to make. It involved making a Victoria sponge type Swiss roll from scratch, homemade Amaretti biscuits, custard using egg yolks and cream, jelly from fresh orange juice set with gelatine, mandarin coulis, jewelled chocolate bark, and even homemade lemon curd. This version is relatively easy and uses quite a few convenience foods. The photograph is of the pair of trifles produced last year to share at our Huntley Down Street Party.



Trifle recipe For the jelly and sponge layer: 135 g orange flavoured jelly cubes 200 ml boiling water 2 x 300g can mandarin segments 1 lemon 275 g lemon Swiss roll (Tesco £1.55) Cointreau (optional)



For the custard and biscuit layers:

40 g custard powder – not instant 1 tablespoon cornflour 40 g sugar 500 ml milk 1 tablespoon lemon juice – fresh or bottled 70 g soft Amaretti biscuits (Waitrose or Sainsbury's)

For the mandarin coulis layer:

The reserved mandarin segments from the jelly layer

- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice fresh or bottled
- 2 teaspoons cornflour
- 1 tablespoon water

For the toppings:

100 g white chocolate 30 g mixed peel 300 ml double cream 30 g Amaretti biscuits



Method

Make up the jelly by adding just 200ml boiling water to the cubes.

When dissolved, add the zest and juice from the lemon and enough of the juice from the drained mandarin oranges to make up to 500ml. Leave to set in the fridge.

Make the custard by mixing 40g custard powder with one tablespoon of cornflour and 40g sugar and make in your usual way (either in the microwave or the traditional way using boiling milk) Add one tablespoon of lemon juice, cover closely with cling film and chill in the fridge.

Put half the reserved mandarin oranges in a pan with two tablespoons of sugar and one tablespoon of lemon juice, cook until hot, mashing with the back of a wooden spoon until the oranges are mushy. Then thicken with the two level teaspoons cornflour mixed with one tablespoon of water. Mix in the rest of the whole mandarin oranges and leave to cool in the fridge. Slice the Swiss roll, arrange in the bottom of a trifle bowl and pour over a few glugs of Cointreau, then add the jelly, it doesn't matter if it soaks into the cake. Put in the fridge until completely set.

Pour over or spoon the custard to cover the jelly layer. Chill until set.

Put the Amaretti biscuits on top of the set custard, then spoon over the mandarin coulis.

Cover with the whipped cream and decorate with the white chocolate shards and/or Amaretti biscuits. (Spread melted white chocolate thinly onto non-stick paper then sprinkle over the mixed peel, when cold and set break into shards.)

Chill until ready to serve.

To pair with the trifle, I have suggested Babycham. This was first produced in 1953, in the same year as Queen Elizabeth's Coronation and was one of the first alcoholic drinks I ever consumed, so it scores very highly in the nostalgia stakes. In pubs back then it was served in a champagne saucer glass (coupe) with a maraschino cherry on a cocktail stick. As a teenager I thought this the height of adult sophistication.

Someone thoughtfully brought a large bottle of Babycham to

one of the Milborne St. Andrew street parties last year and all the women of a certain age were in raptures about it. It certainly is very retro and also extremely affordable and readily available. Tesco sell 4 x 200ml bottles for £3.25. Of course, it won't suit everyone but I think it's rather cloying cidery sweetness goes well with the strong flavours and matching sweetness of the trifle. It has recently had a makeover and rebrand



the trifle. It has recently had a makeover and rebranding and apparently is now closer to the original. Does anyone else remember the advertising slogan "I'd love a Babycham!"?

My mother-in-law had a plastic Babycham faun as a Christmas decoration for many years, I'm sure she wasn't aware that it used to sit on the bar at the local pub, 'The Gay Gordon' (recently renamed 'The Gordon Highlander'). Being a Calvinistic Scotswoman who was strictly teetotal, she would have been horrified if she had known where it came from, even more so had she known that the faun had been 'nicked' by her son from the pub's bar after an evening of revelry.

Sometimes it's nice to look back and smile at our youthful follies. I can imagine the horrified expressions on the faces of some people reading my recommendation for Babycham who think themselves fine wine connoisseurs.

