



Reporter

News and Views from around the area

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Milborne St. Andrew

Upgraded Village Hall is top class venue for Panto and Concert



The youngsters above (some of the young people involved) show their enthusiasm for their parts in the **Milborne Players' Panto – Dick Whittington** – see pages 3 and 17.

The Yetties (left) have been booked to perform at the party to celebrate the new facilities at the Village Hall – see pages 2 and 16.



The Yetties are coming

THE trustees of the Village Hall have arranged an event for the 19th February 2010 to celebrate the completion of the Hall upgrade as a **result of the People's Millions and Awards 4 All Lottery grants**. Other large scale improvements are ongoing, the Playbuilder grant of £16k for a Zip wire and Birdnest swing (being installed first week of February) and the NDDC Liveability Fund grant of £46.5k for an all-weather Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) on the lower playing field.

Come and join the celebrations from 6.30pm, the Yetties will be performing from 7.30pm. The evening will start with a short presentation followed by a celebration event with drinks and nibbles continuing with an evening of plain unadulterated fun with the YETTIES. Hopefully more food and drink will be laid on too (the village hall has applied for a licensed bar)! Bob Walter, our local MP, is attending and we are hoping that ITV and the press will come along, as it was an ITV Meridian People's Millions Lottery Grant that started the whole ball rolling.

Tickets are to be priced at £6 per person (a special subsidized price) and because of the expected demand, local residents and hall user groups will get first option before opening it up to the Yetties followers. Contact any of the trustees or check the Village Hall notice boards for more details.

Richard Lock On behalf of The Village Hall Trustees

Dorset Community Transport Public Consultation in Milborne St. Andrew

DORSET Community Transport is trying to develop a community transport scheme in the area – particularly aimed at housebound **people who can't use public transport**. They are holding a number of public consultation events so as to gauge interest – there is such a meeting due at the Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall on Wednesday 10th February from 2.00–4.00pm.

If you would like more information, you can contact Anita Busby on 01305 225920 or Sue Brazier on 01305 368908.

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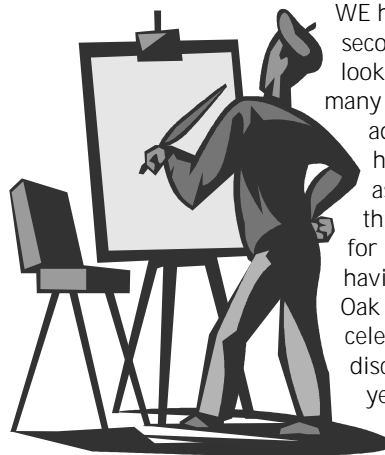
THE Royal British Legion (Puddletown & District Branch) would like to thank all those volunteer collectors, shops, other organisations and all those who contributed to the 2009 Poppy Appeal here in the village.

The sum of £693.73 was collected and this will help in the work of the Royal British Legion in its charitable work helping ex servicemen and women, their families and also those who are still serving their country.

The Royal British Legion is a Registered Charity No.219279.

Michael Hopper (Member)

Milborne Friendly Art Group



WE have just come to the end of our second successful year and are looking forward to continuing for many more. The additional facilities adjacent to the Committee Room have made a big difference to us as we no longer have to troop through the main hall to get water for painting or making tea! We are having a get together at The Royal Oak at the end of the month to celebrate the New Year and to discuss new ideas for the coming year. Anyone interested in joining the group can contact Sue (837414) or Elaine (837089)

The Village Lunch Committee is pleased to invite you to the

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Dick Whittington – 4/5/6th February

Young Cast Rehearsal Update

WHEN you read this it will be only a few days before the Village Pantomime – so hopefully you have ALL got your tickets?

I am writing this in early January when we had snow, snow, snow! How are we doing? Well – we still have 18 young people working hard every Monday evening, and from this week – we will be joining the adults on stage. Both the adults and youngsters have been used to having the whole stage to themselves since October – but from tonight there will be around 30 looking for a space to shine.

We still don't have enough costumes for the opening number; the Rattlings only have half of theirs; Tommy is learning to dance, sing, and hold her cane and top hat (all will be revealed at the Show!); the sailors have their mops (and no-one can stand anywhere near them as they swing them over their shoulders); the Hawaiian girls have their grass skirts; and the director is having nightmares!

Will it work? Of course it will!! See you at the Village Hall!

Melva Coe



PHOTO taken at The Royal Oak, Milborne St. Andrew which is our production sponsor for this show. Picture contains some but not all of the principal characters but includes King Rat, Roy Sach, Jon Riddle as Sarah – the Dame, Alice Brock as Dick and Sally Potter as Fairy Bowbells.

Tickets are on sale at Londis MStA or via Sid Coe 01258 837453.

Caroline Nobbs Milborne Players

Gardening Club Report

THE new committee hopes that we can stimulate more activities during the coming year and encourage more new members to join. Now is an excellent time to join with a full season of talks and events ahead of us. Programmes will be available at our meetings in the Village Hall on the fourth Thursday of each month – **and it's time for existing members to renew their annual subscriptions (£10 per person).**

Our next meeting will be on 28th January when David Smith from the National Trust will talk about the restoration of Kingston Lacy park and gardens, and then on 25th February Jenny Short will give a talk on ponds and water features.

John Wright

Welcome to the Reporter Team

WE have persuaded Janet Allen to join our team! Janet is Alison Riddle's Mum (the village hall booking secretary), and moved to the village last year. Her claim to fame since living here may be that her fence blew down into Milton Road, along with Lin Chatfield's in the 'big gust' at the end of last year. Janet was involved with the printing industry before retiring, and it is great to bring her experience into the running of the *Reporter*.

Wednesday Social Club's New Year Party

ON Wednesday 13th January we had our New Year Party at The Royal Oak. This went with a swing, and swing was definitely the word. What with Sid and his plastic guitar, together with Dave and his blow-up saxophone. They were both swinging it away. This was made even funnier with their sunglasses and black wigs, that despite all endeavours managed to stay on their heads.

Di gave us a first-class sing song, we all thought she was very good. Good on you Di, we think you're great. She invited us all to dance, slowly people began to join in, first of all Dave and his wife got up, then Sid and Melva joined them. Then they in turn got others up, finally we were all dancing and all in hysterics as we were all like sardines, there was not a lot of room! Never mind, it raised a laugh!



Dave Andrews and Sid Coe provide backing for our singer Deanna

Many thanks to the proprietors of The Royal Oak, Andy and Sarah for the lovely spread they put on for us. We all enjoyed it immensely. **Look out for our next month's event which is an adventure on a motor bike.** Join us, be a bit brave. Hope to see you soon.

Eve Richardson

Food and Wine Society

APPLICATIONS are invited from residents of Milborne St. Andrew to join the Society for 2010. Contact the secretary, Helen Lord, on 839222 for further information.





**THE BENEFICE OF PUDDLETOWN, TOLPUDDLE AND MILBORNE WITH DEWLISH
PART OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN THE DIOCESE OF SALISBURY**

Dear Friends

Remembering our own Mortality

With life expectancy at an all time high, and new medical treatments being developed every year, it can be easy to fall into the trap of pretending that we will live for ever.

Eternal life is, of course what the Christian Faith offers to all who believe in Jesus Christ – but it is eternal life with God in heaven, not here on earth.

Of course we never want to lose our loved ones, and a part of us wants to pretend that they will always be there with us, but death of course, is one of the only two things in life that we can be absolutely certain of. The other certainty, according to the saying, is taxes, and they both have one other thing in common – ignoring their existence, or putting off thinking about them will catch up with us all one day.

Jesus told the story of the successful farmer who had bumper crops and built his barns bigger to store his grain, before settling back to enjoy his riches. “You fool,” Jesus said. “Tonight you must surrender your life – who will get your riches now?” (Luke 12:13–21.) Jesus was not, of course speaking against successful farmers, but against an attitude which places all our focus and energy on acquiring riches for here and now, with no thought of preparing for eternity.

