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Milborne St. Andrew

School's Spirit soars on a Sunny Saturday



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Royal British Legion Cream Tea Afternoon

ROYAL British Legion – Puddletown & District Branch (Women's Section) shall be holding a Cream Tea at the Parish Room, St. Mary's Church, Puddletown between 2.30pm and 5.30pm on the 31st May 2010.

Please come along and enjoy a delicious cream tea and support the work of the Royal British Legion. One of the aims is to continuously improve the welfare and support provided for veterans, serving personnel and their dependants of all ages and it is only with your support that this can be achieved.

Further information can be obtained from the Branch Secretary on 01305 848940.

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The Village Lunch Committee is pleased to invite you all to the

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Milborne Friendly Art Group



We have had some new members join the group and are hoping to have a visiting local Artist come to do a workshop/demonstration in May, which we are looking forward to.

As previously reported, some members of the Art Group have some of their work displayed at a gallery at Sturminster Newton in the Blackmore Vale Gifts and Trophies shop and we are very happy and proud to say that one member,

Elizabeth, has sold some of her work, in fact five paintings. Well done Elizabeth and hopefully more sales will follow for her and other members.

We are all very busy getting some work finished for the Art Display at the May Fair and making all the arrangements for a children's painting table. We hope the weather is kind to us on the day and you will all come along to enjoy the event. The art sessions are held in the committee room twice a month and dates are currently displayed on the village hall notice board. Further details about the group can be acquired from Sue Marsh 837414.



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Food and Wine Society



WE had a great time at our wine tasting event on Saturday 27th March. Over 30 people turned up and tasted a range of red and white Fairtrade wines. Some we liked and some we weren't so sure about – but

that is the fun of it all and a good opportunity to try out new wines. The evening started quietly with Maureen Lock giving a talk about the ideas behind Fairtrade and she showed a short film kindly provided by the Co-op. We then went on to taste the wine provided and as you can imagine – the evening became a bit less quiet!! Perhaps our tastings were a little on the large side – but no-one seemed to object – there may have been a few delicate heads in the morning however!

We are going to celebrate St. George's Day for our next event – and taste some traditional English food provided by The Royal Oak.

We have a lot of other interesting events throughout the year – from wine tastings to trying out different foods and visits to restaurants. We always welcome new members – so if you like good food and good wine, come and join us. Give me a call on 837929 or Helen Lord on 839222 and join in the fun.

Maureen Lock – Chairman

Announcement

(Badger) Michael John Way passed away peacefully at Dorset County Hospital aged 57 on Saturday 24th April 2010 with his brother David and sisters Veronica and Rosemary around him.

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News release

Incident 3:372/116/10/sc
12 April 2010

Computers damaged after lead theft at local school

POLICE in Blandford are appealing for witnesses and information after thieves stole lead from the roof of a rural school which allowed rain water to cause considerable damage to the interior of the school.

Sometime between Monday 29th March and midday on Saturday 3rd April, thieves climbed onto a flat roof at Milborne St. Andrew First School in Hopsfield and stole roofing lead – rainwater caused considerable damage to the school interior.

Police Constable Bruce Murdoch, of Blandford Police Station, said: **“The damage subsequently caused to the inside of the building runs into many thousands of pounds – and all for about £100 worth of lead.**

“I am committed to finding these couldn’t-care-less thieves and I need to hear from witnesses who may have seen or heard suspicious activity near the school – and from anyone who saw an out of the ordinary vehicle parked in the area.

“I’d also like to hear from anyone who knows, or suspects that they know, the identity of those responsible. All calls will be treated in absolute confidence.”

Six of the school’s computers, and the newly installed server, were damaged in the information and computer technology room with damage also being caused in a medical room, a technology cupboard, teaching resource cupboard and the toilets in the children’s reception class as well as damage to carpets, ceilings and display boards within the school.

Witnesses and anyone with information should call Dorset Police in confidence on 01202 or 01305 22 22 22 or the free and anonymous Crimestoppers line on 0800 555 111 where mobile phone tariffs may apply.