In a tasting of wines by fifty-four so called experts quite a few years ago none of the experts noticed that the two glasses of wine offered for their opinion was actually exactly the same wine in both glasses. A couple of drops of tasteless and odourless red food colouring had been added to one glass to colour the wine red. Most of them remarked knowledgeably to each other on the huge difference in tastes between the two wines. I wish I could have been there to see the expressions on their faces when the truth was revealed.

YouTube has a brilliant selection of short videos mocking the experts, I particularly enjoyed 'wine snobbery at its best'.

As Nigella Lawson says, 'I never taste the wine first in restaurants, I just ask the waiter to pour.' Incidentally I have often wondered why waiters don't let you have a small bite of your food and then send it back if it doesn't taste good . . .

Last year *The Spectator* magazine ran a competition for a poem to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, written in the style of a famous author, this was one of the winners.

If you can keep your throne when others totter And join it to a democratic creed, If you can bear it that one son's a rotter, Another keen as mustard to succeed; If you can wave and not get sick of waving, At multitudes whose names you do not know Or listen to a bonkers PM raving, While never letting your impatience show;

If you can treat stale rituals as normal, The cutting of the ribbon and all that, Where every single move is tightly formal And dress and coat must always match the hat; If you can serve a role that must be gruelling, But protocol forbids you to protest, For three score years and ten of steadfast ruling Then frankly, Ma'am, I feel you need a rest. Basil Ransome-Davies/Rudyard Kipling

Rose Frost

Hedgehogs continue . . .

IT IS so good to hear from various places that our hedgehog watchers are being so well rewarded. Following the report last month of five being recorded in the middle of the village I have also heard of three on the south of the village up Dorchester Hill as well as odd single ones being seen on the road. I had a report of a possible injured one but with a bit of TLC and some food it seemed to be OK. I myself can now report three different hedgehogs recorded on the trail camera in Bladen View and I have one that is using the box in the garden for daytime sleeping. This is a total of at least nine that I have heard of in the village recently. I expect there are more. I do wonder, however, whether any of these are duplicates as we know that they can travel up to half a mile in one night foraging for food. This is interesting but not as important as the fact that we have them apparently thriving in this village. Pip Bowell



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Coronation of the King

By Jan Beaumont [©]

Maybe you're a monarchist Or maybe you are not But whichever one you are you must admit That on Saturday the 6th of May Something special did occur And no one does it better than a Brit!

The pomp and pageantry alone Was something to behold And something we'll remember for so long And in the years to come We'll have a story to be told Of the day when absolutely nowt went wrong!

The page boys did their duty well The music was uplifting Celebrities and world leaders all were there And from our much beloved Queen The leadership was shifting And all had come, this special day to share.

We watched as the Archbishop Placed the crown upon Charles' head The time had come for him to lead the nation And after waiting oh so long We now have a King instead An occasion of long held anticipation.

It truly is a mammoth task And so we wish him well It really has been such a lengthy wait And though we're sure he's up to speed Time alone will tell But his Queen is there to share what's on his plate!

We say long live King Charles the III We pray his reign is blessed He now takes on the top job in the land Let's hope his Mother taught him well For she simply was the best And now the day is here as it was planned.

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Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club

A VERY big "thank you" to all those who came to support us at our Annual Plant

Sale in May. Residents arrived in great numbers to buy plants of all sorts, gardening tools and accessories. Cakes and refreshments were also available and all-told the event was a great success.

Later in May, garden club members benefited from a shopping trip to Poundbury Garden Centre where we were offered a 25% discount an all items for sale.

In June we look forward to a visit to Bennett's Water Garden and on Thursday 15th June a talk on companion planting at the village hall. So, if you'd like to learn how to choose plants that go well together, do please come along. All are welcome, it starts at 7.30pm, only costs £2 *and* includes light refreshments.

Mark Johnson







News from the Milborne Players

AFTER a short break for everyone following the fun and success of Cinderella, rehearsals for our summer production are now well under way. We think we have chosen something that is a little different that you won't have seen performed on stage before.

Performances are scheduled for the evenings of Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd July.

Now, we know our costume helpers had great fun working backstage during the pantomime this year. Whilst none of us are likely to be wearing such elaborate attire for our summer production, we are always on the look out for help, backstage and front of house too, such as with the bar and with taking tickets at the door. It's such a great vibe on the night. And if you've always wanted to try the stage, but have not felt confident enough, joining a small village group like ours is the perfect place to start. Just message myself on 07804 600204, or Gren on 07876 793319.