And so at the beginning of Lent each year, we are reminded fair and square, *that we will all have to face death one day. On Ash Wednesday, last year's Palm Crosses are burnt and the ashes are used in an ancient ceremony as the sign of the cross is painted on the forehead of each participant with the words, “Remember that you are mortal, from dust you come, and to dust you shall return”.* The point the ceremony is making, is that if we are to properly prepare for the future, we also need to bear in mind our own mortality, and prepare our hearts and souls for the day we will meet God face to face.

The purpose of remembering our own mortality, is not to make us morbidly depressed. (Indeed the next section of Luke chapter 12 is usually entitled “Don't worry!”) but it does remind us that there is more to life than that which we gather here and now.

Jesus's words, as always, put it most succinctly . . .

⁹“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal: ²⁰but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal.

²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

(Matthew 6:19–21)

Our Ash Wednesday Communion Service will be in

Milborne Church on 17th February at 7.00pm. All are welcome.

Yours in Christ

Peace in the Middle East?

On Thursday 4th February we are delighted to welcome a Speaker from Canon Andrew White's organisation promoting peace and reconciliation in the Middle East.

Many of you will have heard of Canon Andrew White's work in Iraq and Israel striving for peace and reconciliation. He is affectionately known as the “Vicar of Baghdad” because he leads the Anglican Church of St. George in that city, which provides medical, as well as spiritual, care for Iraqis of all faiths, as well as having a congregation of several thousand people.

Andrew White and his organisation FRRME (The Foundation for Relief and Reconciliation in the Middle East) work with faith leaders of all major faiths in the region to promote peace and justice, and for the release of hostages.

We supported FRRME with the money raised from Puddletown Lent Lunches last year, and are delighted to welcome Peter Marsden, Andrew's Director of Operations, to speak to us. Everyone is Welcome!

Thursday 4th February – 7.30pm in the Church Room, Puddletown

For more information see their website: www.frrme.org

CHURCH SERVICES January/February 2010

31st JANUARY – Candelmas

11.00am Benefice Communion Puddletown

With Crèche and Sunday Seekers

Guest Preacher – Robin Watson from Sudan

THURSDAY 4th FEBRUARY

12.00 Lunch-time Communion Milborne

7th FEBRUARY – Second Sunday before Lent

9.30am Family Communion Milborne

11.00 Holy Communion Puddletown

With Sunday Seekers and Crèche

11.00 1662 Morning Prayer Dewlish

4.00pm Tolpuddle Praise! Tolpuddle
Village Hall

THURSDAY 11th FEBRUARY

12.00 Lunch-time Communion Puddletown

14th FEBRUARY – The Sunday before Lent

8.15am 1662 said Communion Service Puddletown

9.30 1662 Morning Prayer Tolpuddle

9.30 Parish Communion Milborne

11.00 Family Service Puddletown

1st School

11.00 Family Communion Dewlish

17th FEBRUARY – Ash Wednesday

7.00pm Benefice Service Milborne

21st FEBRUARY – Lent 1

9.30am Family Communion Tolpuddle

9.30 1662 Said Communion Milborne

11.00 1662 Morning Prayer Puddletown

11.00 Holy Communion Dewlish

4.00pm Milborne Praise! Milborne

Village Hall

THURSDAY 25th FEBRUARY

12.00 Lunch-time Communion Tolpuddle

28th FEBRUARY – Lent 2

9.30am Holy Communion Tolpuddle

9.30 1662 Parish Communion Milborne

11.00 Family Communion Puddletown

With Crèche and Sunday Seekers

11.00 Family Service Dewlish

Also: Every Tuesday in Lent

7pm Compline Milborne

Every Thursday in Lent

6pm Evening Prayer Dewlish

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MILBORNE ST. ANDREW CHURCH NOTES

A Christmas all aglow

ST. ANDREW'S held some wonderful services over the Christmas period. The church was packed for the Christingle service on Sunday, 20th December, which also included the Blessing of the Crib and the opening of the Christmas Tree Festival. Because there was some concern about the proximity of live candles to so many trees the Christingle oranges were topped with glow sticks which the children much enjoyed. Many thanks to Lin Chatfield and Jill McSavage for making the Christingles. As a result of this service, we have **£87.54 to send to the Children's Society.**

The Christmas Eve Midnight Mass attracted the same number (roughly 50) in the congregation as last year and this was also true of the Family Service on Christmas morning when 45 attended. **Considering the icy conditions (gritting lorries don't venture up Church Hill!),** this was quite an achievement. We are very grateful to Louise McNair for playing the organ for the Christmas services.

The Benefice Carol Service on Sunday, 27th December, was not particularly well attended (possibly many people had gone away) but those who came sang heartily to Jenny's organ-playing and the service was beautifully led by Jim Burg. Thanks are due to Jenny and Jim and to all those who read the lessons so well.

'Around the World' Tree Festival

There were 21 Christmas trees in church representing the following countries:

Afghanistan (created by MSA Youth Club), France (St. Mary's Church, Puddletown), Germany (St. John's Church, Tolpuddle), U.S.A. (MSA Food and Wine Society), Lapland (All Saints Church, Dewlish), Ireland (The Royal Oak, Milborne), India (MSA Gardening Club), Iceland (Milborne Sewing Group), Israel (Milborne Football Club), Scotland (POPP Drop-in), Wales (MSA Parish Council), Botswana (Milton Abbas Surgery PPG), Milborne St. Andrew (St. Andrew's Church), China (MSA W.I.), Canada (MSA Scout Group), Mexico (MSA Wednesday Club), Australia (Crossways Archers), Africa (MSA Ladybirds Playgroup), Spain (Milborne First School), Hong Kong (St. Andrew's PCC) and New Zealand (Milborne Bell-ringers).

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the festival; it made a great show in church and proved once again to be a very good community project. The weather made it very difficult during the first few days for some people to get to the church. This was a pity as they missed out on a great display. A DVD is going to be available soon which people can borrow. Please ring Eva (837468) if you are interested.

100 CLUB WINNERS

Draw Date – Monday 21st December 2009

1st prize	£100	Sid Coe
2nd prize	£50	Pete Jackson
3rd prize	£22	Karen Park

Draw Date – Tuesday 26th January 2010

1st prize	£100	Joe Perry
2nd prize	£50	Pat Shipton
3rd prize	£24	Mary Bennett

Drawn approximately every 5 weeks

The next draw is at 8.00pm, in The Royal Oak, on Monday 1st March 2010

Anyone is welcome to attend

New members always welcome

There will be approximately £200 going into the "flush fund" towards getting toilet and kitchen facilities in church. Thank you to all who gave donations. Special thanks to Benny, Sarah and Jim Burg for taking our Christmas Services which were well attended, to Louise for helping with the music, Mike Mullett for providing extra lighting up to the church and Mr Hooper for making parking available. Thank you, too, to the many people who helped to provide a very welcome cup of coffee/tea and mince pies in such cold weather.

The rustle of tiny sheep

Now that Christmas is over, the knitted Nativity set has been packed away until next year. However, it lacks some of its pieces – it is five sheep short! If anyone has inadvertently become a sheep rustler and finds they have a small woolly sheep lurking somewhere in their house, could they please return it to Pat at 14 Blandford Hill (Tel: 837684) so that it can be re-united with the flock.



Compline dates for Lent

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 17th February, when there will be a Communion service for the whole benefice in Milborne Church at 7.00pm. Thereafter, there will be a short service of Compline in St. Andrew's Church at 7.00pm every Tuesday in Lent (but not in Holy Week) i.e. on 23rd February, 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd March. Compline is a late evening service lasting about 20 minutes and all are very welcome.

Eva Stockley and Pat Tribe (Churchwardens)

DEWLISH CHURCH NOTES

Carol Service went with a swing

OUR BUSY December began with the Christmas Bazaar which raised £431.82 for church funds. It was lovely to see so many people there. Thank you to all who manned stalls and gave so generously.

