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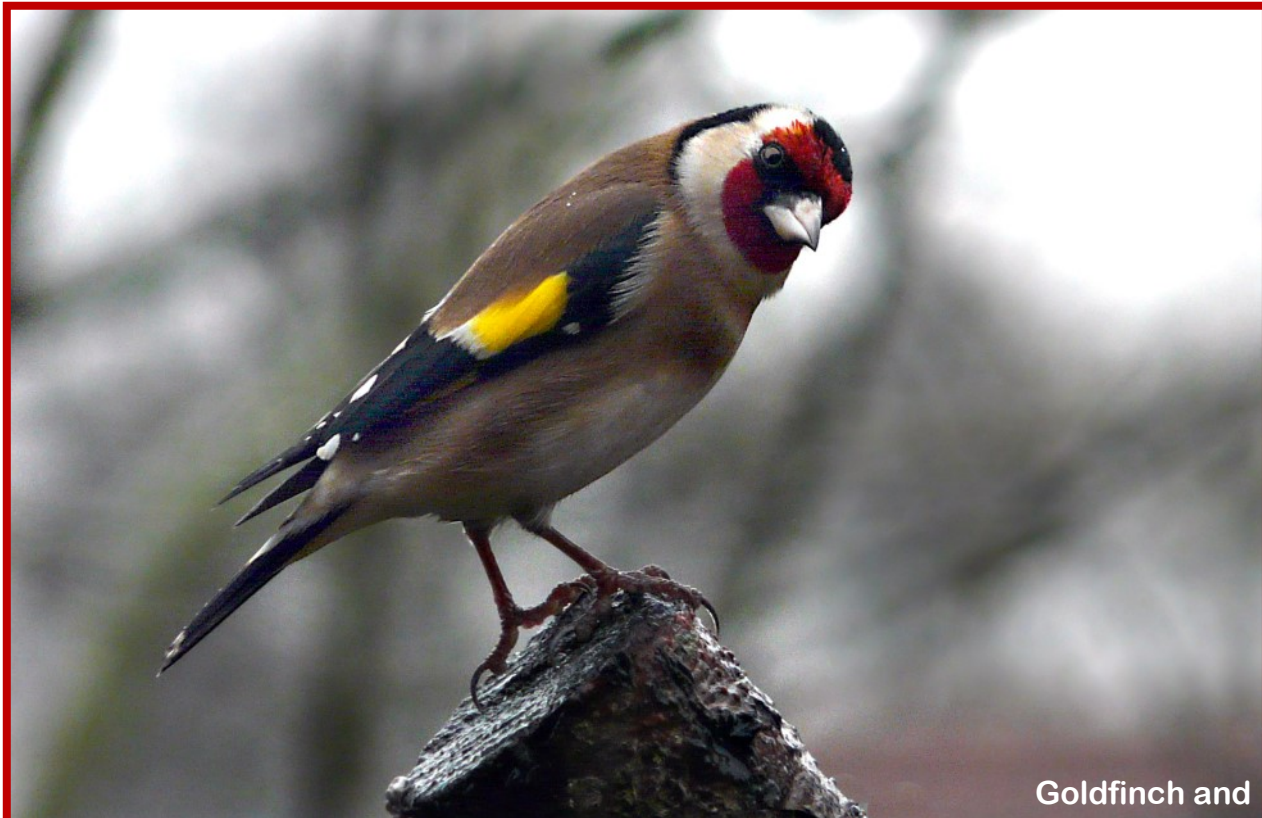
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Spring Show revived after 25 Years

STILL going strong, Raymond Hayward (95) took 'Best in Show' recently at the Milborne St. Andrew Spring Show.



Ray is well known in his native Dorset, for growing award-winning daffodils.

This year, Ray, (a member of The Daffodil Society), his daughter Darleen and friends revived the village's Spring Show, 25 years since it ceased, due to a decline in entries.

There were close on 110 show entries, from amateurs and experts.

The Judge was Gwyn Davies, of Christchurch. Gwyn has 40 years experience growing and showing daffodils, and 30 years judging – both as an RHS Judge, and as a member of the Daffodil Society, and is a former member of the RHS Daffodil and Tulip Committee.

Ray says, "The show contained many top varieties rarely seen in gardens. People came from far and wide including friends Derek and Jennifer Phillips from Bath. I was pleased with the support the show had from many friends, who are interested in horticulture, from around the area.

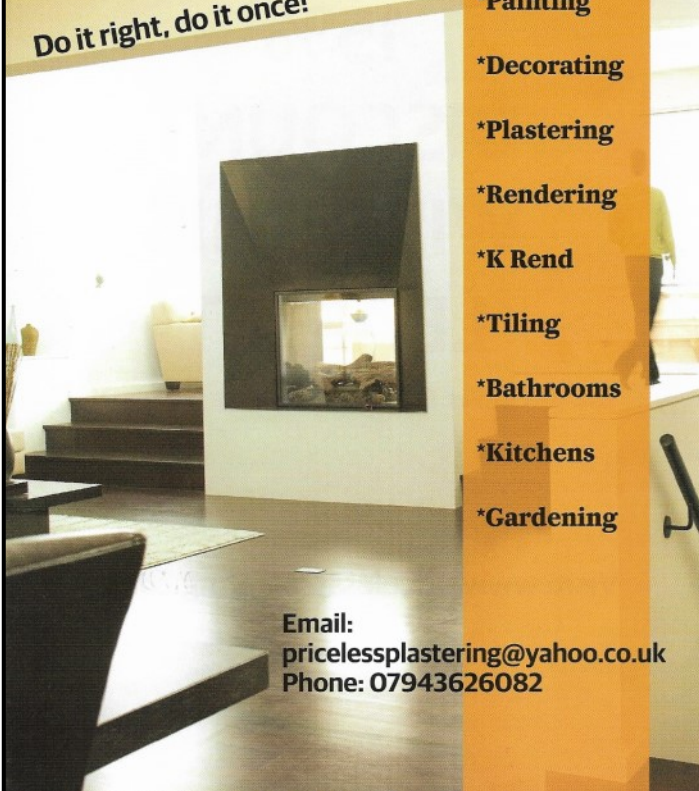
The show was held on Sunday 24th March 2024. After the success of this year's show, it is hoped the show will once again become an annual event.

Jo-Anne Wagner



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Jam and cream at the Wednesday Club

IN April we held our Spring cream tea meeting at Josie and John's house. As it was wet and windy outside, we all gathered inside for a splendid tea of scones, jam and clotted cream and a nice cup of tea.



Next month is our annual general meeting at 2.00pm on 1st May in the village hall. If anyone would like to join our small committee, we would be very pleased as two of our officers are standing down this time.

The meeting will be followed by bingo, tea and biscuits and plenty of conversation.

The Wednesday Club is open to everyone. As it is an afternoon club you don't have to worry about going home in the dark, so why not join us.

Josie Wright

Animal allergens in vegan and plant-based food

THE Food Standards Agency is running a campaign to advise people with milk, egg, fish or shellfish allergies, or those who care for people with these types of allergy, to always check the label on vegan and plant-based food as it may not be safe to eat.

Foods marked as vegan or plant-based are not guaranteed to be free from products of animal origin, and therefore could still contain allergenic ingredients. This is because a vegan label is not a food safety label so risks remain of cross-contamination in manufacturing and production processes that might mean vegan or plant-based food is not safe for some people to eat.

Q: Do you know the difference between a 'free-from' and 'vegan' label?

A: A 'free-from' label guarantees the product doesn't contain the named allergen. To use this label, food businesses must follow strict processes to ensure the allergen isn't present.

However, these rules don't apply to vegan or plant-based products, which means there could be a chance of cross-contamination with allergens such as milk, eggs, fish or shellfish.