In our next short article, for the July *Reporter*, I'll be profiling one of our best known actors, delving into what makes him love to be on the stage and entertain people. *Kate Hawker*





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Looking back, living forward

A few days ago, I had a very lucky escape. I was driving past a local river when a flash of white caught my eye. For some reason I wondered whether it was a swan. A friend's son is very keen on swans, so in mind was that I could tell him where I'd seen one, if that indeed was what it was. So I carried on driving but kept looking back at the river to see whether I could tell what sort of bird it was. So transfixed was I in trying to work out what the glimpse of white was that I managed to pull out into the pathway of an oncoming car at a T-junction at the end of the road. I am very grateful that the driver of that car had quick reactions, and an accident was averted.

We all know that looking backwards while trying to drive a car or even ride a bicycle is likely to end in tears. If we are going to reach our destination safely, we need to keep our eyes focussed on where we are going and not on where we have come from.

In life more generally looking back does have some purpose – learning from past mistakes, for instance. But there are also times when we can get stuck in the past and find ourselves struggling to live fully in the present because we keep being dragged back by the thought of a poor decision we made, or something that has happened to us years back. We beat ourselves up or allow ourselves to be weighed down by feelings of guilt. There are people who get so caught up in things not being how they used to be that they find it hard to discern any meaning in their current life.

The prophet Isaiah from the Bible reminds his listeners at one point of God's message to them: "Do not remember the former things, neither consider the things of old. For behold, I am doing a new thing." (Isa 45.18-19) At the time God's people were in exile and finding it hard to settle because it's not where they wanted to be. They had a choice – to constantly hark back to the good old days or to try and make a future for themselves. God would be with them in that future, but no one could change what had happened in the past or turn the clock back.

That is a promise for us too: that the God who was with us in the past is the God alongside us now and who will not desert us in the future, whatever changes and new challenges we have to face.

With best wishes

Sarah

Milborne St. Andrew Church News

THE marvellous spectacle of the Coronation of their Majesties, King Charles III and Queen Camilla, is still fresh in my mind as I write. The Pomp and Circumstance, timeless Liturgy, glorious music, and a Balcony heralded a new Carolingian Age. In



Milborne, we held a Service on Sunday, 7th May, to celebrate the coronation, led by the churchwarden, who also played the organ (give him a monkey, and he'd be a one-man band). Our thanks to all who contributed to the service in any way; to John, who ensured the Union Flag flew throughout the weekend; to those who attended (and sang with gusto; to Lin for the beautiful flower arrangements in suitably patriotic colours; to Hazel for the bunting; to readers Angela and Janet; to Mark as "Welcomer"; and to Dave and Janet for the lovely refreshments after the service. Paper "Crowns" ("thank you", Janet) were handed out to each person present, on which to write a prayer or wish for the King. These have been forwarded to Buckingham Palace along with the prayers and good wishes of the congregation at St. Andrew's church.

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (formerly known as Continued on page 13

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

June 2023

4th June – Trinity Sunday

9.30am	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30	Celebrate	Milborne
11.00	Parish Communion	Puddletown
11.00	1662 Morning Prayer	Dewlish
	(traditional language)	

11th June – St Barnabas

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

18th June – Trinity 2

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

SATURDAY 24th June

2.00pm	Marriage of Rupert Cox +	Puddletowqn
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25th June – Trinity 3

9.30am	Parish Communion	Milborne
10.00	Go Fourth	Tolpuddle
11.00	1662 Morning Prayer	Puddletown
	(traditional language)	
11.00	Parish Communion	Dewlish

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the AGM), was held in Dewlish Village Hall on Sunday, 23rd April, following a joint celebration of the Parish Eucharist in Church. Tony Fox and Pam Shults were re-elected as Churchwardens for the ensuing year (congratulations/ commiserations – delete as applicable). It was a time to hear about the life and work of the church during the past twelve months and to receive reports, financial and otherwise. It was also an opportunity to thank **ALL** who contribute in any way to the life of St. Andrew's. The prayers of those unable to be with us are as invaluable as the contributions and activities undertaken by the more able-bodied. And "Thank you" to those who continue to contribute financially.