The Carol Service was also well attended despite the icy conditions on the roads. We were so pleased to see our friends, Nell and Alan Gregory, back with us and they joined other members of the Memory Lane Swing Band to play for us once again. A very big **"thank you" to all** – we are so lucky to have such talented musicians. The children performed beautifully, our young people read so well and the Ladies Group (albeit depleted in number) sang very well! (but I AM biased!) We must also thank Jim for arranging everything and keeping such a level head when various problems arose! Well done to Ed and Adam, too, for organising the sound system.

Although the weather was icy and cold, a large group of us had a very enjoyable time singing carols round the village. We thank Joan and Stanley, Hayley and Andrew, and Dianne and John at The Oak, for providing us with such delicious refreshments. People were very generous and we raised £207.25 (including a special donation) for Shelter. The Carol Service collection amounted to £152.63 and was **sent to the Children's Society. On Christmas Day Becky was our musician and played the clarinet for us. We loved your performance of The Snowman, Becky. Thank you so much.**

Daphne Burg



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TO THE REPORTER

November Storm Damage—Update
Dear Editor

Perhaps you could let everyone know the answer to the question, will the wall be **rebuilt or won't it? Yes it will be. At last** my Insurance Company has agreed to pay for the brickwork to be replaced. It has been quite a worry these last few weeks and taken several phone calls, a visit to the Citizens Advice Bureau, a letter and a visit from the assessor. The C.A.B. were very helpful and gave me a list of procedures to follow. The first was to write a letter enclosing pictures of the storm damage and asking them to review the claim, also ask for an assessor to come and inspect things. Thankfully this **was enough to get a result and I didn't have to follow step two (the Complaint's Department)**. I have been grateful for all the support from everyone and suggest you all check your policy cover for storm damage and if you do have to make a **claim don't be brushed off with the first** no you get.

Lin Chatfield

Relocating the west-bound bus stop
So the Parish Councillors want to know from **"the Reader"** what to do about the outcome of the Parish Plan.

May I be so bold as to be 'that reader' or maybe even one of a handful of 'the readers' who responds. Either way I fail to see how this random sample to a question such as, quote; **"We need reasons** why it should – or should not – be **moved"** can outweigh the findings of a properly validated and detailed Parish Plan questionnaire encompassing the whole village with a very impressive return rate.

What a complete and utter waste of time and effort, credibility seems to have gone completely out of the window.

Quite clearly the answer is, WHY are you asking the question?

1. go with the findings of the Parish Plan survey and move the bus stop to the layby on the Blandford Hill; 68% of those that responded wanted it there.

2. have the courage and the leadership to sign up to the outcome of the Parish Plan and to use it as the blueprint for your service plan and your mandate to

operate as a Parish Council for the good of the community. (after all that is what the introduction on the 1st page of the questionnaire led the community to believe you would do!).

3. are we to have a series of these 'ask the reader' surveys every time something comes up that is not to the personal liking of the councillors? If so, we 'the reader' will have to get ready for a whole lot more. I can think of at least three without too much thought at all.

If you believe what is written, the Parish Council signed up to the questionnaire and the Parish Plan on the basis that it was supposed to find out the future needs of the people of Milborne St. Andrew and it was hoped that the resulting Milborne St. Andrew master action plan might help us get them a bit quicker. Lofty but hollow words it seems, because on the first occasion it was put to **the test 'other considerations' must have** influenced the minds of the councillors over the will of those they were elected to serve and who voted them in to office.

I suppose, if you ask a question enough times **'one' can eventually get the answer 'one' wanted in the 1st place.**

In nautical terms it seems that the Parish Plan has been sunk before leaving dry dock.

Richard Lock, Parish Plan team member

Proposal to move bus stop

In response to Councillor Andrews'

proposal: The relocation for the West bound bus stop to the lay-by adjacent to the telephone exchange. I fail to see how a two hourly bus service would improve the flow of traffic.

Do any of the 68% in favour of the removal of the bus stop ever use the bus?

There are a number of elderly residents in the village. Most of who would automatically want to cross opposite the new bus stop. They would then have to cope with traffic coming down the hill, some motorists ignore the speed limit thus making it not only dangerous for crossing but VERY uncomfortable and draughtily standing there waiting for the bus, please give them some thought as the bus is NOT always on time!!!

At the present bus stop traffic has to slow down to take the double bend.

Yours sincerely

Bus User, Name and address withheld

WI Computer skills

Dear Editor

With reference to "computers available"

on page 2 of the last Reporter; the WI was disappointed to read your comments about our lack of computer skills. At least 80% of our members are computer literate and use their skills in every activity in which they take part. All our

business is conducted using computers – our minutes, agendas and our finance.

The year's programme is devised and printed using these skills, our visit to Ascot was shared with members through a PowerPoint presentation and an anthology of our art and writing was wholly produced the modern way two years ago. This surely demonstrates that we are living in the modern world and yes, we are trying to change our image, as you rightly say, but what a pity that you had to include the patronising comment about jam at the end!

Yours the WI committee.

Congratulations to the Youth Club
Dear Reporter

Visiting the recent successful Christmas **Tree Festival at St. Andrew's Church** it was most interesting to see how the many village organizations who took part **had interpreted the theme of 'Christmas around the World.'** However I was particularly impressed, as I am sure were many others, with the tree contributed by the Youth Club which represented Afghanistan. Not only was it by far the best decorated, with a real impact, but the sincere sentiments and wishes expressed upon the medallions hung among the yellow ribbons were very moving and did the young people great credit.

Criticism is often directed towards the young of the village, but they and their Leader, Sallie Maitland-Gleed are to be congratulated on such an attractive and meaningful contribution.

If this is indicative of the future generation in this village then we are indeed fortunate.

Sally Dyer



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The WI and "Auntie" two great institutions!

News from the WI's January meeting

THE Christmas tree in the church representing China had looked splendid at the festival and those who had decorated it were thanked. The next pub lunch is Thursday 21st January, just come along at 1.00pm. There is a Burns luncheon on 25th January at Fordington and a march and rally in London on 6th March to celebrate International Women's Day. Our annual dinner will take place on Friday 23rd April. Recipes are needed for the Chocolate Extravaganza on the 20th February. This will be a village event 2.00-4.00pm for all the family and everyone who loves chocolate!

After the business meeting we were joined by a large number of visitors for what turned out to be a hilarious talk by Peter Dunkley "My Life with Auntie". Peter had worked for the BBC for 32 years and took us on an enjoyable journey through the history of the corporation starting in 1922 when it was then the British Broadcasting Company. In those days you only got three hours of radio for your licence fee of 10 shillings (that's 50p for you youngsters!). Peter's first memory of radio was the funeral of George V and from then on he was an avid listener. His first job on joining the BBC was on the Wilfred Pickles show "Have a Go" and he went on as a programme maker to begin schools programmes, Open University, Russian language learning and one that he is particularly proud of "See Hear" for deaf viewers. The funny anecdotes came thick and fast and the audience loved it. The funniest and most entertaining talk the WI has had for years!

Our next meeting Thursday 11th February will be "Charles Dickens – man, myth or mystery?" and is open to all so bring partners, husbands, friends at 8.00pm. There will also be cake to celebrate our 65th birthday!

Linda Wright

CHOCOLATE EXTRAVAGANZA!

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Sixty-five Years Young

THIS February, Milborne's W.I. celebrates its 65th birthday and it seems a good time to review how far the W.I. has travelled since 1945, what it means to members and where it is going in the future. We talked to Heather Hogg, the current President and also the longest serving



*The First Year's President,
Mrs Kellaway*

member who joined 40 years ago this year, when she was a very young mother. Newly arrived in the village and feeling homesick. A neighbour took her to her first W.I. meeting and within weeks she was part of a circle of young women with children who formed a key group of members.