Ground Force Day

A FANTASTIC turnout for the Milborne St. Andrew First School ‘Ground Force Day’ on Saturday 24th – over 30 volunteers participated throughout the day. The work carried out has saved the school several hundreds of pounds as they used their skills to renovate the school’s playhouses, bird tables, planters and outdoor furniture. The playhouses in particular were in a bad state of repair and they now look as good as new and so part of the impact of this community project will be to support the curriculum focus on improving our environment through recycling, reusing and reduction.

Parents, pupils past and present, governors and volunteers from the community turned up throughout the day to ‘do their bit’ and so there are several people to thank for the huge success of the day. We are also grateful to Poundbury Garden Centre for donating all of the compost for the planters and the Friends of the School Association for helping to plan and support the event through providing materials and refreshments for the volunteers and their families. A big thank you to the staff, their families and everyone else who gave up their time and worked so hard on the day to brighten up the school’s outdoor equipment. A job well done! *Anne Purdy*

Milborne Sport FC promoted to Division 1

WITH just two matches to play, Milborne Sports FC sit proudly atop of Dorset Div 2. Promotion to Div one secured, the highest position in the history of Milborne. Congratulations – a feather in the cap for the whole village, football fan or not!
John Kane

Cartwheels at the April meeting of the WI

AT our annual meeting our President, Heather Hogg, retired from both the Chair and the Committee after many years. Fortunately for us we have not lost her cheery and much valued presence altogether, she assures us she will still be much in evidence at our meetings and get-togethers. We welcomed Linda Wright to the post of President and she will lead our new Committee of Shirley Dunkley (Secretary), Veronica Herridge, June Maitland, Ann Mepham, Lynn Morris, Jenny Preston and Josie Wright (Treasurer).



New President Linda Wright with retiring President Heather Hogg.

Skittles: Luckily for us, and despite heavy commitments elsewhere, Nelda Oakes has agreed to continue organising the skittles league for the coming year. Have a go at Archery: Sunday 6th June, with Crossways Archers at Sheila Ryall’s house, now extended to members who would like to go along purely as spectators. Monthly lunches: Meet at The Royal Oak, Tuesday 18th May. Future Activities: To include theatre outings, play reading, cookery and walking, arrangements and discussion ongoing.

Business over, Ann Mepham then had us doing cartwheels! But this is just one example of a Dorset button – others include crosswheels, high tops, singletons and mites. Dorset has a long history of button making – before mechanisation they were all handmade using a disc covered with cloth and worked with thread and were the source of major income for many families in this area. Milborne did in fact have its own button centre, in what is now the Post Office. Following a demonstration by Ann of how to make a button, fierce concentration was the order of the day as members plied needle and thread to come up with some very creditable examples. In her thanks to Ann for her fascinating talk, June Maitland pointed out a set of Dorset buttons (which had belonged to her aunt) on the WI’s illustrated village plan which hangs on the wall of our village hall. They are well worth a look next time you are in the hall!

Please do join us at our next meeting on Thursday 13th May, which will include Resolutions and a Beetle Drive. We would love to see you there.

PS: 48 hours later. Members, partners, et al, 37 in all, enjoyed our annual dinner and get-together at The Royal Oak. Thanks were extended to Nelda for organising the event and to Jo, Sarah and staff for making the evening so memorable. *Pat Bull*



Fun was had by all at the WI Annual dinner held at The Royal Oak on 10th April.



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

Dear Friends

My letter this month is a sad one for my family and I, as I write to tell you that this will be my last year here as your vicar.

The last five years here have been very good for Mel, Zac, Iona and myself. When we came here, Mel was still recovering from her accident, and had only just been discharged after several months in hospital.

Since then, we have been able to re-establish our lives, and Zac and Iona have settled into school and country life in a wonderful way.

Mel has made as full a recovery as is possible, but as many of you are aware, she is left with a significant level of disability and is in constant pain. We have become reconciled to the fact that this will be the situation for the rest of her life.

I also hope that I have been of some use to the churches in the Benefice. I have enjoyed ministering here with you, and think that we have made some significant steps forward in our life together. In particular, I feel privileged to have worked with you in:

- establishing a regular pattern of weekly worship
- seeing the opening of the Church Room in Puddletown and the way it has become so well used and established in both church and village life
- *developing the Christian ethos in St. Mary's Middle School, and in engaging with young people in all our schools and youth activities*
- *developing 'Milborne Praise!' (and more recently seeing the emergence of 'Tolpuddle Praise!')*
- seeing Tolpuddle Church grow again in numbers and confidence
- establishing a wonderful group of Lay Pastoral Assistants across the Benefice
- helping Sarah Godfrey become firmly established in her early years of ordained ministry.