Q: Do you have an allergy to milk, eggs, fish, or shellfish? Do you eat vegan food to help manage your allergies?

A: Vegan food isn't always safe for people with these allergies because of potential cross-contamination during manufacturing and preparation processes.

For peace of mind that ingredients such as milk, eggs, fish, or shellfish aren't present in vegan food or plant-based food through cross-contamination, always check for precautionary allergen labels such as a 'may contain' statement. This will help prevent an allergic reaction.

The Food Standards Agency advises – Never assume vegan or plant-based food is safe for people with certain allergies. Don't take the risk. Always read the label.

More information can be found on the Food Standards Agency's website where you can read in more detail about vegan food and allergens, cross-contamination and precautionary allergen labelling for vegan food, and steps to take to keep safe. Visit www.food.gov.uk/safety-hygiene/vegan-food-and-allergens



Chris Lanes

5th January 1974 – 3rd March 2024



IT IS with great sadness that we announce the death of our beloved son Chris, and brother to Steve.

Chris attended the village Primary School under the Headship of Mr Herridge, he always enjoyed school and the love of sport began albeit by winning the sack race. He later took up running with Rob Paulley every Sunday morning running to Bere Regis and back. Chris later went on to win the two-mile village fun run, beating his good friend Tony by 15 minutes. Chris and Tony went on to play American Football together. Chris also had a love for rugby.

After leaving school Chris did various jobs, he worked as a builder, gardener, scaffolder, bartender, and at Guys Marsh Prison, dipping his toes in many other jobs. Chris's real love was in security helping people living on the streets of Bournemouth, and patients with mental health problems in Southampton, Poole, and Dorchester Hospitals. He had recently taken steps to have a career in mental health services.

Chris was a kind, caring, loving son and protective brother to Steve. Joy came into his life on the birth of his son Tyler. Later he met Clare, the love of his life. Chris had known Clare all his life, but their paths took different directions. However love prevailed, and they married in 2012. Chris played a big part in the lives of Clare's daughters Kayleigh and Beth and their children Ivy, Oakley, and Arlo who would always raid Grandad's sweet tin. He held a warm place in the hearts of his nephews Callum, Brandon, his wife Jess and great nephew Albie, his nieces Jessica, Shannon and great niece Paighton whom he could not wait to meet. Sadly that was not to be; she was born only two days before he died.

Chris touched the hearts of so many people – family, friends and work colleagues – with his love, caring outlook, and kindness.

We would like to thank you for all the cards and messages we have received which are a great comfort to us all and also the people that attended his funeral which was held at Harbour View on the 2nd of April 2024.

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Mystery Unravelled: Gala Dinner Turns into Whodunit Extravaganza!

ON Saturday, April 6th, our Village Hall underwent a metamorphosis into the illustrious “Weatherby Manor”. The occasion? A Gala Dinner hosted by Lady Weatherby, in honour of the distinguished Professor Archibald Blackthorn. The evening promised a riveting speech on the treasures of Weatherby Castle, but little did the guests know they were in for a night of unexpected twists and turns.

As attendees arrived bedecked in their finest attire, they were graciously welcomed by the impeccable Stephens, the Butler, and his dutiful assistants, with glasses of delectable Bucks Fizz. However, beneath the surface of sophistication lurked secrets and hidden agendas.



Just as the festivities were reaching a crescendo, tragedy struck! Lady Weatherby’s shocking discovery of Professor Blackthorn’s lifeless body in the library sent shockwaves through the gathering, prompting an urgent call to the authorities. Enter Inspector Phil D’Cells, whose keen investigative skills were put to the test as he endeavoured to unravel the tangled web of deceit.

Amidst the chaos, a scrumptious homemade lasagne provided a brief respite, but the reprieve was short-lived. As guests mingled once more, darkness descended, punctuated by the ominous sound of a gunshot. When the lights flickered back to life, another victim lay fallen – the unfortunate Mrs. Higgins.



With two murders to solve and dessert looming on the horizon, Inspector D’Cells faced mounting pressure. Yet, amidst the chaos, clues began to surface, leading to the apprehension of the culprits – Miss Clara Hawthorne and Miss Penelope



Blackthorn, the Professor’s secretary and niece, respectively.

Despite the harrowing events, the indomitable spirit of the evening prevailed, thanks in no small part to the talented cast of The Milborne Players, whose captivating performance kept guests on the edge of their seats. Special recognition is due to Lady Weatherby herself, Linsey O’Neill, whose ingenuity brought the evening to life, along with the invaluable contributions of technical wizards Ian and Ron, the incomparable Inspector and the ever-reliable Stephens the Butler. Thanks too go to Kate Hawker for the delicious vegetarian lasagne and to Linda Wright for the fabulous chocolate cheesecake.

In the end, as the curtain fell on this unforgettable soirée, guests departed with memories of a truly remarkable evening – a Gala Dinner turned whodunit extravaganza that will surely be whispered about for years to come.

Special thanks to the Players and to everyone that helped make the evening happen and to our guests for helping raise funds for our village hall.

VH

LETTER to the Reporter

We would like to thank Lady Weatherby for arranging and hosting a very enjoyable evening on Saturday 6th April at the village hall. We arrived at seven o’clock along with lots of other people dressed for the occasion of fine food and entertainment.

What an evening! We were greeted by her ladyship and then her butler. After being offered a drink we then found a seat at the large table. There were spaces around the table for those playing the suspects, members of the Milborne Players, and once it was clear that a murder had taken place, we set upon asking the suspects lots of questions in order to try to work out who the murderer was. The delicious two-course meal was served by two lovely waitresses, and I think that everyone who attended came away having had a very enjoyable evening.

Thank you to Linsey, who wrote the story behind the evening, and to all who helped organize the event.

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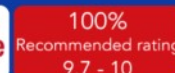
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Nick when he was a teenager



Nicks 57th birthday

Nick Thorne

16th February 1967–19th February 2024

NICK was born in Poole hospital, after suffering complications at birth when he was starved of oxygen then rushed to London and diagnosed with cerebral palsy. Nick lived his whole life in Milborne, first in Coles Lane and from May 1967 in Homefield, where his mother Joyce still lives.

Nick was the youngest of five children, Theresa, Diana, Brian and Philip. He was an uncle to eight children, great uncle to six, and great great uncle to three. He was fortunate to have so many caring family members close by.

Nick was a very happy child, and always had a very infectious smile. Nick was never happier than having a day out at Haynes Motor Museum as he just loved cars. Whenever a visitor arrived at the house the first question was always 'what car have you got?'. I remember with fondness how happy he was, when we used to drop off a Motor Sport magazine that we subscribed to on our way to work in Bere Regis.

Whenever his dad Brian went out to work on the car he just had to go out and watch. Nick had a special day out at Poole Fire Station with all the family and fire crew, and loved his days at the Day Centre. Nick also loved his music which was very varied from Jim Reeves, Donnie Osmond and many others.

Sadly, only three days after his 57th birthday Nick died of a heart attack. Shortly after Nick's death there was a private cremation and a few weeks later a celebration of Nick's life was held at the Sports Pavilion. There were lots of photographs of Nick and a slide show of photographs playing on the large TV. All the family were there, many villagers and people that had travelled considerable distances to attend. The catering was superb, and it was a lovely afternoon celebrating Nick's life.

Heather V Hogg



Travels with Rosie and Katie

THE dining table is full of 'Stuff' and there are lots of trips by mum and dad out to the big tin box on wheels with armfuls of more 'Stuff'. I've explained to Katie that it's nothing to worry about but we could be off on our travels again soon. We didn't go too far this time, only a couple of hours away into Devon, a place called Lynton.