She remembers with great warmth the army of volunteers who turned up to help her with her chores after she had surgery; she recalls hilarious birthday parties with dressing up and silly games, singing in a choir, visiting the American Museum in Bath days before

her daughter was due, to everyone's consternation in case the bumping coach brought on the birth. Luckily it didn't, but if an emergency had occurred, doubtless the W.I. would have coped. Over the years she has been involved in a crochet and knitting circle, played skittles, gone on numerous outings, learned about chairmaking and French polishing at Denman, the W.I. college, and served as a committee member, treasurer and president many times. The changes of lifestyle which have happened in those forty years mean that W.I. is noticeably different now. The age profile has changed – it's a rare young mother who now joins – and members seem to have less time to spare for activities. Our W.I. is badly in need of new members and new ideas. If these don't appear she fears there may be no W.I. in the village to celebrate her 50 year membership in 2020. Heather still enjoys the fellowship and fun she came looking for, and has found ample scope to use her considerable photographic and computer skills in the W.I.'s service. She urges today's women of any age to come and be surprised by what is on offer.

Linda Wright, who joined last year, like Heather was newly arrived and looking for friendship. At first wary of the "Jam and Jerusalem" image, she was delighted to find like minds in the W.I. Book Club and through membership of the committee. As someone not particularly interested in crafts, Linda was impressed by the National W.I.'s wider involvement in campaigning and feels that the general public are not aware enough of the work done for such varied causes as honey bees, trafficked women and public loos! She feels the W.I. could be more actively involved in community life and welcomes ideas about how to make this happen. She is the mover behind our Chocolate Extravaganza on 20th February, when we hope lots of people will come to meet us. But Linda, too, feels there is a danger of a slow, local decline if more keen and energetic women are not recruited to take over from present members and help the W.I. remain a thriving important and relevant part of village life.



This Year's President, Heather V. Hogg

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WE moved to Dewlish seven years ago. It was a very cold winter then too. The first day I drove the children to their new school in Puddletown I slid on the ice into a drainage ditch at the bottom of Chebbard hill. A local farmer was the first person to discover me. In the time it took him to fetch a tractor and some rope to pull me out half a dozen villagers had stopped to make sure I was alright. I knew from that moment that I was going to love living amongst these wonderful caring Dorset communities.

I grew up in a small village (about the size of Dewlish) called Hambleden in Buckinghamshire. At 18 I left to study Geology at Southampton University where I met my husband, Jonathan who was at medical school. On graduating in 1985 I knew that I wanted to be a priest but at that time the Church of England was still dithering about the ordination of women so I trained to be a science teacher and taught in a number of comprehensive schools across the country. Our son was born in South Devon, and our daughter in North Wales. When they had both started school I began training for the priesthood at Salisbury theological college. I was **going to be a curate where we lived in Wiltshire but when Jonathan's job brought us to Dorset**, the bishop gently suggested that we might like to look for a house in this benefice. I guess he wanted me to serve my curacy here.

I was ordained a deacon in Salisbury cathedral in July 2005 and then as a priest a year later. It was on one of the hottest days of that summer. Lots of people from Puddletown, Tolpuddle, Milborne and Dewlish came and we had a picnic in the cathedral grounds afterwards. I have finished my training now (seven years in total) and could apply to be a Parish priest elsewhere but I love it here. Who would want to live

anywhere else? So, last year I was relicensed as the associate priest for these four villages. Priests are paid in a funny way. They are given a stipend (enough money and somewhere to live) by the diocese in order to do the job. We have enough and a house so I choose to be what was once called a non stipendiary priest. The church provides my expenses but otherwise I work full time (not just Sunday!) for no pay.

What do you like about the job?

Sometimes, I can't quite believe that I get to do the best job in the world. Not only do I get to talk about God but one moment I could be in school leading assemblies or helping out in class (I am also a school governor), the next I could be taking communion to someone elderly who can't get out and about. It is a huge privilege listening to people's stories both in sad and happy times. And of course the most fun I had last year was 'marrying' prince Charming to Cinderella in Milborne church (see the November Reporter).

What is the best thing about working in Milborne St. Andrew?

The people! Especially when they are creating ways to be a community whether it is at the coffee Drop-In on Friday mornings or at the monthly lunches or any of the other many brilliant clubs and societies that go on in this village.

What do you do to relax?

I am learning to play the classical guitar.

What was your most embarrassing moment?

Being summoned to see the Bishop of Salisbury and mistaking him for his gardener.

What are the challenges for 2010?

Raising a huge amount of money to install toilet facilities at St.

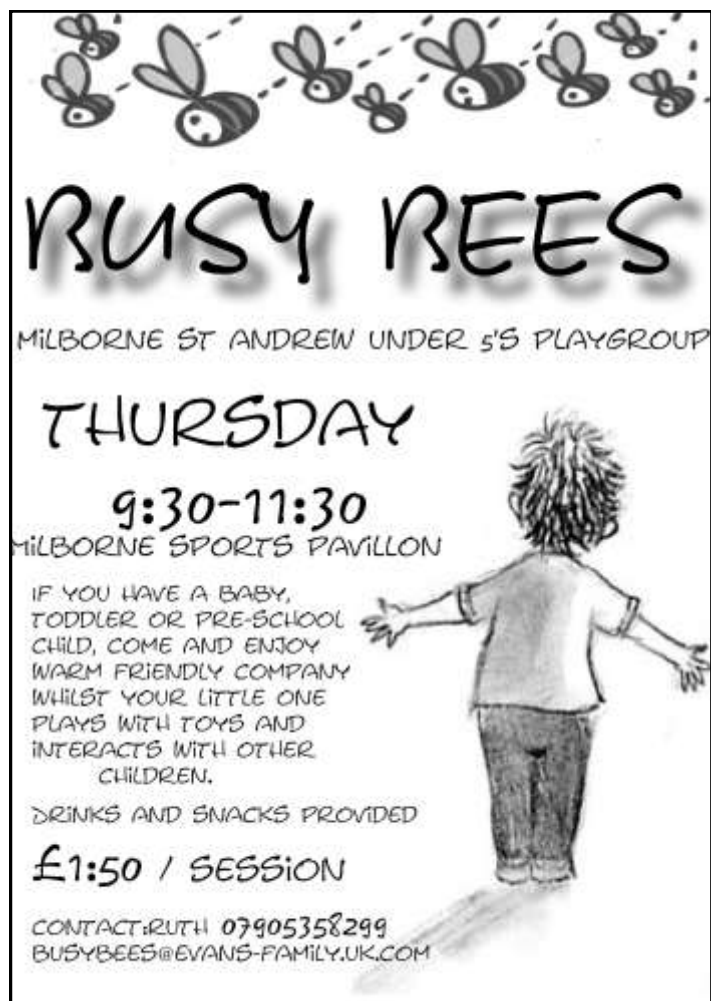
Andrew's Church.

Some people find it surprising . . .

that I like watching the Vicar of Dibley! She's my heroine. It was filmed in Turville Heath near where I grew up. That small room in the final scene when she tells Alice a joke is the vestry where we used to get changed into our choir robes as kids. It's tiny. It is also the same village where Chitty, Chitty Bang Bang was filmed. I remember when the hot air balloon broke loose from its mooring and floated down the valley landing in our garden. I was four at the time. They came and mended it with a big roll of sticky tape!

My fantasy day

Gok Wan (don't you just love how he makes women feel good about themselves) would turn up in church with some fabulous clothes – not black – so I could look and feel stunning. I would follow this up by humiliating Jeremy Clarkson around the race track in a reasonably priced environmentally friendly car. The sponsor money from that, of course would be enough to pay for the toilet project at church. And after all that excitement I would need some time on my own to recover so an early summer's evening hot air balloon trip along the Jurassic Coast would be nice, landing up at Bulbarrow hill to watch the sunset with a bottle of Gevery Chambertin and some Green & Blacks dark chocolate. Lovely!

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The Perils of the Weather

Reflections by Sue Gould

YES – I know that the gritters have been out up to four times every day to keep the roads open, but it is the little things that really make life hard. In our village for some reason the road past the playing field has been VERY regularly gritted, as has Milton Road up towards Milton Abbas, and I'm sure you can tell me other roads that have been similarly kept clear. But they can't go everywhere, and many of our residential roads have been really lethal, with snow and black ice.