The 30th of April, being a fifth Sunday in the month, there was a Parish Eucharist for the Benefice at St. Mary's, Puddletown, when the Celebrant and Preacher was the Reverend Karen Hutchinson, one-time Archdeacon of Norwich, but now working in this Diocese. She spoke of the Vocation and Calling of every member of the Christian Family.

We look forward to Maggie's Ordination to the Priesthood at the beginning of July and her first Celebration of the Eucharist in Milborne Church on July 2nd. Our love and prayers go with her at this very special step in her Christian Pilgrimage.

I recently mentioned Paddi Spruyt, widow of a former Vicar of Milborne and Dewlish. It was a great delight to see her with her son Nicholas while travelling to Weymouth, where Paddi's daughter, Katie, and her husband were on holiday. She may be 97, but she has lost none of her outspokenness or her sense of humour!

With the sudden flourish of green leaves, flowers and shrubs (not to mention the rapidly growing grass on the lawn), I am reminded of these words by John Newton (author of "Amazing Grace".)

> "On Thy garden deign to smile, Raise the plants, enrich the soil; Soon Thy presence will restore Life to what seemed dead before." *Tony Fox* (Churchwarden)

Welcome

We welcome into the Christian Family **Margot Astrid Miller**, daughter of Justin and Kelly of Orchard Villa, who was baptised in Milborne Church on Sunday, 30th April. We pray for God's blessing upon Margot, her parents, Godparents, family, and friends. (This was the first time Maggie had officiated at a Baptism. Congratulations!)

Dewlish Church Notes

AT OUR AGM, held jointly with Milborne, Jim and Sue were once again elected as churchwardens. Those who contribute to church life so much – by way of flowers in church, cleaning, playing the organ, officiating, keeping the churchyard tidy, and generally helping out – were thanked. We could not continue without them!

Tina and Melvyn have held yet another successful Jumble Sale, this time raising £121. The amounts raised by them have more or less covered the cost of the church's roof repairs. We are really grateful – a tremendous effort and a lot of work! Thank you so much!

We are also very grateful to the family of the late Pete Gray: donations for the church, in Pete's memory, totalled £583.20, a truly wonderful amount, in memory of a truly wonderful man! Have you noticed the beautiful display of wild flowers in the churchyard? At the time of writing, we are enjoying primroses, violets and cowslips, all growing naturally and looking simply amazing.

Speaking of flowers, Christine and Ross are once again opening their lovely garden at Yardes Cottage on 29th June and 1st July, 1.00–5.00pm. This is in connection with the National Gardens Scheme. We are supplying cream teas and cake, and selling jams, honey, etc., with all proceeds from that coming to our church – so welcome when our insurance comes due in late summer. Daphne Burg



Dear Editor

Thanks to all those who worked really hard to make the Coronation Picnic such a success. It was lovely to see so many, particularly the children, enjoying themselves.

The people I know about are Linsey and Steve O'Neill, Susan Poet, Rich and Kate Hawker, Natalie Dennis, and Holly at the school, but of course there were others . . . including Wayne Lewin and Martin Dennis, who, with Susan, were on Bar duty for most of the time.

Thanks also to the Parish Council, whose idea it was in the first place.

Very best wishes Sarah Ryan

Dear Reporter,

I thoroughly enjoyed Rose Frost's Perfect Pairings in the April edition of the Reporter. The reference to Dickens' description of a hangover in David Copperfield led me to dust off my copy of Kingsley Amis' Lucky Jim to remind myself of the Elder Amis' famous account of the effects of overindulgence. Most of us have one or two old friends in particular whose invites for a "quiet drink" should be accompanied by a quick re-reading of the eponymous hero's ordeal. The fear of feeling like the "*broken spidercrab on the tarry shingle of morning*" might just stay one's hand before that "one for the road" which inevitably leads to a visit from the "*small creature of the night*" who uses your mouth "as a latrine . . . and then as its mausoleum".

Tim, St Andrew's View

Volunteers are occasionally needed to deliver the *Reporter* magazine to cover for holidays. Can you help? Let any of the team (see page 2) know.