Mum looked fed up though, she broke her toe kicking the drawer under the bed last week, silly woman, no walkies for her this week! Dad didn't mind too much as he can walk faster



without mum, still not as fast as us though! The Valley of the Rocks is near where the tin box is pitched

so we did a lovely walk there, lots of steep hills, I don't know what all the fuss is about with the hills, dad was huffing and puffing, Katie and me just scooted up easily. There were some



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This year the month of May is full of feasts and festivals – special days when the church remembers certain aspects of its life.

On 9th May, we remember the day Jesus ascended into heaven, forty days after the resurrection. He gave his disciples a commandment to go and make disciples of all nations. Which they did, especially after the release of the Holy Spirit upon them ten days later. The Early Church spread rapidly in the face of severe opposition; the message of those early disciples caught the imagination and many people converted to Christianity.

We celebrate the coming of that Spirit at Pentecost, which gave power and confidence to those early disciples to fulfil that command to go into the world with the message of Jesus. Often known as the birthday of the church, it was Pentecost that changed Jesus's followers from a quiet and cowed bunch following his death and resurrection into a spirited and eloquent group.

They certainly went and made Jesus known. Our new diocesan vision is Making Jesus Known – across five different areas of church life: local partnerships, justice, climate action, financial security and Christian leadership. It's not just that first group of disciples who are called to tell the story of the good news of Jesus Christ, but all Christian people, through our words, deeds and the way we live our lives. We are often reticent about this, but God's Spirit will give us the confidence we need, just as the first disciples received it.

Later in the month on 26th, we celebrate Trinity Sunday, a day when we remember who God is – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – rather than what God does.

Earlier in the month, 5th May, is Rogation Sunday. In times past, this was the day when the beating of the bounds would take place. Parishioners would walk around the boundaries of their parish, asking God to bless the crops for the coming year. In the days before maps were ubiquitous, it gave people a sense of where they came from and the parameters of their community.

Other people remembered this month include the disciple Philip, Matthias the apostle who replaced Judas, Julian of Norwich, the venerable Bede, the hymn writers John and Charles Wesley and local Aldhelm, the first Bishop of Sherborne.

Best wishes

Sarah

Notes from St. Andrew's

I WRITE this on one of the few days when the sun has deigned to shine, and there were patches of blue in the sky. It's been a pretty dismal start to the year so far.

Lent is now behind us for another year. Compline was held on Wednesday and enjoyed by those attending. A suggestion has been made to continue with Compline on a Wednesday evening once a month. This will be discussed. The Good Friday Liturgy, led by Tony, was well-attended and was, as always, a very moving commemoration of our Lord's death.

On Easter Day, our Service was held without electricity due to a power cut in the village. This unexpected turn of events only added to the beauty of the occasion. With the chandeliers lit and the light coming from the candle in the Tomb, it was a truly atmospheric experience. Through the wonders of modern technology, we could sing, the organ accompaniments having been downloaded and played through a Bluetooth speaker! More than one person has said we should occasionally hold a Service by Candlelight! The Easter Garden has been much admired. Thanks to the two adults and three children who built it. Please note the "sand dune" in front of the tomb, which I

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

5th May – Easter 6

9.30am	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30	Milborne Praise	Milborne
11.00	Parish Communion	Puddletown
11.00	1662 Morning Prayer (traditional language)	Dewlish
4.00pm	Bubble Church	Puddletown Village Hall

ASCENSION DAY – THURSDAY 9th May

6.30am	Morning Prayer	Dewlish Churchyard
6.00pm	Holy Communion	Puddletown

SATURDAY 11th MAY

12.30pm	Wedding of Simon Hewer + Vanessa Hopkins	Puddletown
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12th May – Easter 7

9.30am	Parish Communion followed by APCM	Milborne
11.00	Puddletown Praise	Puddletown
5.30pm	Sunday Reflections preceded by APCM (4.30 pm)	Tolpuddle

19th May – Pentecost

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

26th May – Trinity Sunday

9.30am	Parish Communion	Milborne
10.00	Go Fourth	Tolpuddle
11.00	BCP Matins (traditional language)	Puddletown
11.00	Parish Communion	Dewlish

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was assured was present in Jerusalem then! Our thanks, as always, to those who arranged the flowers for our Easter celebrations and those who contributed to the cost of flowers in memory of loved ones (a list of names is in the Church) and read or led the Intercessions. Also, thanks to those who polished the brass, washed, and ironed the linen, etc. and to our cleaners who make the Church look welcoming and loved.



We were overjoyed to welcome children, staff, helpers, family and friends of our First school to St. Andrew's for their Easter Service. The singing was lively, the Easter Bonnets were

fantastic, and the readings and poetry written by the pupils were clear and heartfelt. It was a truly joyful occasion. Well done!

On April 7th, at Milborne Praise, we were joined by a group from a Church in Canterbury, including Chloe Baxter. Chloe is the granddaughter of Alan and Lena Flood, who lived at Hyrne House and did so much for St. Andrew's. It was lovely to renew the association.

Our APCM (Annual meeting) will be held on Sunday, 12th May, following our 9.30am Eucharist in Milborne (A joint Service with Dewlish). At that meeting, we not only hear reports of the past year, but we elect Churchwardens and members of the Church Council for the year ahead. Eastertide lasts 50 days, from Easter Day until the Feast of Pentecost (Whitsunday), which falls on May 19th this year. It also coincides with spring and a time of new growth and rebirth. Let us pray for a renewal at St. Andrew's. We also recall Jesus' promise to his followers on Ascension Day, "Lo, I am with you, even till the end of time." We are deeply grateful for every one of you who contributes to the life and vitality of our church. Your dedication and support are what make our community strong and vibrant.

Tony and Pam (Churchwardens)

Dewlish Church Notes

THANK YOU to our ladies who made all the lovely posies for Mothering Sunday. It was sad, though, to see so few people in church to receive them. I guess a lot of people went out or away that day!

Our Spring Sale was also sparsely attended but a big thank-you must go to all who did come and donated items for the stalls, and cash donations. We had a fabulous cake stall with so many beautiful cakes. We managed to raise £397 for our church funds so thank you everyone!

Lent Lunches raised £270 for WaterAid – a magnificent sum. The food was always delicious; our hosts and hostesses deserve many thanks for all their hard work.

The church looked splendid for Easter Day, so, once again, huge thanks to all our flower arrangers for their colourful floral efforts, and to Jim for the imaginative Easter Garden.

And now to May . . . Our **Ascension Day Service**, weather permitting, will be at **6.30am** in the churchyard on Thursday 9th May (t.b.c.). Yes, it's an early start but it's such a lovely time of day to worship outside. **The church AGM** will be held jointly with Milborne at Milborne Church after the 9.00am service on Sunday 12th May. Everyone is welcome to attend, and thereby hear how the churches are coping, and managing to run their respective affairs.

Daphne Burg

The War Next Door by Will Blackburn

ISBN: 978-1-7384970-0-3

Published by Marble Hill



This book is the story of one man's experiences taking much-needed supplies to the people of Ukraine after the invasion by Russian Forces. At the time of the invasion the author, a former British Army reservist, was living and working in Poland, having married a Polish lady. Living so close to the

invasion, he saw in person the impact of this war on neighbouring countries, and the implications for those countries if Ukraine became overrun completely. So he dug out his old Army kit, contacted many other ex-forces people and collected old but useful stuff to donate to the Ukrainian Forces.

So much stuff was donated and continues to be donated that they have made several trips, using the drivers of the well-established Fundacja Igora Tracza to provide transport and protection. He went with them, and this is his story. It's not for the faint-hearted as it describes raids, the destruction of towns and villages, deaths of civilians and the need for medical and other supplies far above and beyond what they were taking.