Let me tell you some of the local casualties. Kay Parnaby slipped as she was delivering the last *Reporter* for us in December, and broke her knee cap on the ice, she is now on crutches – what dedication to duty! Pat Bull followed her husband to help a fallen neighbour in Orchard Rise and fell very heavily on her back and head on Christmas Eve, and is really suffering from Migraines, Concussion, and back pain. Hazel Ingram was taking her dog for a walk, and fell and broke a bone in her wrist.

Many of you had heating problems – not a good time when the weather was throwing everything it could at us. Elaine and Ray Preston had big problems with their boiler when it stopped working on New Years Day, with the spare part that it needed in Bournemouth, and snow covered roads, it was about a week before Signpost was able to get it going again. Jo, the manager at The Royal Oak, had frozen pipes in her little bungalow.

And as for closures – our local shops stayed open (bless them), but the school finally gave up at lunchtime on the snowy Wednesday (6th January) and sent the children home. I don't think the children minded! Finally, the 10 mile Fun Run (not much fun in my mind!) was cancelled on Sunday 10th January, they are hoping for a warmer start to 2011!



New Year's Eve at The Royal Oak

What a great party – and it was so good to be able to go to our local pub for that celebration. It was standing room only for most of the evening. So I would like to thank The Royal Oak for such a brilliant night to celebrate the New Year.

The excellent free food on offer all night was varied and plentiful with some stunning mince pies, not only supplied by the pub, but the local villagers got together and plates were arriving all evening as people arrived to join in. What a brilliant way to make a community gathering!

The Royal Oak had been asking for local talents, and it came forward with stunning skills. Entertainment was provided by: Kevin and Keith Hustings (our local electricians); Kevin Patterson and Paul Brewster and his 13-year-old daughter Abigail who was an amazing vocalist; together with a local band called 'Full Metal Racket' with its members: Phoebe Beer – vocals and guitar; Adrian Hodges – drums; Jon Riddle – bass and vocals; Colin House – guitar; Gren Elphinstone Davis – guitar. All but two of the group are Milborne St. Andrew residents, where have they been hiding until now?



Finally, as we all counted down to midnight (the bottom bar were about 10 seconds ahead of the top bar – whoops!), Margo Kirk led us in the singing of Auld Lang Syne and then sang 'We're No Awa To Bide Awa' a traditional song that is sung at new year and other social gatherings in Scotland. She told me that during both world wars and the Falklands War it was played as the troop ships left the dockside carrying Scottish troops.



I thought it was a very good idea to close the bar for about fifteen minutes at mid-night to let the busy bar staff join in the mid-night celebrations, what a wonderful gesture. Thank you Andy, Sarah, Jo and all who made this a night to remember.

David Payne

The Autograph Book

YET another not so little page from Georgina Goodland's Autograph Book. The writing was so small, and the lines so close, that it took several goes to try and transcribe it, there are still a couple of words that I've had to guess.

Why have I chosen it? Because I don't think anyone would write anything like this now. Times have changed. Mind you – the sentiments may still be true in some households!

Too Cook A Husband

In selecting your husband you should not be guided by the silvery appearance, as in buying mackerel. Nor by the Golden suit, as if you wanted salmon.

Be sure to select him yourself, as tastes differ. Do not go to the market for him, as the best are always brought to your door. It is far better to have none, unless you will patiently learn how to cook him. A preserving kettle of the finest porcelain is best; but if you have nothing but an earthenware pudding basin it will do. See that the linen in which you wrap him is nicely washed and mended with the required number of buttons and strings, nicely sewed over. Tie him in bag a strong silk cord called comfort. As the one called duty is often to be weak. They are often to fly out of the kettle and be burned and crusty on the edges. Since like Crabs and lobsters you have to cook them while alive. Make a clear steady fine cut of live neatness and cheerfulness. Set him as near this as seems to agree with him. If he sputters and jiggers do not be anxious. Some husbands do this until they are quite done. Add a little sugar in the form of what ..some.. call kisses, but no vinegar or pepper on any account. A little spice improves them but it must be used with judgement. Do not stick any sharp instrument into him to see if he is becoming tender. Stir him gently watch the while lest he be too ..hot.. And close to the kettle and as become flat and useless. If created in this way you will find him very digestible, agreeing with you and the children, and he will keep as long as you want unless you become careless and don't keep him in a cool place.



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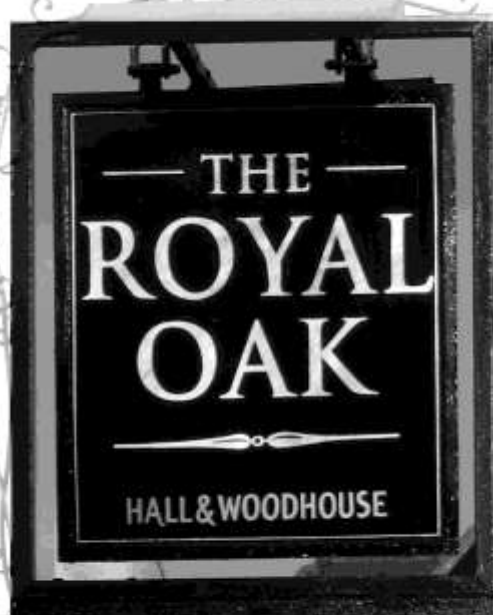
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February

- Thursday 4th–
Saturday 6th
Sunday 7th
Wednesday 10th
Saturday 13
Saturday 13th
Sunday 14th
Wednesday 17th
Friday 19th
Friday 19th
Saturday 20th
Saturday 30th
- Dick Whittington Pantomime Village Hall – see advert below
Round Robin Ramblers Bryanston 2.00pm – see page 30.
Dorset Community Transport Public Consultation Village Hall 2.00–4.00pm – see page 2.
Jumble Sale in aid of Julia's House Children's Hospice Village Hall 10.00am – see page 22.
Third Family Fun and Potato Day Drimpton Village Hall 10.30am–3.30pm. Enquiries 01305 867694.
Point to Point Milborne St. Andrew – see advert page 24.
Round Robin Ramblers Piddlehinton 11.00am – see page 30.
Yetties Village Hall 7.30pm – see pages 2 and 16.
Ranters' Folk Session MSA Sports Club 8.00pm. Details from Roger or Alice on 01258 837371.
Chocolate Extravaganza! Village Hall 2.00–4.00pm – see page 9.
Village Lunch Village Hall 12.15pm – see page 2.
- March
Sunday 7th
Friday 19th
Sunday 28th
- Round Robin Ramblers Broad Oak and Sturminster Newton 2.00pm – see page 30.
Ranters' Folk Session MSA Sports Club 8.00pm.
Mini Mamma Mia!, Act, Dance and Sing. Village Hall 12.00–6.00pm – see page 31.

Regular Bookings at the Village Hall


- Beavers Monday 6.00–7.15pm MH (term time only)
Computer Club Monday 7.00–8.00pm CR (term time only)
Ladybirds Playgroup Monday–Friday 8.45am–1.00pm MH (term time only)
Players Monday 8.00–10pm MH
ABC Line dancers Tuesday 7.30–10pm MH
Cub Scouts Tuesday 5.45–7.15pm MH (term time only)
MSA Friendly Art Group second and fourth Wednesday 7.00–9.00pm CR
100 Acre Wood Pottery Wednesday 6.00–10.00pm MH (term time only)
Wednesday Club second Wednesday 2.30–4.30pm MH
Gardening Club fourth Thursday 7.00–10pm MH
Healthy Eaters Thursday 7.00–8.00pm CR
Karate Thursday 5.10–6.40pm MH
Village Hall Committee third Thursday 8.00–10.00pm
WI second Thursday 7.00–10.00pm
POPP Drop-In Friday 10.00am–12 noon CR
Youth Club every other Friday 6.30–8.30pm MH (term time only)
Sequence Dancing third Saturday 7.30–10.30pm MH
Village Lunch last Saturday of the month 12.15–2.30pm MH/CR
Milborne Praise! third Sunday 3.30–5.30pm MH
Moviola and supper about every 6 weeks, look out for the posters, 6.30–10.30pm MH/CR
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Check Village Hall Notice Board for any other events that are one off for you to join in with.