As time has gone on however, I have increasingly felt that the roles of full-time parish priest, carer for Mel, and parent for Zac and Iona are not sustainable in the long term. I find myself constantly feeling that I cannot do adequate justice to them simultaneously, and in addition, I have no spare capacity to pursue my other passions of ministry to the poor and marginalized, and working for a more inclusive, just and equal Church.

As a result I have made the decision to leave stipendiary ministry around the end of this year in order to concentrate on looking after Mel and the kids, as well as looking for ways to pursue my other interests on a part time voluntary basis.

I realise that this may come as a surprise, and that news that your vicar is leaving can be unsettling, but the Church Wardens and I felt it right to announce this now, so that we can work together this year to ensure that the Benefice is ready for an interregnum, and for the process of appointing your next vicar.

You will know, of course, that I am now away on sabbatical from 1st May until the end of August, and this provides a good opportunity to identify areas we need to strengthen in the Autumn, before I leave.

I also have utmost confidence in Sarah Godfrey who I have valued immensely as a colleague. This confidence also extends to our Church Wardens, LPA's and retired clergy in whom we are very blessed.

I would like to finish this letter with a verse from the Bible, which reminds us that all our futures are in God's hands, and in Him we need not be anxious.

¹¹For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

¹²Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. ¹³You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

Jeremiah 29:11-13

God Bless and Keep You

**CHURCH SERVICES
May 2010**

2nd MAY – Easter 5

9.30am	Family Communion and Baptism	Milborne
11.00	Holy Communion	Puddletown
11.00	1662 Morning Prayer	Dewlish
4.00pm	Tolpuddle Praise!	Tolpuddle Village Hall

THURSDAY 6th MAY

12.00	Lunch-time Communion	Milborne
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9th MAY – Easter 6

8.15am	1662 Said Communion	Puddletown
9.30	1662 Morning Prayer	Tolpuddle
9.30	Parish Communion	Milborne
11.00	Family service	Puddletown
11.00	Family Communion	Dewlish

THURSDAY 13th MAY Ascension Day

6.30am	Service	Dewlish hill by mast
12.00	Lunch-time Communion	Puddletown

16th MAY – Easter 7

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 20th MAY

12.00	Lunch-time Communion	Dewlish
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23rd MAY – Pentecost Sunday

9.30am	Holy communion	Tolpuddle
9.30	1662 Parish communion	Milborne
11.00	Family communion	Puddletown
11.00	Family service	Dewlish

THURSDAY 27th MAY

12.00	Lunch-time Communion	Tolpuddle
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30th MAY – Trinity Sunday

11.00am	Benefice Service	Tolpuddle
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MILBORNE ST. ANDREW CHURCH NOTES

Youngsters gather for the Easter experience

THE YOUNGSTERS of our church have been extremely active during the past month. On Passion Sunday at "Milborne Praise" we walked through the village from the Village Hall to the old Methodist Chapel, to the Old Rectory garden and finally to St. Andrew's churchyard. At various points along the way there were things to find connected with Christ's Passion and Crucifixion and that story was told. We finished by placing prayers at the foot of the wooden cross (which is still in church).

On Good Friday the "Easter Experience" saw a crowd of about 30 youngsters gathered in the Village Hall. They made hot cross buns, chocolate nests, decorated Easter biscuits and decorated palm crosses and cardboard eggs. And, of course, at the same time they heard the Easter story and praised God. The weather prevented us walking up to church as planned but one can learn about, and praise, God anywhere, anytime, so it didn't matter.

On Sunday 18th April, "Milborne Praise" again met in the Village Hall and this time enjoyed drama by the "Awesome Sunday" group of youngsters from the Benefice who meet in Dewlish. They gave us their version of "Who Wants To Be a Millionaire?", their theme being "Treasure in Heaven". They had clearly worked hard on their performance and did it very well. We went on to consider what is more important than money. ("Me!" came one voice. "Quite right!" replied Benny). You can read our thoughts pinned up in church.