A Right Royal Knees Up

A BIG yellow orb was seen to rise in the eastern sky over the village on the day of the King's Coronation lunch. No one had seen it for a while: the sun was back. The previous day, King Charles III had been crowned, travelling to Westminster Abbey under a rainy, grey London sky. The villagers of Milborne St. Andrew would make their way to the Village Hall for a picnic lunch under a blue sky accompanied by pleasant warm spring sunshine. Children put the bouncy castle through its paces, whilst the adults popped corks and decanted lunch onto picnic blankets and tables. Other children disappeared for a while to take part in the treasure hunt, searching excitedly for crowns to count that had been placed along the pathways and in the dens behind the hall and grounds. The bar quenched thirsts, prizes were handed out by the new King for the children's fancy dress competition, and the children from the school weaved their magic around the impressive Maypole that was especially made for the occasion.

At 2.00pm the ice cream van arrived. By 2.30pm, the ice cream man had paid off his mortgage and was considering making an offer on a five bedroom mansion in Sandbanks. Meanwhile, the Punch and Judy Professor looked on enviously as he assembled his booth and gave the enthusiastic youngsters a show to remember. Other stalls and activities attracted a steady trade as people milled around, new friends were made, old songs boomed out on the PA. Then it was time for the adults to strut their stuff, taking their places around the Maypole and strength testing it to within an inch of its life.

As the sun began to lose its strength and the DJ ran out of tunes, the good folk of our village began to head for home. A splendid time was had by all. Special thanks to the Parish Council for their generosity which enabled the event to come alive, and also to everyone who helped plan and envisage and organise the party. Rich Hawker











Lots going on at Ladybirds

WE may have had a short month this period with a couple of bank holidays but there seems to have been lots going on.

Of course, we couldn't let the coronation go without covering the event. Whether a Royalist or not it is a moment in history that is relevant to all. With small children it is much easier to reflect after an event rather than discuss in depth before. So, in the run up we read The King's Coronation by Marion Billet, a lovely push, pull and slide book with relatable pictures ending with King Charles reading a story to his grandchildren. A new story book The King's Pants (by same author of The Queen's Knickers) was found hilarious by the children and very modern too with an H.R.H. Royal Pants app. The older children made a booklet about themselves 'when King Charles was crowned I...' All the



children received a coronation medal. And on Friday we had an indoor 'street party' enjoying the decorated buns we had made.

There has been plenty to keep the children entertained with the Village Hall's new pétanque pitch being built. Lots of excitement with a digger right next to our outside play area then truck loads of stones being off loaded.

Lots of play outside as the weather has been good. Our small digging area is as popular as ever as is the mud kitchen. We have planted the surviving runner beans and fingers crossed



they will flourish and produce some beans for tasting. Inside along with the usual activities we have included some science experiments. The photo shows a container of yellow water, an empty container and a container of blue water with absorbent



paper connecting them. The children were asked to suggest what was going to happen in the empty container, then they watched to see. Most said blue – just one going for red (well it is his favourite colour!)

Ladybirds has become very busy with six new children joining us. If you are looking for a space in September, please contact us as we are planning for next school year already. *Liz Dyer*

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We are happy to take your calls, but you may find it quicker and easier for you to order repeat medication by email, online via our surgery website, or via the NHS app.

If you are sending an email please include your full name, DOB, and the details of the medication required. If you need to register for online services, please bring in two forms of ID (one photo and one utility bill showing your current address) and our admin staff can arrange that for you. To order via the NHS app, you will need to download the app and follow the instructions.

We would like to remind you that we ask patients to allow three full working days before collecting medication. The day that you order is not counted, neither is the day you collect, so for example if you order on a Monday your meds will be ready to collect on a Friday. Whilst our Dispensary Team will always try to help if you suddenly need a prescription at short notice, there may be times when they are not able to due to shortage of medication or delayed deliveries, so please do not rely on them to be able to get your medication ready sooner than the three full working days. We thank you for your cooperation.

DorPIP Dads

Dorset Parent Infant Partnership (DorPIP) is proud to announce the launch of a new course designed specifically for Dads. DorPIP Dads is a six-week online course that provides fathers with up-to-date information on men's mental health, baby development, and the impact of the parent-infant relationship on a child's development. The course is open to all fathers and is completely FREE.

The course is online on a Tuesday evening and will run for six weeks starting 6th June 2023. Fathers can sign up for the course by visiting the DorPIP website www.dorpip.org.uk

Carers Week 5th – 11th June 2023

Carers Week is an annual campaign to raise awareness of caring, highlight the challenges unpaid carers face and recognise the contribution they make to families and communities throughout the UK.