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Daylight robbery

I WAS looking out of the window at the snow and saw that the borders were alive with small birds foraging for berries in the trees and shrubs, and blackbirds and thrushes were digging around for fallen seeds and fruits in the borders. This got me thinking . . . (a difficult task at the best of times!) although I have a good deal of shrubs and trees that produce berries, I might be able to squeeze a few more in.

The cotoneasters have loads of berries from autumn onwards and birds love them. I might be able to find room for a pretty wall shrub: *Cotoneaster frigidus* or *cornubia*. *Chaenomeles* (Japanese quince) flowers before the leaves appear, and produces apple like fruits which thrushes, blackbirds and starlings enjoy when they fall in the autumn.

I have one in the front garden but I think I could manage another one as a wall shrub somewhere in the back too. *Viburnum tinus* and *Mahonia*, both evergreen, are useful as they both flower early and provide a source of nectar for bees and birds.

Seedheads left on over the winter provide a very important food source so don't be too tidy and cut everything back – leave seed heads on the sedums, the *Verbena bonariensis* and the globe thistle, *Echinops*. Many late flowering clematis produce fluffy seeds heads similar to 'old man's beard' often seen in the hedgerows – these make good nest building ingredients, as does the bark of an old, knarled honeysuckle. Grasses will produce lots of seeds and their brown winter

foliage can give you a bit of movement in the border and feed the birds. **When it's time to cut the grasses back, other things will be in flower** providing nourishment to the garden visitors.



Ponds, of course, are very important in attracting wildlife and even the smallest pond will bring in a few frogs and toads – fantastic for gobbling up slugs and snails, and the thrushes you have already invited in will have great fun snail-bashing. Much, much better than using slug pellets – even the 'harmless to animals' variety – although the birds may not actually eat the pellets, they will be eating the poisoned slugs and snails.

Your encouragement of predators like ladybirds, toads and robins gives you your very own resident pesticide squad and you can sit back and wait to be 'entertained'.

And finally – the RSPB will be having their Big Garden Birdwatch on 30th – 31st January. All you have to do is watch and make a note of how many birds actually visit your garden for one hour over either of the two days. For



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It's a dog's life . . .

AFTER writing last month about how Christmas can bring on a rash of over-indulgence in some owners towards their dogs, I found that my Christmas was far more dog-focused than I'd have liked. A week before, one of my spaniels was looking decidedly yellow (eyes, inner ears). So off to the vet for the not so unsurprising diagnosis of jaundice, but an afternoon stay and tests at Damory revealed the full extent of the problem – Frankie has severe liver problems. (And I'm sure he's never touched a drop). Because it was a Saturday, the vet decided that it'd be best to wait until the Monday to carry out a full liver biopsy as it required two pairs of hands – "one to hold the liver, the other to take the sample" – fairly invasive then.

As far as I was concerned, Christmas had just gone out of the window. We had been due to travel north to spend a week with the in-laws, but Frankie was going nowhere after such a major op (oh, he had his spleen removed as well, growth and all). Decisions, decisions. So many relatives were looking forward to seeing our son (some for the first time) that we decided to spend his first Christmas apart . . . because of the dog. So Mrs and Mstr R trekked northbound for the week and I stayed home with Frankie and his "severely abnormal" liver.

But this is the point where it proves that Milborne is a warm and kind-hearted place. When word got about among dog-walkers, friends and neighbours that I was home alone, I was snowed under with offers of Christmas dinner and company. So I'd like to thank everybody for

their offers and concern, I was genuinely touched.

To continue this veterinary theme (unfortunately), I've been contacted by a pet owner who would like to highlight a serious issue during this sub-zero season. Tragically, her cat died after ingesting car antifreeze liquid. Antifreeze is poisonous to cats, dogs and most other animals. It has a sweet taste and is palatable, which is why dogs, but mainly cats, are attracted to it especially if they can't access their normal drinking places.

The upset owner said that although she provides a water bowl inside, her cat would usually drink from a watering can or flowerpot outside. But due to the recent cold spell, these were frozen which is why she thinks her cat may have found another source, which sadly was antifreeze. Although she rushed her cat to the vet as soon as she realised, it was too late. The active chemical, ethylene glycol, is metabolised by the liver and travels in the bloodstream to the kidneys where it forms insoluble crystals, causing permanent damage to them. Although her cat underwent scans and treatment at Damory as soon as possible (and cost £200), the kidney damage was severe and irreversible. Damory Vets have seen at least four antifreeze poisoning cases in recent weeks.

Initial symptoms of poisoning are a drunk or groggy and lethargic state which may be apparent from one to six hours. It can take as little as two teaspoons of antifreeze for a cat or four tablespoons for a dog for fatal results. We all know our animals well – the owner stresses that if your cat or dog seems off-colour, take them to the vet straight away. If caught early enough, veterinary attention can mean a complete recovery – and a much smaller bill. And if you do have any spillages of antifreeze when topping up or changing your car's coolant, clean it away and keep pets out of areas where the containers are stored, especially if your dog is a 'chewer'.

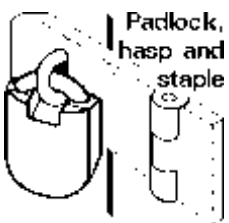
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HOMEWATCH NEWSLETTER

BLANDFORD SOUTH, December 2009

GARDEN SHED ADVICE

Garden sheds are a very popular target with burglars and are often overlooked when security is being considered. The value of the contents, such as garden mowers, strimmers, cycles, etc. can often add up to many hundreds of pounds. It is therefore wise to secure the shed



door with at least one heavy-duty hasp and closed-shackle padlock.

It may not always be appropriate to fit a heavy-duty padlock, hasp and staple as the shed door and frame may not be strong enough to support them. There is a range of smaller but sturdy padlocks, padbolts, hasps and staples

that would be suitable. Whether fitting heavy-duty devices or otherwise, always use coach-bolt fixings through the door and frame.

The door itself should be hung on strong hinges which are secured with coach bolts or clutch-head screws, as ordinary fixings can be easily unscrewed. All opening windows require good window locks. If you never open them, consider screwing them permanently shut from the inside.

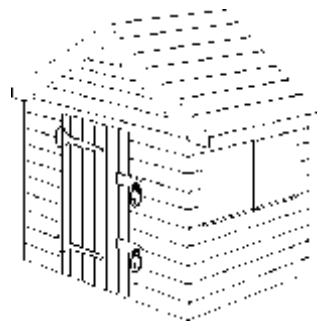
As most sheds are inherently weak, it is worth considering installing

an internal wire mesh lining. This would provide an additional barrier should a panel be breached.

In addition to fitting external physical security to your shed, it is worth considering the installation of an alarm. This does not mean a complete burglar alarm system, though, if your house already has such an installation, it may be possible for it to be extended to the shed. There are various stand-alone devices on the market specifically designed for remote use in garages or sheds, which fall into two main categories:

- a passive infra-red detector within the shed to detect movement and body heat
- a door contact system

Both systems will operate a sounder if the shed is accessed without the correct de-activation. They are available with battery or mains power supply and can be purchased from your local locksmiths, D-I-Y or discount store.



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Welcome back to the Jumble Sale

THEY used to be almost every week, well, at least once a month, but they seem to have gone out of fashion. So if you have withdrawal symptoms for this once popular sale, have no fear, your wishes have been answered. Di Harris and Val Hodges have arranged a Jumble Sale on Saturday 13th February in the Village Hall. Doors open at 10.00am and close at 11.30am, donations are welcome from 9.00am. The **proceeds of the Jumble Sale will go to Julia's House a local children's hospice.** If you need to have anything picked up, or you have any queries, just ring Di on 837668 or Val on 837205.

Julia's House is Dorset's only hospice dedicated to children with life-limiting conditions. The majority of the children they care for are unlikely to live beyond the age of 18.

Julia's House
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Receiving only approximately three per cent of their funding from the Government, **Julia's House relies on the Dorset community to help raise the remainder of their required income.** In 2010, they estimate that it will cost £2.5m to continue to provide their vital services.