April 25th was the last Sunday that Jenny Hansford was able to play the organ for us as she has been appointed as organist to a church in Yeovil. We are very grateful to Jenny for playing regularly at St. Andrew's every fourth Sunday. We shall miss her and hope she enjoys her new challenge. We are also grateful to Louisa Macnair who will be able to play for us occasionally.

Churchyard trees tidied up

Recently ash trees and a sycamore, which have been causing concern to St. Andrew's View residents have been partly felled and generally tidied up. The fact that the ashes were multi-stemmed shows that in the distant past they were coppiced and had re-generated. They should do this again. One tree in an awkward position had to be tackled professionally but the rest were dealt with by volunteers led by Sarah and Tommy Ackerman. This saved the church a large amount of money. They did an excellent job and we are very grateful, to them. They have also given us two large compost bins which will come in very useful.

Don't miss our Open Gardens event!

On Saturday 5th June, approximately 20 gardens in Milborne will be open to the public from 10.30am-5.00pm. These include several that have not been opened before. Tea, coffee and homemade cake will be served in the Village Hall in the morning and cream teas in the afternoon. The Royal Oak will be geared up for plenty of pub lunches. You can climb the church tower (the view from the top is wonderful), buy raffle tickets and treat your garden to something from Gerry's plant stall. Don't miss it!

Church Cleaning – w/e Saturday

1st May Mary Bennett and Pat Tribe
8th May Carolyn Martin and Elizabeth Walker
15th May Margaret Hurley and Eva Stockley
22nd May Geoff and Pat Bull
29th May John and Ann Miller

Flowers – w/e Saturday

8th and 15th May Helen Pugh
22nd and 29th May Eve Richardson
5th and 12th June Jill Harvey

In brief: There are some beautiful postcards on sale for church funds in Gray's Store (Londis), The Royal Oak and at church services. Our grateful thanks to Heather V. Hogg who has taken the photographs and done the artwork. St. Andrew's is taking on the cake stall at the May Fayre on 22nd May. Any cakes, bread, scones, and biscuits you can supply will be very gratefully received, as will offers of help on the day. Please contact Pat Tribe (Tel: 01258 837684).
Eva Stockley and Pat Tribe (Churchwardens)

DEWLISH CHURCH NOTES

Easter, a very meaningful time

IT WAS Lovely to see so many people at the Mothering Sunday Family Service. Each Mum was presented with a posy, and we thank all the ladies who made up the posies to look so lovely despite there only being snowdrops in the garden!

On Palm Sunday the service started in the church where we each received our Palm crosses, and then we proceeded to the Village Hall. Our youth group, "Awesome", performed a sketch called "Who Wants Treasures in Heaven?" in the style of "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?" It was very well done, and we congratulate all those who were involved. After the service, refreshments were served.

During Lent we had a service of Evening Prayer each week, led by Jim. We also had five Lent lunches, with delicious soups made by our wonderful host and hostesses. The lunches were very well attended and were great occasions to get together. Many thanks to you all.

Our Agape Supper, led by Norman, was attended by 12 people from Dewlish and Milborne and, once again, proved to be a very meaningful time to remember Our Lord's final earthly days. Thank you, Norman.

The money raised at the Lent lunches and the Agape Supper amounted to £369.51, and this has been donated to Water Aid.

After the deep sadness of the events of Good Friday, it was wonderful to experience the joy of Easter Day. The church looked absolutely beautiful with the lovely yellows of the daffodils. Even the sun shone, which added to the church's beauty. The music was provided by Becky once again. We thank her, and all who contributed to make the church and service so special for our wonderful celebration of Christ's resurrection.
Daphne Burg

Benefice phone calls

During Benny's sabbatical from May to September you will not be able to leave a message on the vicarage answer phone. Instead we have a benefice mobile phone. The number is: 07760304454.

To contact Rev Sarah Godfrey, please use this number. If she is busy please leave a message and she will get back to you when she can.

The benefice office number is 01258 839190. Marion Bishop, the benefice administrator is in the benefice office on Tuesday and Friday mornings.