The theme for Carers Week 2023 is **'Recognising and supporting carers in the community'**.

You may not consider yourself a carer, as caring is often

something we do for family or friends without question and without defining or labelling it as such. If you provide care to someone who needs help because of their illness, frailty, disability, a mental health problem or an addiction, and they couldn't manage without your support, then you are a carer.

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For all your caring and for all your caregiving – thank you!

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

It's that time of the year again when parents start to think about the Summer Holidays and survival tactics! Dorset Council have funding that enables them to offer fun activities and tasty meals free of charge over the school holidays to children who are eligible for benefit-related school meals.

If your child is not eligible for free school meals, many activities will also be open to fee-paying customers too.

For more information on the HAF programme and activities in your area, please go to www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/holiday-activities-and-food-haf-programme

Plant and Veg Swap

Just a reminder that our Plant and Veg swap is back for 2023! If you have any spare seedlings, plants, or vegetables, please drop them off in our surgery foyer and then anyone who comes to the surgery can pick up something on their way out.

Travel

If you are dreaming of long white sandy beaches, exotic flavours, or architectural buildings then you may be planning to travel outside of the UK for your holidays this year.

We would strongly recommend that you visit the Travel Health Pro website www.travelhealthpro.org.uk in advance. This will enable you to consider the activities that you are planning and the areas that you will be visiting, and any risks associated with this that may make vaccinations more advisable.

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Village Hall Car Park Extension A statement from the Village Hall Trustees

WE ARE disappointed to announce that we will not be going ahead with the planned extension to the Village Hall Car Park.

Our plans would have resulted in a 50% increase in parking spaces and funding and planning permission for the project had all been secured.

A few days before we were about to begin the works, we were contacted by the Tree Officer from Dorset Council. She visited the site and pointed out that two mature birch trees, adjacent to the site, might be adversely affected by the proposed work.

She acknowledged that we could go ahead, as planned, but

recommended an alternative surfacing approach which would not damage the trees' roots.

We investigated the suggested alternative approach but, sadly, we concluded that it would neither be cost-effective nor a particularly practical solution for the extension.

At their committee meeting in April, the Trustees agreed that the risk to the trees by going ahead as planned was not acceptable and that the alternative approach suggested, really was a nonstarter. Consequently, it was agreed that the project should be abandoned.

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Understanding the World: Making Sense of my Ecologically Diverse World Enquiry

As part of our science learning we have been investigating different natural environments. We headed to our partner Whiteways Farm to continue this journey. We:

- met and fed baby lambs
- saw the cows being milked
- played cow bingo
- thought about animals and their babies by observing the sheep and lambs together and feeding the calves.

This linked perfectly with the coronation work we have started as King Charles III loves his farm and is very passionate about organic farming which the children think is "home grown". He loves wildflower meadows, bees and butterflies so we will be planting some wildflowers by using seed bombs.

Thank you Mrs Pavey for welcoming us and stimulating our learning.







CONTACTS

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

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The Year 4 children had the most amazing few days at Hooke Court! The very wet weather did not stop them having lots of fun while den building, making their own tribes and even rocket launching! They even managed to have an 'indoor' campfire! These hands-on activities were enjoyed by all and the children have made memories to last a lifetime!







Coronation celebrations!

The Coronation of King Charles was a magnificent occasion for many and here at our lovely school we celebrated with our very own coronation celebration.

Festivities began on Friday 5th May with the children coming to school wearing red, white and blue party attire, and they all looked absolutely brilliant so a big thank you to all of our families for all of your efforts.

The day consisted of crown making, music, maypole dancing, ice



creams, more dancing and most importantly - laughter.

We had our very own street party at lunchtime with the hall being decorated head to toe in bunting and we even had two surprise guests – King Charles and Queen Camillia themselves!



(Many thanks to The Royal Oak pub for lending us the royals!)

A big thank you to our wonderful Friends of School who gifted each child with a leather bookmark as a keepsake.

It was such a special occasion and hopefully one the children of our school will remember for years to come.





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Street party in Huntley Down to celebrate the Coronation

AS IS traditional with all street parties in our green and pleasant land, there was a certain amount of uncertainty about the weather forecast. Last year's downpour at our Queen's Platinum Jubilee Street Party taught us a lesson and we were prepared for all eventualities. People had generously offered gazebos for shelter and some even offered the use of their houses as a party venue in case of atrocious weather.