It's a paperback with an engaging cover, printed on nice paper and in a font that's easy to read. Which is good, because once I started reading I could not put it down. Will writes from the heart, and the whole feel of the book is immediate and urgent. His descriptions of his trips into the heart of the War for Ukraine are clear, self-deprecating and totally absorbing. He understates the personal danger he was in, subsuming it into the dangers that the Ukrainian Army is facing.

He manages to avoid the political aspects of what is happening in the wider world regarding the invasion of Ukraine, and sticks to the humanitarian efforts going on to help the soldiers, the wounded, the displaced and the homeless, including pets.

I enjoyed the book, which seems weird given the subject matter. I think this is down to Will's style of writing and the sympathy I feel for the citizens of a country that has been invaded and razed by a malevolent power.

Five stars. I recommend that everyone reads it and sends it to their MP, to keep the momentum of UK support for this cause at the forefront of political discourse.

Footnote: I myself was involved in a small way, organising a collection of underwear, socks and personal products for the many female fighters, whose feet and bodies don't necessarily fit the stuff provided for the chaps. If anyone feels they can help with this, please contact me, via the *Reporter*.

If anyone would like to support this excellent cause with a donation towards the costs of fuel and vehicle maintenance please use the Justgiving page.

Crowdfunding to Help Fuel and Maintain the Vehicles supporting Igor Tracz and his missions from Poland to support Ukraine. on JustGiving.

Susan Wilson

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strange looking sheep around, they had big horns and looked quite fierce, Dad said they were goats, not sure we like goats!

Devon is a very windy place, at least it is this week, the poor tin box was shaking with fright and that made us a bit frightened too, we could hear the wet stuff hammering on the roof trying to get in but luckily it couldn't, the poor people near us in a tent weren't so lucky. When it stopped raining we all went for a walk (or hobble in mum's case) into Lynmouth. It was quite a pretty place but in 1952 they had a terrible flood and lots of people died. Luckily despite all the rain lately there were no floods today just lots of people happy to get out in the sunshine. The only trouble was there was only one stick on the path so Katie and me had to have a tug of war over it, I won!



Another very windy night, good old dad got up and took us out for a run (us not him, he only walks). Boring day in the tin box listening to the wind but after lunch it brightened up so we went for a drive to Ilfracombe, boy was it windy there! Our ears were flapping like nobody's business (not sure what that means but it sounds good). We went on the beach, Katie was happy but there were scary waves so I turned round and ran back up the steps, dad had to run to catch me, I don't think he was too pleased with me, oops.



Mum's toe was still hurting so we went with dad for a walk to Watersmeet, there was plenty of water to meet I can tell you, so much that we weren't allowed in the river. We enjoyed the walk but Mum wasn't too happy when we got back when she found

lots of horrible ticks on us, good job she's an expert at squishing them.



The sun came out for our last day so we went to a nice place called Porlock Weir, it was interesting as there was a

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Milborne St. Applecake . . .

I PROMISE this is the very last Dorset Apple Cake recipe to be featured in the *Reporter*!

Dorset Day (June 1st) is fast approaching and our plans to produce The Big Dorset Apple Cake are all in place. So, a very big thank you to all who have already promised to donate a cake, please deliver them to the Village Hall between 4.00–6.00pm on Friday 31st May. Not everyone is a baker but you can still support us by coming along and buying a portion of cake and a raffle ticket on Dorset Day, Saturday 1st June. Raffle tickets are available to buy before the event.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our extra special Community Cafe on Saturday morning between 10.00am and 12noon. 99 year-old Community Cafe regular Jeff Blake will be cutting the cake shortly after doors open at 10.00am.

Our Village Hall is being decorated with a special Apple/Dorset Day theme by the children of MSA First School and the children's cakes will take pride of place in our display. Further information and a list of frequently asked questions are available at milbornestandrew.org.uk – just click on the “Big Dorset Applecake logo or e-mail milborne.applecake@yahoo.com / text or call 07824 638237.

Please note, our home-made cakes will contain a variety of ingredients and we cannot guarantee that they will be free from nuts or other potential allergens.

I made three lots of the recipe below on Easter Monday with three of my grandchildren – Willian, Lukas and Scarlett. A very busy day! They decorated the tops of their cakes with their initials using slices of unpeeled, cored red eating apple before baking. Luckily, Dorset Apple Cake freezes perfectly so can be

made well in advance. The baking session took me back in my memories to a time over 40 years ago when I used to bake with my own small children when we lived in one of the married quarters at



Blandford Camp. Also, to an even earlier time in the 1950's, standing on a stool beside my own mother with my brother on the other side, in our tiny kitchen. 70 years have passed since then but happy family memories last our whole life long.

Sometimes, with children, doing a cooperative task like cooking or gardening together can be just as memorable and enjoyable as spending a small fortune at a tourist attraction. When I asked my nine-year-old grandson what had been the highlight of his Easter holiday, I expected him to say the trip on the steam train down to Swanage, but he thought



cracking the eggs when we made the apple cakes was the best bit!

Step by step guide to making a basic Dorset Apple Cake

Ingredients

225g self-raising flour
1 level teaspoonful of mixed spice
110g butter or margarine
110g caster sugar
250g peeled and cored cooking apples
50g sultanas (optional)
Grated zest of half a lemon (optional)

1 egg
1 tablespoon (15ml) milk
18–20cm (7”–8”) square tin or ceramic dish
Greaseproof paper or cake tin liner

Method

1. Weigh out 225g self-raising flour and sift into a large bowl (or food processor)
2. Add 1 level teaspoonful of mixed spice to the flour in the bowl
3. Weigh out 110g butter (or margarine) and add to the ingredients in the bowl
4. Rub in with fingertips until it looks like breadcrumbs (or whizz together the flour and butter and mixed spice in the food processor and then transfer to a large bowl)
5. Weigh out 110g caster sugar and add to the bowl, mix well
6. Finely chop 250g peeled and cored cooking apples and add to the bowl, (you can chop them in the food processor or with a knife). Stir well
7. Stir in 50g sultanas and the grated zest of half a lemon (optional)
8. In a small bowl whisk together 1 egg and 15ml of milk with a fork
9. Add the egg milk to the bowl and mix everything together
10. Put the mixture into a square 20cm cake tin lined with greaseproof paper or a cake tin liner stretched to go into the square corners of the tin
11. Bake at 200°C (fan 180C, gas mark 6) for 30–40 minutes
12. Cool on a wire rack and sprinkle with sugar
13. Wrap in foil or cling film and label with your name(s)

Please deliver to the Village Hall between 4.00pm and 6.00pm on Friday 31st May.

Rose Frost

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The Ways of Milborne St. Andrew A 250-Year Family History by Andy Way: Part 2

CONTINUING our story of Joseph Way (*b. MSA 1816*) from last month's *Reporter*, he has just been sentenced to transportation for life for the crime of arson in the village. In his book "The Ways of Milborne St. Andrew", Andy Way notes that his 4th great uncle Joseph sailed on 8th October 1846 bound for Van Diemen's Land (Tasmania). There were 200 men onboard, and it took 115 days to get there. The route was via Tenerife – where they could not dock and unload because of an infectious disease on the island – thence to Simon's Bay at the Cape of Good Hope. They arrived there on 7th December 1846 and sailed onwards on 3rd January 1847, arriving in Hobart on February 17th.

Joseph is hired by Daniel Harmsworth Stanfield (1790-1856) who was born in Sydney Cove NSW, and arrived in Van Diemen's Land in 1808. His father (also Daniel) was offered land in Tasmania as one of the "most industrious" settlers, and he "gave part of his grant to his eldest son Daniel who settled at Clarence Plains and married Maria Kimberley", where they had 11 children.

Daniel junior was very well off; "by 1825 he could claim 450 cattle, 600 sheep, 7 horses and other capital . . . In 1828 he was one of the first in Van Diemen's Land to export apples to Britain". So Joseph would have been working as an agricultural labourer again, albeit on the other side of the world; he might also have been put to use in trying to combat cattle rustlers who were prevalent at the time in this area.