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Wednesday Social Club

WE had our AGM on Wednesday 7th April. We were very pleased to welcome many new members as well as others renewing membership. This bodes well for the future expansion of the club. The Committee were all voted back into office with one new important change. Pearl Hallett, our treasurer has retired after five years of service. Our grateful thanks go to Pearl for all her hard work and dedication to the club over the years that she has been in office. John Wright very kindly offered to take on the post and was voted in unanimously by the members. We are all set now to continue our activities and be a thriving part of the Village scene.

We are very grateful to the Parish council for making a grant to us of £72.00 this will help to cover some of the costs involved for providing extra transport more suited to taking wheelchairs, etc. May we take this opportunity of inviting anyone in the village with limited mobility who wishes to join with us on our trips to contact Margaret Evans 01258 450518. You will be assured of a warm welcome, assistance and travel in a specially adapted bus.

Having finished with our business, Josie Wright proceeded to give us a humorous rendition of her life including her work experiences with Mars and Bras namely Mars the confectioner and Berlei the Bra manufacturer. She worked for both firms and it sounded very interesting. She had us laughing about her escapades.

The next thing we are looking forward to is our trip on the barge from Newbury to Kintbury. We are pleased to say, the coach is full and look forward to a day of laughs whilst sharing the good company regardless whatever the weather may decide to do on that day.

Dates for diary: 22nd May, Village Fayre. Please contact Margaret Evans if you are able to help out on our stall or donate prizes. We have chosen three games suitable for children, Hoopla, Guess Who is in the Birds Nest and Treasure Hunt in the sand.

Cream Tea at Val and Dave Andrews Wednesday 2nd June. Please contact Margaret Evans for details *Eve Richardson Co-Chair*

Gardening Club Report



A GOOD number of members enjoyed our March talk on low maintenance gardening by James Foster-Pegg of Poundbury Gardens. After telling us that no reasonable lawn can be called 'low maintenance' he went on to tell us which plants and shrubs we should grow, what fertilisers to use, and what tools to use.

Perhaps this summer will see more of us with more time to relax in our gardens!

By the time you read this we will have had a discussion about what we want the club to do in the future, and members will be getting ready for our annual Plant Sale to be held at the village hall on Sunday 9th May from 10.30am. We hope to have lots of plants for sale at bargain prices, so see you there! *John Wright*

Gardening Club Show

AFTER the success of the new format for the show last year, the Gardening Club is planning a similar event for this year. It will be on the afternoon of Saturday 11th September at the Village Hall. As last year, you, the public, will be deciding the winners of most classes by voting for your favourites with pennies. These will again be donated to MOSAIC, the charity for bereaved children, with its headquarters in the village.

There will be classes for flowers, fruit and vegetables, flower arranging and photography as well as children's classes, with cups to be won. This year there will also be some cookery classes.

In addition there will be displays by the village Art and Needlework groups, and a demonstration of planning gardens by computer. Teas and home made cakes are of course on offer.

A full list of classes will be available at the Plant Sale on 9th May (see above), and the schedule will be printed in the June Reporter. Anyone may enter – it is not restricted to members of the Gardening Club, so if you think you can grow the longest bean, the heaviest potato, the best flowers or take a really super photo, make sure you get planting or snapping right now! Who knows – you may find your prize-winning plants at the Plant Sale!

Above all, make a note in your calendars that The Show will take place on 11th September – we want lots of entries! *Sally Dyer*

Weather in Milborne St. Andrew March 2010

THE total rainfall in Milborne in March was 75.2mm which was 96% of average. There was a particularly dry and cold spell at the beginning of the month with no rain recorded during the first 17 days. There were 14 nights when air frosts occurred with 12 of those in the first half of the month. Fog formed on five mornings during the second half of the month as warmer air flowed over cold ground. The average rainfall in Milborne for the first three months of the year is 269.1mm. This year the January–March rainfall was 261.9mm. We may have had a colder start to this year than normal but the rainfall was about as average as it could be.



Spring is running about two weeks later than usual this year with the hedgerows still bare in the middle of April but the Cuckoo always arrives around the same time each year and this year was heard on the 17th near Crossways. There is an old Welsh saying from Weather Lore about this.