In 2010 Julia's House aims to:

- Open the hospice for 24-hour care at weekends. This will give families a real break from the pressures of caring for a seriously ill child
- Offer round-the-clock care in the hospice when a child needs care at the end of their life. This involves NHS doctors working with our nurses
- **Increase the hours of care they provide in the children's own homes**
- Provide more complementary and music therapy services
- **Run more social events for the children's mums, dads, brothers and sisters,** to relieve the pressure of their daily lives
- Ask parents how they can improve their services

Please help our very own local Children's Hospice at Corfe Mullen by donating whatever you can and come to the Village Hall on the 13th February and spend your money knowing that every penny collected is going to Julia's House.

Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 20th January

Some of the best bits (*to be continued next month...*)

Parish Plan Funding

Dorset Strategic Partnership have now agreed to fund over £1,200 so that the Parish Plan can be completed and printed. The money, however, may take from two weeks to two months to arrive. The Parish Council agreed to meet the costs until the grant arrives. Tony Dyer has contacted the PC to say that 95% of the analysis is in place, and will be completed by the end of January. His timetable included constructing a fair document by the end of February, and the final plan by the end of April 2010.

Speed Limits

The Parish Council have been investigating the possibility of introducing a lower speed limit along the last section of Lane End (adjoining the main A354). They have been informed that it is "reasonable to reduce the speed limit in Lane End to 40 mph. However it is unlikely that it will be policed". Therefore the reason for setting this limit would be to make drivers aware of an approaching residential area.

Dog Poo

Councillor Jill Harvey has had a formal complaint from a member of the public, who has witnessed a dog owner allowing fouling by their animal, and not clearing it up outside Crown Court. The Dog Warden is to be contacted and given all the details, who will carry this forward.

Grit Bins

After the cold snap in 2009, the question of Grit Bins came up in a Parish Council meeting last year, but was discarded as a one off example of extreme weather. After a repeat performance in January this year, it has been decided to look at costs of buying grit bins and where would be the best locations, in readiness for next year. They have been told that if the bins were provided, they will be filled with grit free of charge. At the moment the first suggestions have been somewhere on Hopsfield and somewhere in St. Andrews View. If you have any views – please let the Parish Council or this magazine know.



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Weather in Milborne St. Andrew December 2009

THE total rainfall in Milborne for December 2009 was 136.4mm which was 115% of average. The first 10 days of the month was wet and relatively mild but the rest of the month was much colder with frosts on most nights and snow showers on four days. It was certainly a colder December than we have been used to in recent years but there have been eight years out of the last 39 in which December has been colder.

The total rainfall for the 2009 year was 1108.7mm which was very similar to the 1125.0mm rainfall in 1972. The average temperature for the year was 10.58°C which was very similar to the 10.60°C average temperature in 1976. Whilst there seems to be evidence of climate change in some parts of the world, the residents of Milborne can be forgiven for wondering what the fuss is all about.



Some experts in Climatology have suggested that the average temperature in this country is likely to rise by 6°C over the next 50 years but as there has not been any significant change in the average temperature here in Milborne over the last 39 years, I think we are unlikely to see an increase of 6 degrees over the next 50. Far be it for me to question the calculations of influential people but Bishop James Ussher (Churchman, Scholar and Primate of All Ireland in the 17th century) carefully calculated the date of 'Creation' as having taken place on Sunday 23rd October 4004 BC. This is now thought to have been out by 4.5 billion years.

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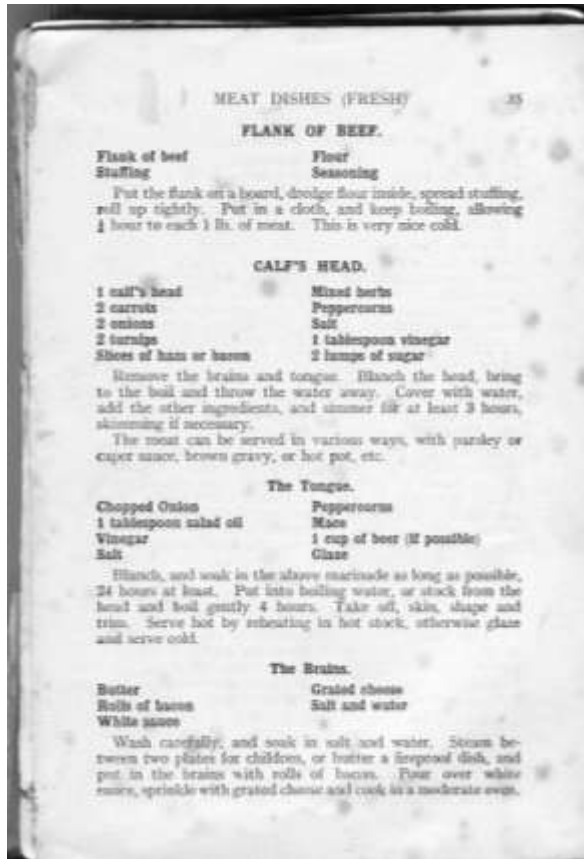
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Has anyone heard about the Millennium Walk?

Simon Curtis Howitz is on the search for information. The Parish Council have had some money set aside for a fair few years for signposting and a seat for the Millennium Walk. He believes it was planned before the millennium (2000), which is before he moved to the village, and that it was expected to start and finish at the Sports Ground at the top of the village.

Now the new gates have been installed to the entrance to the Sports Ground, they want to set up notice/signposts at the pedestrian gate, and would like to include the Millennium Walk, if the information can be found.

Does anyone remember this being planned, where it went, and how far the preparation reached? Let Simon know on 01258 839000.

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By Verina Cutler

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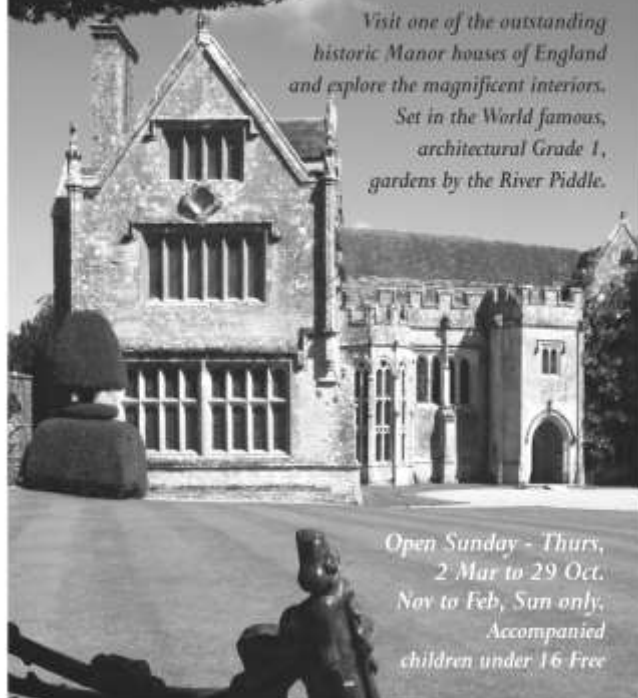
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WE mentioned in December our plans for the Christmas Tree Festival at St. Andrew's church. A group of children helped decorate our tree on the last day of term and as you can see from the photo below, they were very proud of the finished tree. It was a pleasure



to see our tree alongside representatives from all areas of our local community, each looking quite different. The final display showed how many ideas there are in the local area and how much talent. We hope there will be many more opportunities to work together in the future. Our thanks go to Eva Stockley for all her help in organising the festival and asking us to be involved.

At the end of each term a group of our Year 4 children, who will be leaving us in the summer, are given the opportunity to ring the "Freedom Bell". The picture (right) shows the ringing to show the end of the Autumn term before we broke up for Christmas. Those

living local to the school might be able to hear it ringing out at 3.00pm before we break for each main holiday. For those who don't know the purpose of this, the following might be of interest.