Earl Grey, Secretary of State for the Colonies 1846-1852, founded a scheme in the 1840s to rectify the imbalance in Australia between the number of male prisoners and the very small number of women.

Anne Bailey was born in 1835 in Milston, Wiltshire (very near Stonehenge). On 23rd September 1852, she departs Plymouth with 207 other passengers, arriving in Hobart on 10th January 1853. Anne works for three months for a Miss Read in New Town to the north of the city, as a needleworker/general servant, for which she is paid £11.

We don't know how they met, but now a coachman, Joseph (with surname spelled "Weigh"; Joseph is illiterate so would be none the wiser!) applies to marry Anne on 5th March 1855, with permission granted on 14th. They marry on 9th April at St. George's Church at Battery Point, Hobart, one of the earliest Anglican churches in Tasmania; Joseph is listed as being 31, but he's actually 39 or so! Anne is only 20.

Joseph and Anne had three children together: Ellen (1854-80), Edward (1856-1904), and Ann (*b.1858*). Joseph must have thought of home when his Australian children arrived, as Ellen is named after Joseph's first-born daughter back in MSA, and who was still alive at this time, and Edward sounds very similar to Edwin. Ann of course is named after her mother.

On 1st July 1859, Joseph is (conditionally) pardoned, having served 13 years and two months of his sentence, but is now a free man. He dies on 14th September 1883 in Hobart aged 67, and is buried in Queensborough Cemetery, Sandy Bay, Hobart. Anne remarries in 1884 and dies in 1923 aged 88.

Obviously all Ways still in Tasmania are very likely to be traced back to Joseph, but what about the family he left behind in MSA? We'll report on them in the next edition. For more information on Andy's book, mail him at andy.way@adapcentre.ie.

Carole Fornachon

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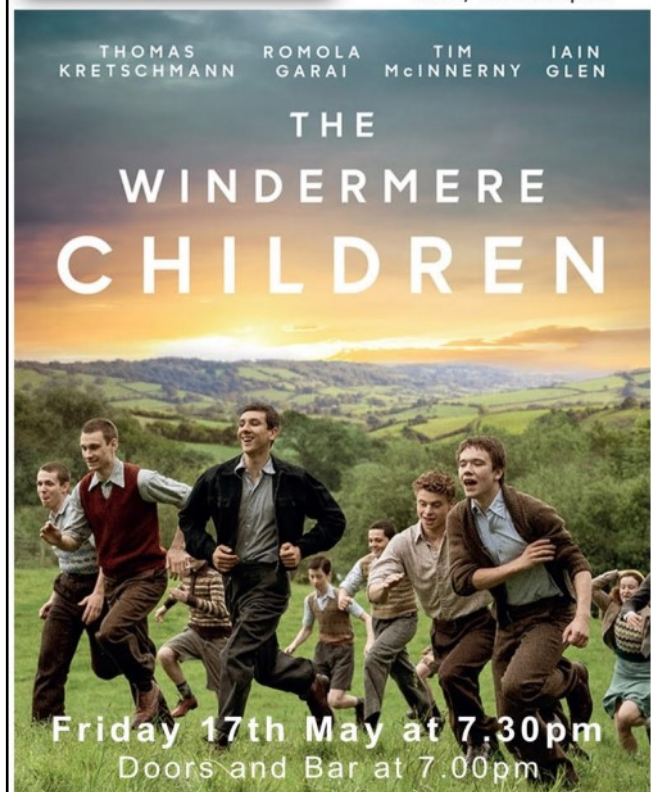
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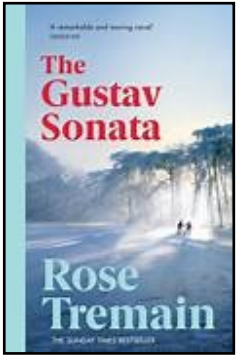
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Bookends Good Read: The Gustav Sonata by Rose Tremain



IN discussion it was agreed by the group that this was a many layered, deceptively easy read. Some found it difficult to tease out the strands and themes that were both potent and subtle, drawing this tale together. It was a beautifully orchestrated novel with great narrative skill, covering racism, tolerance, flight and refuge, cruelty and tenderness, all drenched in melancholy. It was a tragedy of temperament, some characters saturated in unhappiness, of

limitations (often self imposed) and of failed expectations. The two main characters Anton and Gustav, met at school aged five years and at the end they are in their fifties and have come together after a turbulent period of life during which Anton, a disappointed musician, had become seriously mentally ill. It was a hit on three levels, heart-head-gut.

Much is cruel, all morally complex. It has an elegant simplicity, unrequited love, moral dilemmas, enduring love. Gustav lacks nourishment both emotional and physical, but he does have emotional restraint, unlike Anton. It is a tender, painfully beautiful tale of the containment of strong emotion. The sonata structure is maintained “the goodbye, the absence and the return” strongly accented notes and dynamic changes. A clear beginning, development and ending. It moved from a sense of peaceful calm to outright intensity and passion when we were transported to a world of pure emotion, tenderness, desperation, happiness and melancholy with an obsessive insistence stifled by three sad notes There is harmony in Anton Zwiebel’s parents’ marriage (Armin and Adriana) in their skating parties when they find the ability to glide through life effortlessly and gracefully leading to possible excitement and adventure. Even though the ice when Gustav often encountered it was “the hardest surface (my) bones had ever met” When it is taken away we feel his sadness and pain especially when replaced with Rudi Herens who could do “double-toe loops”. For Gustav it was back to studying and his mother (Emilie’s) “bitter severity”. Gustav’s father, a policeman, had lost his job when it was discovered that he had been falsifying entry dates for Jews escaping the Nazis and wishing to enter Switzerland. Their way of life altered, they lost their accommodation and his salary. For this Emilie blamed the Jews, and as the Zweibels were a Jewish family sheltering in neutral Switzerland, she disapproved of Gustav’s friendship. Gustav is a sweet, gentle, compassionate soul who held the responsibility for trusting that his mother and Anton really loved him deep down. A peacemaker, he was at peace with himself. He chose love and goodness. In many ways he symbolises his country of birth, neutral, unbiased with an absence of strong feelings, Even where he lived was middle ground in a middle ground country. The mountains, the skating rink, Emilie’s frigid character all lend a cold reflective atmosphere to the tale. There were, as in music, recurring motifs: lipstick, geraniums, cherry trees in blossom, the name Hans (one good, one bad), silkworms, tambourines. As Gustav muses “we have the hope of life, a quest for the superficial . . . but we betray ourselves, we cut our flesh”. There was much in the text which inspired pity. An ambiguous kiss between the two young boys during a strange ‘hospital’ game they played,

the “slavery” of Anton, the many losses Gustav endured and the descent of his father’s mistress, Lottie. Many in the group found it lacked impetus and strong emotion. True, there was a great deal of loss, but also transformation, regained equilibrium. The message seems to be that, happiness is possible, hope is ever present through loyalty and love. As Adriana says “when you are old, shadow can be comforting”. She held a melody in her heart of her life with Armin. But Anton says it all “We have to become the people we always should have been”, lost, transformed, regained. Because of this the book received across the board high ratings from the group.

Carole Fornachon

The Windermere Children

Friday 17th May 2024 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

The Windermere Children

THE War is over. For these child Holocaust survivors it is a new beginning. A film based on the experience of these child survivors.

One summer’s night in 1945, 300 children are in transit from Prague to the Lake District, a remote and picturesque corner of the English countryside. They are child survivors of the Nazi Holocaust that has all but wiped out Europe’s Jews – and for these particular children, their entire families too. They are some of the 1,000 children the British government has granted refuge to, giving them a place where they can rehabilitate and grow strong after the devastation of the war.