If the Cuckoo sings when the hedge is brown,
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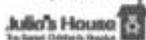
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A First for the Village Hall!

NO we have not won a beauty contest but within the Dorset Village Halls Association (DVA) we are now held up as a model (beacon) for others to follow and to marvel at. So much so, the AGM of the DVA was held at the Hall and we were asked to speak on our achievements over the last three years, (seven successful grants) and last year in particular (four grants). Shock and awe may have other connotations to some but it was certainly present in the Hall and according to the Chairman of the DVA all the delegates went away suitably fire up and raring to go.

What the title refers to is that we have now received our first online booking from the Village Website and a pretty impressive one too. The Weldmar Hospicecare Trust has booked the Hall and the grounds for a massive fundraising fete on Sunday 8th August. The Village Hall web pages are now in place via a link on the "Local Services" page or directly at www.milborneandrew.org.uk/villagehall. On our pages you will find the bookings calendar details, the hire charges and even the bookings form that you can either print off and deliver in the old fashioned way or complete the form online, the choice is yours. This is just another example of bringing the hall up to date and accessible to all.

The AGM passed off without too much blood on the floor and it was reported that with the exception of the NDDC liveability grant for the MUGA, (£46,500.00) the four major grant funded projects had been completed on time, in accordance with the stringent monitoring conditions of the grant funding bodies and, unlike the Ministry of Defence, more or less on budget. The push is now on to complete the MUGA, the plans have been lodged with the Planners and a shortlist of suitable suppliers has now been drawn up and quotations obtained.

To those who still mutter that it has all been a waste of time and money, I say "grow up, get into the real world and start putting our Community first", stop being so negative about doing anything that smacks of change or progress. The grants are out there, it is a pretty tough competitive process trying to get them but at least the grant funding bodies are supportive of the needs we identify, and by 'we' I include the Sports Club, who have a similar outlook. All of what we have set out to achieve were contained in the village hall's very own user surveys. We (the trustees) focussed on the findings and virtually all the negative aspects of the old hall have now been addressed and we can now turn our attention to outcomes of the Parish Plan!

The trustees have agreed to take things a bit easier this year and they agreed that the management committee meetings will be held every two months instead of every month. There are still vacancies

for trustees, we still need a bookings co-ordinator (things should be even easier with the online activity) and if there is any young person out there who would like to attend the meetings both as an educational experience or to represent the views of the youth of the village, they would be most welcome. They would not be full blown trustees but based on past experiences with Charlie, Nathan and Gren we "oldies" do welcome their slant on life.

To end on another positive note, hall bookings, particularly for private parties, christenings, etc have certainly increased so we must be doing something right and our aim is to continue to fill up all the available spaces. A busy hall, is a successful hall and successful halls certainly attract more funding to meet the needs of an ever demanding population. To hear the whoops of delight of children at play and to see the increased use of the outside space by family groups is absolutely brilliant, I can't wait for the wildflower meadow to develop.

Richard Lock



Proposed MUGA at the Village Hall.

Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall Annual Accounts 2009-2010

AT the Annual General Meeting for Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall on Thursday 15th April, the treasurer, Elizabeth Humphrey, presented the accounts for the year ending 31st January 2010. The summary accounts are shown below. Elizabeth highlighted that rents had increased by £2,000 and interest had (as for everyone) decreased significantly but that all other income was broadly comparable to 2008-09. Expenditure, especially on utilities, had increased, although IT expenditure was down by £1,000 to running costs only.

We received £63,000 in grants and £6,000 for a land sale and spent £78,000 on major improvements to the Village Hall.

Balances have reduced to £9,500, which is the minimum reserve acceptable, at approximately the annual day-to-day spend.

MILBORNE ST. ANDREW VILLAGE HALL Registered Charity No. 301153 Statement of Assets 2009-10

	£		£
Building and land at cost	8,955	Building and land at cost	8,955
Cash in hand	31	Cash in hand	80
Portman Building Society	6,003	Nationwide Building Society	6,006
Alliance & Leicester current a/c	11,234	Alliance & Leicester current a/c	3,403
May Fayre	89	May Fayre	89
Total assets @ 31 January 2009	<u>26,312</u>	Total assets @ 31 January 2010	<u>18,534</u>
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Our village entered 11 teams and everyone got into the spirit of the evening. We raised £92, had fun and the winning team which turned out to have six contributors (but it was for charity) will be back to defend their trophy at the next quiz which will take part on Sunday 30th May at 7.30pm.