Luckily the threatened rain held off and for once we were able to enjoy a fine day for the celebrations. In all 54 people, four dogs (and a ferret!) took part and everyone came together with a spirit of celebration and goodwill. It was great for us longstanding residents to meet so many of the new neighbours who have recently moved in. There are now 50 houses instead of 25 in Huntley Down and some of us who delivered the first invitations to every house had to stop and admire the view as we neared the very top of the rather steep hill!

We weren't sure if there would be any keenness for another

street party less than a year after the last one, but the enthusiasm and warmth of the people who immediately responded to our invitation made up for the rather surprising non-response from nearly half the houses. Anyway, you missed a cracking good party.

Thankfully the usual keen and public-spirited people turned up (thank goodness) at

11.00am on the party day to set up the gazebos and tables and chairs. Miles of bunting was strung from every possible place; Union Jacks were fluttering and before too long we were party



is much that isn't perfect about our society today but when I look at what is happening in so many other places around the world I think perhaps we should count ourselves lucky to live here.



ready. Just before midday an astonishing amount of food and drink was brought out and just after the sun had officially crossed the yardarm the first corks were popped and as if by magic we had lift off!

So much fabulous food, so much to drink, such generosity and goodwill. It's always difficult to describe the special atmosphere at a street party. You had to be there to experience the feeling of kindness, cooperation and good old-fashioned fun. After wetting their whistles (and whetting their appetites) some people headed down to our Village Hall picnic, where there was a lot more entertainment and fun for the children. Those of us happy to sit and chat lazily in the sunshine stayed put . . .

We toasted our newly crowned King and Queen, gave them three cheers and wished them well. Not everyone is a royalist but



Personally, I feel proud, all these years later, to have joined in with celebrating another coronation and another milestone in our history. Who could ever forget the surge of emotion felt at the end of the coronation procession when the massed ranks of the military assembled on the lawns at Buckingham Palace gave three cheers for the King and Queen? I wonder if my own children, grandchildren and future generations will be privileged to experience the same?

A huge thank you to everyone in Huntley Down who took the trouble to reply to the invitation, made the effort, took part in our party, brought such fantastic food and drink, did their bit (including the clearing up!) with such generosity and good humour and helped to make it a very, very special and most memorable occasion. *Rose Frost*



I'm sure most people can see that King Charles cares deeply about the environment and wants to make a difference. Personally, I think he has weathered all the challenges of the first

six months of his reign with a generous spirit and I hope the future is a bit calmer and more settled for him.

Some of us at the party could remember the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth, even though it was seventy years ago. I sometimes wish we could recreate the genuine patriotism and pride in one's country that was so widespread in the postwar years of the 1950's. There





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A man called Otto

Friday 16th June 2023 at 7.30pm Village Hall, The Causeway, Milborne St Andrew Doors and bar open 7.00pm Tickets cost £6, which includes a drink or an ice-cream

A man called Otto

Otto (Tom Hanks) is a grump who's given up on life following the loss of his wife and wants to end it all. When a young family moves in nearby, he meets his match in quick-witted Marisol, leading to a friendship that will turn his world around.

At first sight, Otto is almost certainly the grumpiest man you will ever meet, a curmudgeon with staunch principles, strict routines, and a short fuse. People think him bitter, and he thinks himself surrounded by idiots. Otto's well-ordered, solitary world gets a shake-up one snowy morning with the appearance of new neighbours, a chatty young couple and their two daughters, who announce their arrival by accidentally driving over a curb with their U-Haul. What follows is a heart warming tale of unkempt cats, unlikely friendships, and a community's unexpected reassessment of the one person they thought they had figured out.

Play Pétanque at the Village Hall **WANTED**

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CONTACT:

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Epic cycle ride for Weldmar Hospicecare Trust

THIS time last year, our mum, Elaine Stockley was admitted into the Weldmar inpatient unit in Dorchester after battling stage four cancer for five years. Sadly, on the 15th June she lost her fight. Everyone at Weldmar does a great job and the care that both our mum and our family received was outstanding.

So on Thursday 15th June, the first anniversary and to give something back for all the help we had, I will be cycling from Lands End to Weldmar inpatient unit in Dorchester following a very hilly route across Cornwall and Devon covering 186 miles, and all this to be ridden in one day!