They carry only the clothes they wear and a few meagre possessions, along with the physical and psychological scars of all they have suffered. They do not know what awaits them in Britain and naturally they are fearful: they don’t speak English, and having spent many years living in death camps, have missed out on a proper education. But the children are also excited, for the war is over, and there is always hope that the future will be kinder to them than the past.

This moving and ultimately redemptive story follows the children and the remarkable team who were responsible for helping these children rebuild their lives as they forge friendships that will become a lifeline to a better future.

How would you like to be in the All England Badminton final or even the Olympics?

If so, you need to look outside the village

However, if you would like a fun game of badminton with a group who play just for the social side, then come along to the school on a Wednesday evening between 6.30 – 8.00pm.

We would love to see you. It only costs £2.00 for the evening. We are never going to be brilliant but we have a good time and get a variety of games.

Pip Powell





Our School Values

Respect For Self – We are kind to ourselves and responsible for our own learning

Respect For Others – We are kind to each other. Our differences make us stronger

Respect For Our World – We are part of nature. We will work together to make the world a better place

Hooke Court 2024

Our fabulous Year 4's went on their residential trip to Hooke Court just before the Easter break. With activities such as den building, rocket making, tribal trails and night walking, you can see why it was an absolute hit. They had a fantastic time making memories, new friends and learning new skills. Hooke Court is such a special event in our



school calendar as our Year 4s really do get the chance to realise just how independent they have become during their time at Milborne. We are always proud of our children and the way they conduct themselves in and outside of our school environment.

The Tag Rugby Festival at Dorchester RFC took place in March. Our team had a fab time and played like absolute stars, losing their first game but going on to drawing two games and winning the last! We can't wait to do it all again next year.



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Dorset Council Trading Standards team work with partners to seize illegal vapes and tobacco

SUSPECTED illegal vaping products seized during operation. Dorset Council's Trading Standards team led a multiagency operation on Tuesday 26th March 2024 responding to intelligence about the sale of illegal vapes, tobacco, and cigarettes from several premises in Weymouth.

Alongside officers from Dorset Police, HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC), the Regional Trading Standards Illegal Tobacco & Vapes officer, and B.W.Y Canine Ltd with their specialist detection dogs, the Trading Standards team visited three premises.

Two of the premises were found to be in possession of a large quantity of suspected illegal vapes, cigarettes, and hand rolling tobacco.

In total, the team seized around 1,000 vapes, over 18,000 cigarettes, and almost 7kg of hand rolling tobacco.

A vehicle was also seized from each premises, as they were found to contain suspected illegal goods. No illegal goods were found at the third premises.

Vapes and e-cigarettes are regulated by the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA), which places restrictions on how much nicotine they can contain, and what other chemicals can be used. They also stipulate that child-resistant packaging is used, and health and safety warnings are clearly displayed.

However, many of the devices seized by Trading Standards teams flout these rules, and there are concerns that some may be designed specifically to appeal to children and young people.

HMRC estimates that the illicit market in tobacco duty and related VAT was £2.8 billion in 2021 to 2022. The proceeds of this crime are suspected to fund the smuggling of weapons, drugs, and even human beings across the globe.

Anna Eastgate, Corporate Director for Place Services at Dorset Council, said:

"These vital multi-agency operations are designed to disrupt and frustrate the supply of illegal products, which harms the health of Dorset residents and the interests of legitimate businesses. I'd like to thank our colleagues at Dorset Police, the HMRC, and the Regional Trading Standards Illegal Tobacco & Vapes officer, for a job well done."

Neighbourhood Inspector Sam Goom, of Weymouth and Portland Police, commented:

"We are working closely with our partners in Trading Standards to target the illicit sale of illegal vapes and tobacco – most of which end up being used by young people. We will continue to work hard to protect our community from the dangers of these illegal items. This day of action demonstrates our commitment to relentlessly pursue those who offer these items for sale within Weymouth."

Ben Hayes, Regional Trading Standards Illegal Tobacco & Vapes officer, added:



Suspected illegal vaping products seized during operation.

"It's vital that we recognise the importance of intelligence, and we thank members of the public for taking the time to report this information to us. Without this, these multi agency operations aren't as successful. The sale and supply of illegal tobacco funds organised crime and harms your communities. Vaping is less harmful than smoking and can play a role in helping adult smokers to quit. But the message is clear, if you don't smoke, don't vape – and children should never vape."

Trading Standards work closely with other enforcement agencies to protect the health of Dorset residents and the interests of legitimate Dorset businesses. We welcome any intelligence about the illegal sale of tobacco, vapes, or other age-restricted products - these can be reported (anonymously if desired) to Trading Standards via the Citizens Advice Consumer Service.



Pictures caught on our hedgehog camera 31st March. I haven't put more as it wasn't pleasant.

Heather V Hogg

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St. Mary's CE Middle School, Puddletown

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It has been a busy few weeks at St. Mary's with theatre visits, sporting successes and a trip to the farm!

The Spring term came to a close in spectacular fashion with a trip to the Mayflower Theatre in Southampton to see a performance of Jesus Christ Super Star. The visit, organised by Mrs Rogers, music subject lead, was excellent and a memorable way to end the term.



organised by Wessex Trust. Mrs Monro and Mrs O'Rourke organised for the budding St. Mary's authors to participate at the event where students from schools across the trust worked together to create a



Our students have enjoyed continued successes in both football and netball. Huge congratulations to our girls football team who have made it through to the Under 13s Dorset Girls' Football Finals. The girls have played some amazing football and fully deserve their place in the tournament. Both St. Mary's Key Stage 2 and 3 netball teams have also made impressive progress in recent county tournaments and we wish them the best of luck in future fixtures.



From collaborative sports to collaborative writing! A group of students from Years 7 and 8 have recently taken part in an annual collaborative writing event at the Thomas Hardy School,



500 word story that had to include a worm and a canoe!

And finally, persistent rain and ankle-deep mud couldn't dampen the fun of the farm for Year 6! Chrissy Hancock of Wessex Wild Grazing did a terrific job of showing the students around her farm in Tincleton, explaining how the business works and the science that underpins the landscapes and ecosystems they support. The children returned to school damp and dirty but bursting with enthusiasm and new learning from an invaluable hands-on experience.



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Maurice Fox

1932 – 2024

MAURICE IVAN ROY FOX was born on the 20th of August 1932 at Lower Halstock Leigh and Christened at St. Mary's Church in the village. He was, in fact, his parents' second child; an older brother had been born four years previously but had died in infancy. His father's family could trace their ancestry back to the 17th century in the village of Hermitage, near Sherborne, where they were tenant farmers. On his mother's side, there were at least five generations of Blacksmiths in the village of Limington, near Ilchester.



Maurice went to school in Maiden Newton, Dorchester and finally, Beaminster, where he undertook an apprenticeship with Francis Bugler, the Agricultural Machinery firm. He and his father then ran a large Dairy herd for Sir John Colfox in Symondsburry. There, he encountered Shire Horses, and hence the charity he chose for donations – The Hillside Animal Sanctuary, to which he gave regular donations to buy hay and straw for the rescued Shires.

In 1950, he moved to Milborne St. Andrew with his parents and three sisters, and a certain young lady at the Farm caught his eye. Maurice and Sybil were married at St. Andrew's Church on September 12th, 1953, and so began 62 years of married life. Maurice was to spend the rest of his life in Milborne, apart from six months in Little Langford, near Salisbury, and a further six months in Piddletrenthide.