Entrance fee for the next quiz is £2 per person. The winning team will receive half the pot and the other half will be donated to the Ladybirds Pre School. Please register your teams in advance at the pub.



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May Fayre Tug of War

THERE'S plenty of opportunity to give it a bit of heave ho at this year's May Fayre – the organisers are ready to take names of entrants for the Tug of War contest.

So if you're in a sports team, village organisation or just a group of friends wanting to muscle in, please register your intentions before the May Fayre on Saturday 22nd May. It will be possible to register on the day, but the organisers would like an idea of numbers beforehand.

Teams are to be four a side, with entry just £1 a person (all proceeds to village organisations). Entries are welcomed from all; men, ladies, boys and girls or mixed teams.

Please call Mike Mullet on 839076 or Sarah on 837248 or at The Royal Oak.

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Notes from the Parish Council Meeting 14th April 2010

Present: Five councillors and the clerk.

Dog fouling: Councillors urged members of the public to report instances of owners not cleaning up after their dogs have fouled the pavement. The Dog Warden will only respond when provided with specific information about *who* or *where* and *when* fouling is a recurring problem. Lots of formal complaints *will* lead to action by the warden.

Grit Team wanted: The Parish Council and NDDC will be providing grit bins and grit for use on some of the hills in Milborne St. Andrew in icy and snowy weather. The grit has to be spread and, to this end, Cllr Paul Morgan is looking for up to six volunteers to help when needed. Interested? – contact Cllr Morgan on 837619.

Parking: It is hoped that the parking arrangements, marked out by ex-Cllr Dave Andrews at Gray's Stores (Londis), will improve traffic flow along Milton Road.

Flower borders and bench at the junction of Milton Road and the A354 should be in place at the end of April/beginning of May.

Moving the bus stop: Still no final decision! The Village Questionnaire results show a huge majority in favour of the move but considerable opposition continues to be expressed at PC meetings. The Parish Council described its desire to make the correct decision and now plans to meet with county/district council experts, on site, to gain professional advice.

Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) at the Village Hall. Councillors will meet with representatives of the Village Hall Trustees to cooperate in the purchase of this facility in order that the very best value-for-money might be secured.

Footpath to the Sports Pavilion: Arrangements are in hand to complete a footpath from the A354 at the top of Blandford Hill, along Lane End and through the gate and up to the Sports Pavilion. NDDC are installing the footpath along the road, as this is being written.

Grants: The Trustees of the Village Hall asked for funds to support the maintenance of play equipment at the Village Hall. The Parish Council were unable to provide assistance since the amount requested would need to be built into a raised Council Tax for all residents of Milborne St. Andrew. The PC agreed to set up a meeting with the Trustees of the Village Hall to clarify a clear financial relationship for the future.

Neighbourcar asked for £50.00 to assist in the start up of this new organisation. Councillors agreed unanimously and enthusiastically. Councillors agreed that all future recipients of financial support from the Parish Council should be required to publicly acknowledge this support on literature, etc.

Meetings: The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Friday 28th May at 7.00pm at the Village Hall and the next meeting of the Parish Council will be in the Village Hall Committee Room at 7.30pm on Wednesday 26th May.
Ed Frost

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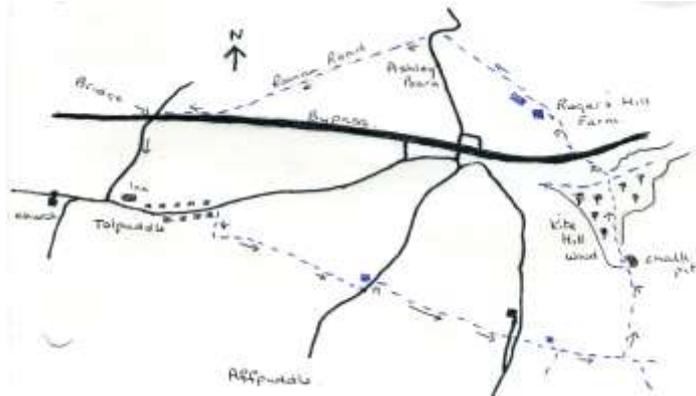
Distance – 5 Miles

PARK in Tolpuddle and walk eastwards to the end of the village. Just before the speed limit signs take the footpath on the right. Keeping the hedge on your right, walk downhill to the bottom of the field and then bear left along the bottom boundary. There is a badger sett before you reach the next stile so beware of large holes.