If anyone would like to sponsor me I will have a sponsor form in the village shop and have a Justgiving page (search Paul Stockley).



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HIP at Huntley Down

THE meeting comprised of the Village Meeting, Full Council Meeting, and AGM. It was great to see a few more people in attendance. If you have a concern that you want to raise, or an opinion on anything on the agenda then please come along to the Parish Council meetings and have your say. The meetings are usually the first Wednesday of the month.

The meeting started with Cllr Macnair sharing the achievements of the Parish Council (PC) throughout the last 12 months, as well as initiatives that have been supported. These included:

- Some stiles have been replaced with gates around the village to make areas more accessible.
- Litter pick around the parish which was successful with large quantities of rubbish being collected, mainly from the verges going out of the village.
- The Jubilee celebrations in 2022 were supported as well as the coronation celebrations.
- Continued support of the community speed-watch and have implemented the Speed Indicating Device (SID) that alternate at two locations on Milton Road.
- The purchase of some community sports kit for the sports club to encourage community use there. Will be working with the Village Hall to purchase sports kit for use at the Village Hall.

Cllr Macnair shared the challenges of working with Dorset Council (DC). Lots of PC time is spent chasing DC Highways and Planning on Section 106 matters.

The PC was asked about the development at Fox View. A toilet pan has appeared on the site, and the site is once again becoming overgrown. Part of the fencing has been opened up and a concern was raised that children could access the site and potentially hurt themselves. The site has been like this for over 10 years and appears that nothing is progressing on the site. Cllr Macnair responded saying that they have called the developers as well as emailed and had no response. Unfortunately the PC have no authority over this site but said they have consistently been "poking" DC to get it progressed. The developers previously tidied up the site but apart from that there is little more that can be done.

There were discussions about the Heathland Infrastructure Project (HIP) at the top of Huntley Down, which is still not open to the public regardless of people having moved into the houses. PC have a different understanding to that of Emma Parker from DC as to the reasons why.

A villager came to share their concerns about the HIP and claimed that no-one is aware that the ground has been built up immensely. The thought of it being a lovely green area for children to play and dog walking is an illusion. The recent rain has caused concrete and flint to come to the surface, and the site is not fit for purpose. The villager went on to say that Mr Wyatt denies that the land has been built up. The land that once had a gentle slope is now a hillock and water running off is now draining into Coles Lane causing flooding issues. Enforcement are washing their hands of the matter, and it is now a civic matter. PC is disappointed by the response from Enforcement regarding this situation, and have come to the end of what they can do in relation to this. It was suggested that the villager write to the PC asking for their support so it can be discussed at the next meeting. Two planning applications were supported:

- P/HOU/2023/01207 Amberhaze, Little England.
- P/NMA/2023/01867 The Old Rectory, Chapel Street.
- The next meeting will be on Wednesday 7th June at the Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall starting at 7.00pm. Jo Whitfield

What's on in June

June	
Monday 5th	Bridge The Royal Oak 7.00pm.
Wednesday 7th	Wednesday Club talk by Pip Bowell on
	Hedgehogs Village Hall 2.00pm.
Wednesday 7th	Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7.00pm
Thursday 8th	WI 'To see a man about a dog' with Hillary
	Green. Village Hall 7.30pm.
Thursday 8th	Ploughman's Theme Night The Royal Oak.
Friday 9th	Live music with The Covers Bank The Royal
•	Oak.
Monday 12th	Bridge The Royal Oak 7.00pm.
Wednesday 14th	Reporter deadline – send copy and
	photographs by mid-day via
	msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk or give to a
	member of the team. Team members can
	be found on page two.
Thursday 15th	Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club talk
	on companion planting village hall. So, if
	you'd like to learn how to choose plants
	that go well together, do please come
	along. All are welcome, it starts at 7.30pm,
	only costs £2 and includes light
	refreshments.
Friday 16th	More than a Movie A man called Otto
•	Village Hall doors open at 7.00pm for 7.30pm
	tickets £6 includes a drink or ice-cream.
Monday 19th	Bridge The Royal Oak 7.00pm.
, Tuesday 20th	Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club
•	morning visit to Bennett's Water Garden
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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 5.30–6.45pm.
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 6.30–8.00pm (term time only).
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