Maurice was active in village affairs, serving as chairman of the parish council and of the school governors. He was a member of the Gardening Club and chairman for a while. He served on the Parochial Church Council during the incumbency of John Spruyt and later was a member of the Church Council at St. Mary's, Winterborne Whitechurch, and Churchwarden there. It was appropriate that, at his request, Fr. David Gill came to officiate at the funeral service. David's father, Alan, had been Rector of the Winterborne Valley when Maurice was Churchwarden. He had another connection with Winterborne Whitechurch in that he played football for their team, won numerous medals, and was part of the team that won the league in 1956/57. He enjoyed gardening and tinkering with machinery, especially in his later years with Colin Churchill.

Maurice loved driving, first in the UK and later numerous European holidays. He kept detailed logs of his journeys and drove well over 100,000 miles on the Continent. At one time, when holidays were spent with friends in London, he drove down The Strand, around Trafalgar Square, along Whitehall, and over Westminster Bridge, and he drove in Paris. He also kept tickets for the last Tram to go along the Old Kent Road!

Family meant everything to Maurice, and as the family grew, with three granddaughters and then four great-grandsons, so did his ability to love and care for them all. He missed Sybil terribly after she died in 2015, and he now has his wish to be reunited with her.

The Funeral Service was very well attended, with all strands of his life represented. Michael Miller reminded those present that Maurice's name will live on, as "Fox View" was named in his honour.

The last three years of his life were not easy, but he was able to remain at home and die in his own bed, as was his wish.

Tony and Denise would like to thank all those who sent cards, letters, or messages at this sad time. They also thank all those who attended Maurice's service and made it a truly fitting celebration of his life. Donations for The Hillside Animal Sanctuary are still being received. "Thank you" to all who have given so generously.

Murder at Weatherby Manor

WITH Lady Weatherby at the helm, the Players had a romping time with the guests of the Murder Mystery night in the Village Hall on Saturday April 6th. For most of us, playing characters in a performance of this type was new and exciting; though a little nerve wracking with that element of unpredictability. However, as we entered the fabulously adorned dining room with so many guests dressed for their 1940s dining experience, we all fell into our – by now – familiar characters. There was a definite Agatha Christie flavour to the murderous and malicious secrets we tantalisingly revealed as we mingled amongst the diners.

The evening was made extra special for us by having two of our youngest cast members showing such commitment and authenticity as the two gossiping waitresses! They also did a splendid job serving and clearing away the dinner. We have great age diversity in the Players, which helps to keep our productions so fresh and fun to be part of.

We're grateful to Linsey O'Neill for asking us to be part of this fabulous evening, and for supporting and enabling us to showcase the Players with something a bit different. I mean, who doesn't love a murder mystery? And who doesn't long to be the murderer . . . ?!

Kate Hawker

Good News

By Jan Beaumont[®]

I had simply the best news this morning
My head is now perfectly clear
I guess that I'm now empty headed
Which was just what I wanted to hear.

I must say it's been a hard journey
These last years were really quite tough
But it looks like I've beaten the buggers
Five brain tumours have been quite
enough!





Friends of Milborne First School May Fair Saturday 25th 2024

IT IS nearly time to put on your sun hats and sun cream and join us at the Sports Pavilion for an afternoon of entertainment and fun. We are looking forward to welcoming you all to the first Milborne May Fair since 2019!

This year's event is raising money to regenerate the School's pond and nature area so that the children can once again examine and explore aquatic life in an interactive way.

There will be two falconry displays from Xtreme Falconry; Mad4Animals will be putting on their show in the Big Hat Tipi (supplied by Roka Bella Rose Weddings) and there will be live music from the Sea Shanty Crew. Milborne Ladybirds will be doing an under 5's story-time, there will also be a children's arts and craft session run by Creative Image Studio.

For the older children, there will be a full-sized bouncy castle, inflatable assault course and bungee trampolines. The little ones will have the use of a small bouncy castle and a merry-go-round.

Make sure you don't miss out on playing the human fruit machine game! (FYI: This does not involve spinning humans or turning humans into fruit!)

There will also be lots of food stalls serving a wide variety of culinary delights; plenty of opportunity for retail therapy – you can even book yourself in for a head massage, get your hair braided, have a henna tattoo or have your face painted to become a tiger – well, perhaps that last one is more suited to the younger attendees!

If you are a Milborne Parish resident, please make sure you take advantage of our offer of one free adult ticket per household *before* the event by sending us an email, messaging us on Facebook, sending a message via our event website's contact page or coming to see us at one of our live ticket sales happening throughout May.

Tickets can be purchased online. Simply scan the QR code on one of our posters that you will see dotted around the village, or within this publication. Alternatively, come to the school office on weekday mornings between 9.00–11.00am where the very friendly Mrs Latham-Winning will assist you. You can also purchase tickets at the gate on the day.

In addition, we are running a **May Fair Raffle**, which will be drawn on 26th May. There are some fantastic prizes on offer, all of which will be announced individually on our Facebook page. We have festival tickets, restaurant vouchers and tickets to sporting events (to name just a few) up for grabs. Tickets can also be purchased at the school office or, again, drop us a line by email or on Facebook if you want to buy your tickets using a bank transfer.

There will be plenty of parking provision as the owners of the former Dairy Site on Lane End have very kindly consented to opening the site for one day only. Dogs will be welcomed onto the site on the day but please ensure that they stay on a lead and you pick up their mess.

If you have any questions about this event, or any of our other projects, please email the Trustees: m_s_a_fos_chair@outlook.com

Natalie Dennis

April's Annual meeting of the WI

WE were welcomed to our Annual meeting by our President, Jenny Preston, who thanked everyone for their support and contributions over the year. She made special mention of Val Andrews, who is stepping down from the committee, for her hard work and commitment over the years. This was followed by a summary of the year's activities and speakers by our Secretary, Lesley, and a report from our Treasurer, Nelda, on the past year's accounts. The accounts were adopted unanimously, and it was confirmed that John Wright had kindly agreed to audit them for the coming year.

We are very lucky to have three defibrillators in Milborne, at the Sports Club, the Village Hall and the shop. Jane Williams had come along to explain their function and use. They are portable life saving devices, which give a high energy shock to the heart of someone who is in cardiac arrest and restore a normal heartbeat. Jane had brought one along for us to see, talked through its operation, and stressed how easy it is to use. It has a 57% success rate, against 10% without!

The committee for the coming year comprises Lin Chatfield, Angie Clark, Lesley Clarke, Dee Dilloway, Nelda Oakes, Jenny Preston and Christine Tucker. We are delighted that Jenny Preston will remain as our President.

Reports from the sub-committees followed, and from Val on behalf of the book club, whose latest book, *The Gustav Sonata*, had been very well received, they move on to *'At the Edge of the Orchard'* by Tracy Chevalier. There is a Group meeting at Winterborne Kingston on 10th June, and the pub lunches continue. After refreshments and a chat, we enjoyed a rather noisy, but good humoured, Beetle Drive.

We meet again on Thursday, 9th May, with the *'History of Spinning'* from Vivienne Bernhard. Please do come along and join us.

Pat Bull

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humongous bone on the beach, someone told us it was a whalebone, shame mum wouldn't let us take it home. Me and Katie like exploring and went down some steps near the lock, but it was very muddy and we got told off!

Another trip over and nice to get back to our comfy home in beautiful Dorset

Bye for now, love from Rosie and Katie



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We are delighted with our brand new library, entirely funded by the hard work and fundraising efforts of our Friends of School. The children can't wait for their first turn in the library with new seating areas and beautiful accessible book shelves reminding us that every book is a treasure to discover.



We are so lucky to have such a supportive community of parents as without Friends of School, we would not be able to make such huge improvements to our school.



The next project they are fundraising for is the renovation of our wild area which includes a beautiful pond where our children learn in and from nature. This is a huge project so please come along and support the May Fair as this will be a great event for our whole community and will help us to keep improving our school environment for our children.