When the original school in Chapel Lane (now Chapel Street) was built a bell hung above the main entrance. It is thought that the bell was removed during the 1914-18 war, to go towards the war effort. The bell housing was discovered in 1982 when the school was repainted and it was decided to replace the bell. At about this time in 1982 the HMS *Sheffield* was hit by an Exocet missile during the Falklands War and sadly, one of the fatalities was a crew member who lived in Winterbourne Whitechurch, the neighbouring village to Milborne and a village in the school catchment area. When a new



bell was presented to the school by the Royal Navy from R.M.A.S. *Freshburn*, it was dedicated to those who lost their lives in the Falklands campaign in 1982. Since this time the bell called the "Freedom Bell" has hung over the school entrance.

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Transport – Village Driving Schemes



A LIFT FOR OUR COMMUNITIES

MILTON ABBAS Surgery Friends of the Practice volunteer drivers offer a fantastic service which enables members of our local village communities to travel to and from many of their clinical appointments at Milton Abbas and Milborne surgeries and nearby towns.

As there is little in the way of local transport in the area this volunteer service is greatly appreciated, particularly by housebound residents and people who are unable to use the few buses that do run.

As we live in a rural area and our older population is growing, it is anticipated that many more people would benefit if they had access to a more local means of transport.

Plans are therefore afoot to open up a volunteer car service such as this to the wider community and not have it focussed entirely on the surgery and medical appointments. By doing so it is hoped that local residents might also be more able to become involved in community and leisure activities and therefore feel less socially isolated.

NHS Dorset is working with POPPs (Partnership for Older People Project) and our local surgery to introduce a volunteer driving scheme for Milborne St. Andrew and all surrounding villages, amongst which are Milton Abbas, the Winterborne Valley, Cheselbourne, Melcombe Bingham and Ansty.

Friends of the Practice Coordinator, Sue Brazier, is delighted that plans to introduce the scheme are under way. She has seen, first hand, the pleasure that volunteers get in being able to offer help within their communities and understands that transport is an area which causes anxiety. Sue reports that the NHS recognises the enormous benefits to a person's well-being when they are able to get out of their homes to do something as simple as go shopping or to a coffee morning. She believes that the friendly face of a volunteer driver may well be just the ticket for a lot of people!

A public consultation event is to be held with the aim of gauging interest in this newly proposed scheme and for enlisting the support of members of the community who may like to be involved in driving or coordinating roles.

If you would like to know more, without any obligation, you are invited to attend the event which is to be held at:

Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall

2.00–4.00pm, Wednesday 10th February 2010

If you would like more information prior to the event, Sue Brazier can be contacted on 01305 368908.



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Race called off for the first time

FOR the first time in its 26 year history the Milborne 10 Road Race was cancelled due to the weather. The course was regularly inspected in the days leading up to the event on Sunday 10th January, and from the start line it looked ok, but the road leading up to Ansty proved to be a real problem, the snow and ice didn't go away.

On health and safety grounds it was decided to cancel the event. It would have been irresponsible for it to have gone ahead. There have been past years when it has snowed and there have been freezing conditions, but the road surface has always remained clear enough for it to be safe to run on.

It is disappointing that the event could not go ahead as the pre-booked entrants this year reached over 100. This meant a lot of phone calls and e-mailing over two days trying to let as many as possible know what had happened. All entry fees are being refunded, but luckily enough there was enough in reserve to cover expenses already incurred – the purchase of medals, etc.

This event cannot be rescheduled for this year so we look forward to a dry and warmer start to 2011. *J Mills [Race Director]*



Brrr – Football matches cancelled

I'm afraid there is a lack of news on the football front this month. Something to do with this weather! The pitch looks picture perfect – completely white! So, as John Kane e-mailed me, most youth and adult fixtures have had to be cancelled. Well – if the Premier League with their heated pitches cancel their matches, the fact that our local team has had the same problem really isn't surprising!

However, there ARE still some activities continuing up at the Sports Pavilion. The Table Tennis continues on Monday nights, Busy Bees Toddler Group are there on Thursday mornings. And apparently they hope to start Dancing Lessons up there soon, the Reporter will make sure everyone knows about it beforehand!

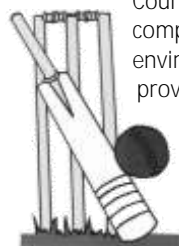
Sue Gould

Milton Abbas Cricket Club

HAVE you always thought about giving cricket a go? Do you have a child that would like to get involved in the game? Or are you looking to get back in to the game yourself? If so then we are always looking for new members to join us. Beginners or accomplished players, everyone is welcome. Also if your playing days are over maybe you could help us with umpiring or scoring.

At the Milton Abbas Cricket Club we run three teams, under 11 years, under 13 years in junior leagues and a youth/men's team which plays Sunday friendly matches. We run nets/training sessions throughout the winter months on Friday evenings in the Sports Hall at Milton Abbey School. Juniors at 6.30–7.45pm and Adults 7.45–8.45pm. All equipment is supplied and every session is run by ECB qualified coaches.

In the run up to the new season we are running an eight week course for the juniors starting on the 26th February 2010. This is with County Level Coaching and will give new members a complete introduction to all aspects of Cricket in a fun environment and once again all equipment will be provided.



The focus of our Cricket Club is to have fun and we aim to teach the junior members not only the rules of the game but also fair play and sportsmanship. For further information please call: Stewart Rosoman 880962 or Andy Smith 880310.

Act, Dance and Sing

- Milborne St Andrew, Village Hall, The Causeway
- 12pm-6pm
- Ages 8yrs – 16yrs
- £6 per Child, **advance bookings only** (Cash or Cheques accepted)
- Rehearsals all day, performance at 5.30pm
- Bring packed lunch and beach and party clothes for costume

Sunday 28th March



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Mains

Roast Breast of Free Range Chicken, Saffron Tagliatelli, Cacciatora Sauce and Home Cured Pancetta
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Pan Fried Fillet of Salmon with Linguini of Mussels, Chorizo and Clams, Alfredo Sauce, Toasted Pine nuts
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Charity Quiz

Sundays 7th and 28th February at 7.45pm
As usual, charity quiz nights will be hosted by Graham Senior. All entry fees (£2 per person) will be donated to our charities: The Friends of Dunbury School and Lauren Gordon, who has been chosen to go to Kenya to undertake environmental work.

Please come and support these very worthwhile causes.

Valentines Events

Saturday evening 13th February

Starters

White onion and cider soup with sage beignet (v)
Cured breast of Gressingham duck, confit leg, lentil salad and pomegranate vinaigrette
Peppered fillet of smoked haddock with spring onion mash and chive beurre blanc
Terrine of local ham knuckle with pineapple and pink peppercorn salsa

Intermediate course

Passion fruit shot

Main Courses

Sirloin of beef with hand cut chips, roasted cherry tomatoes and a béarnaise or green peppercorn sauce
Roasted breast of guinea fowl with Dauphinoise potatoes, baby spinach and baby carrots
Paupiette of lemon sole and crab, buttered salsify and sauté potatoes with a lemon butter sauce and gremolata
Steamed and roasted mushroom pudding with leeks, roasted Jerusalem artichokes and a tarragon white wine sauce (v)

Desserts

Vanilla panacotta with blood orange and champagne jelly
Dark chocolate soufflé with vanilla pod ice cream
Red wine poached pear with fig ice cream and praline
Oven baked camembert with crudités and grissini (for two to share)

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Sunday lunchtime 14th February

Starters

White onion and cider soup with sage beignet (v)
Cured breast of Gressingham duck, confit leg, lentil salad and pomegranate vinaigrette
Peppered fillet of smoked haddock with spring onion mash and chive beurre blanc
Terrine of local ham knuckle with pineapple and pink peppercorn salsa

Main Courses

Roast sirloin of beef, roast potatoes and Yorkshire pudding, red wine gravy
Roast leg of lamb, minted and buttered new potatoes, Yorkshire pudding and pan juices
Traditional fish pie
Roast free range chicken breast, Dauphinoise potato, baby spinach and baby carrots
Pan fried breaded goats cheese with caramelised onion risotto, shallot rings and sage dressing (v)

Desserts

Vanilla panacotta with blood orange and champagne jelly
Dark chocolate soufflé with vanilla pod ice cream
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