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This will help with efficiency and the GP workload. We thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Computer Help

Would you like help with setting up and using devices including mobile phones, tablets, and computers? Would you like to be supported to get online, do home shopping, or use the NHS App for ordering repeat prescriptions? Local help includes:

- Digital Champion Sessions with volunteers. Sessions are run at **Blandford Library** on a Tuesday between 10.00am and 12 noon. Please call the digital hotline to book a session: 01305 221048.
- Computer Cafe takes place every Thursday 10.00am– 1.00pm at the Reading Rooms in **Milton Abbas**. For people of all ages and skills.
- Skills & Learning run free Digital Hub Drop-in sessions on a Wednesday at the **Blandford Adult Learning Centre** 12:30pm–3.00pm. Call 01202 123444 to find out more.

We also have Digital Care Coordinators in our Mid Dorset Primary Care Network who can help you use digital tools for managing your health online. They can arrange for a one-to-one Digital Skills Sessions to help you with checking your medical records, making appointments, ordering medication, and keeping track of any ongoing health issues either on the NHS app or SystmOnline.

To arrange a session, fill out the short form at www.mid-dorsetpcn.co.uk/digital-skills-workshops or contact one of our Social Prescribers at the surgery.

World Hypertension Day – 17th May 2024

High blood pressure usually has no symptoms, so the only way to know you have it is to have a blood pressure check.

It's easy to get checked. Most pharmacies offer a walk-in service. You can phone the surgery and ask to be booked in with one of our Nurses. Alternatively, you can measure your blood pressure at home. As a general guide, high blood pressure is considered to be 140/90mmHg or higher.

If after taking a week's readings (including whilst you are resting) your blood pressure reading seems high, please call to book an appointment with a clinician for further advice. If you could also send in your results via an eConsult form that would also be very helpful.

Plant and Veg Swap

Just a reminder that our plant and veg swap is back for 2024! It brings a smile to people's faces to pick up a plant after a visit, especially some of our younger patients who have walked away with a sunflower, tomato or cucumber plant to watch grow up. So, if you have any spare seedlings, plants or vegetables – any veg or flowers would be welcome – please drop them off in our surgery foyer.

Breathe Well Class

New Breathe Well Class at Blandford Leisure Centre every Thursday 11.45am, specifically for people with respiratory conditions and a follow on from Pulmonary Rehabilitation. Open to members and non-members. Please speak with a member of their reception team for more information.

If you are thinking of attending the above class, you may be interested in the GP Exercise Referral Scheme. The scheme is aimed at those 16 years and over with a long-term health condition. The membership costs less than the usual cost and includes access to the gym, classes, and the pool. For more details, please contact the surgery and ask to speak with one of our Social Prescribers or send an email to miltonabbassurgery@nhs.net for their attention.

New Neurodiversity Hub

The new neurodiversity information hub for Dorset has information to support people of all ages with neurodevelopmental conditions, with a focus on autism and ADHD. Please go to their website for more information: www.nhsdorset.nhs.uk/neurodiversity

Surgery Closures

Just a reminder that the surgery will be closed on **Monday 6th May** (Early May Bank Holiday) and **Monday 27th May 2024** (Late May Bank Holiday).

Our Dispensary will also be closed on **Saturday 4th May** and **Saturday 25th May 2024** in addition to the above Mondays. The surgery will still be open on those dates between 8.30am and 10.30am for booked appointments with the GP or Nurse, so please attend as normal for those.

The surgery will also be closed on **Saturday 11th May 2024** due to building maintenance.

We apologize for any inconvenience caused. For out of hours care or advice during closures, please call 111. In the case of an emergency, call 999.

Birthday

At 53, my birthday doesn't get me excited;
Don't get me wrong – I am delighted
But long gone are the gifts that make me squeal or scream –
Replaced by compression stockings and anti-wrinkle cream.

Oh, where is my Tin Can Alley and its plastic rifle?
Or even an Evel Knievel stunt cycle?
A Scalextric set with working lights,
Or an etch-a-sketch would be alright.
Yes, I know I need socks and a new shoehorn
And the elbows on my cardigan are thin and worn,
But in my mind, I'm a kid and my heart does call
For an action man or magic 8 ball.
Deep down I know in practicality
I cannot justify such gifts as these.
And whilst on my Birthday I am treated good and proper
Part of me longs to pull a wheelie on a Chopper.
My family are loving, generous and kind . . .

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Messiah – The Bar Kokhba Revolt by Guy Aston

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THE book is set in Judaea in 132AD, as the Jews are organising and rebelling fiercely to throw the Roman Occupiers out of Judaea, whilst persecuting their embryonic Christian community and arguing between themselves as to how the various parts of the state should be run. It follows the posting of Optio Lucius Decimus Petronius to

Caesarea, and campaigns through Gaza, Jerusalem (sacked by Rome and renamed Aelia) and by sea down to Serafina.

The story starts with violent murder and includes in-depth descriptions of battles fought with sword, shield, spear and sling. It's certainly not for the squeamish, or those upset by slavery – the fate of prisoners and all widows and orphans of dead and captured enemies of the Romans. Interestingly one of the key characters is a black African, but I'd nearly finished the book before I realised his skin colour!


Of course, there is love interest – it's about soldiers after all, but these don't intrude on a cracking story and a period of history about which I knew very little until I read this book.


There is an indication that future stories may touch on solving a major crime/corruption scandal, which will be intriguing given the way Roman politics worked, and I look forward to reading about that.


All the main characters are well-drawn and interesting, the setting is very interesting in that it's STILL a place of conflict today, although 'recollections may vary' about the populations living there, their history and 'who did what, when?'.




I finished the book wanting to know 'what happens next?', which is nice as I now have the second volume to review.

Susan Wilson

 Have you got a funny story you'd like to share? Or joke, anecdote or anything that would make us and the village chuckle?! The Reporter would love to share your funnies, so get in touch:

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What's on in May

- Wednesday 1st** **Wednesday Club AGM** Village Hall 2.00pm.
Friday 3rd **Bridge** The Royal Oak 2.30pm.
Thursday 9th **WI. 'History of Spinning'** from Vivienne Bernhard. Village Hall 7.30pm.
Friday 10th **Bridge** The Royal Oak 2.30pm.
Saturday 11th **Plant Sale** Village Hall 10.30am–12.30 see page 2.
Sunday 12th **St. Andrew's church Annual meeting** following our 9.30am Eucharist
Tuesday 14th **Reporter deadline** for copy for the June issue – send copy and photographs by mid-day via msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk or give to a member of the team.
Friday 17th **Bridge** The Royal Oak 2.30pm.
Friday 17th **Milborne Movies The Windermere Children** Village Hall 7.30pm.
Thursday 23rd **Gardening Club** Village Hall 7.30pm.
Friday 24th **Bridge** The Royal Oak 2.30pm.
Saturday 25th **Friends of Milborne First School May Fair.** Sports Pavilion 12 noon to 4.00pm.
Friday 31st **Deliver your Dorset Apple cakes** to the Village Hall between 4.00 and 6.00pm.
- JUNE**
Saturday 1st **The Big Dorset Apple Cake.** See page 15.

Regular Bookings at the Village Hall

- Players** Monday 7.00pm weekly.
Line Dancing Tuesday 7.30pm weekly.
Wednesday Club 2.00pm 1st Wednesday monthly.
Yoga Thursday 3.30pm weekly (term time only)
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

- Stitchcraft** (kids) Wednesday 4.15–5.15pm and 5.30–6.30pm, Thursday 4.00–5.00pm
Sewcial Crafters (adults) Thursday 1.00–3.00pm and 5.30–7.30pm
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

- Ladybirds Playgroup** Monday–Friday 9.00am.
Pilates Monday 6.30–7.30pm (term time only).
Yoga Tuesday 6.15–7.45pm (term time only).
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