Cross over the stile and then aim for the gateway at the far end of the field – about 600 or 700 metres away. As you near the gate you will see a thatched house on your left. Cross over this stile (alongside the gate), and into the Affpuddle wood. Cross over the road and then turn left along it for a very short distance, looking for a gap in the hedge with a stile set back – roughly opposite the entrance to the thatched house.

Cross this stile and walk ahead keeping the hedge on your right. Cross three more stiles keeping the hedge/copse on your right. Proceed until you see a fence ahead of you with some tall trees behind it. Before you get to this, turn right down to a stile, cross the stile and bear left along the hedge, keeping it on your left.

At the next stile cross into a lane and continue ahead a very short



distance before crossing another road. Continue ahead on the well-worn bridgeway – you will pass a Dutch barn on your left and then a turning for a footpath on your right. Keep on the bridgeway, passing a barrier to stop 4x4s. Soon after this, turn left at the finger-post pointing to Kite Hill. The path climbs gently towards the woods of Kite Hill Plantation. When you come to a chalk pit on the right bear slightly left along a narrow path. For a while there is a field on your right and woods on your left. When you have woodland on both sides the path climbs gently, and as you go around a gradual right-hand bend look out for a well-worn path on your left. It is not way-marked but there is a hazel clump on the left-hand corner of it and a dead oak tree behind it. On the right-hand side of the path some trees have been cut down.



Continue up the short, steep slope crossing a forestry track at the top. Keep straight on and you will soon hear the by-pass traffic. There is a slight detour around a fallen tree, but follow the worn path as it descends quite steeply to a wicket gate. You will see some stables in a field on your left.

Follow the hard track downhill until you come to another gate on the road. Turn right here and pass under the bypass to Roger's Hill Farm. Pass by the farm and the two cottages a little further on as the track continues to the road at Ashley Barn. Turn left onto the road and after about 100 metres keep straight on towards the Dutch barn. Pass through a gate and keeping the barn on your left, head up the old Roman Road. Pass through two gates and then you will see the bridge in the distance as it goes over the bypass. As the track runs alongside the bypass you will see some more gates to pass through. Turn left over the bridge and follow the hard track downhill to White Hill and so back to Tolpuddle.

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Thursday 27th May - Darts Competition - Blind Pairs - registration at 8.00pm.

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Councils

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North Dorset District Councillor	Cllr Michael Cox	01258 881396
Parish Council – Dewlish	Clerk: Pat Gubbins	01258 881348
	Chair: Cllr Mike Claydon	01258 837314
Parish Council – Milborne St. Andrew	Clerk: Colin Fletcher	01258 450639
	Chair: Cllr Simon Curtis	01258 839000

General – Adult

Drop-in Centre – POPP	Rose and Ed Frost	01258 837921
IT Club (Connecting Dorset)	Sue Gould	01258 837575
Ladies Group – Dewlish	Judith Bridgen	01258 837157
Memory Lane Swing Band	Bob Boorman	01258 839077
Wednesday Social Club	Margaret Evans	01258 450518
Women's Institute	Heather Hogg	01258 837392

General – Youth

Beavers	Sue Mullett	01258 839076
Cub Scouts	Jo Hewish	01305 852614
Hazelnuts out-of-school club	Hazel Barrett	01305 848588
Ladybirds (Playgroup)	Marion Bishop	01305 848427
Scouts	Jim Burg	01258 837466
Under 5's Group – The Busy Bees	Jane Williams	01258 839291
Youth Club age 8 – 14 yrs	Sallie Maitland-Gleed	01258 837442

Police

Police – Non-emergency contact		01202 222222
Community Beat Officer	PC Dave Mullins	01202 223003
		07825 521850
Community Beat Officer (Dorch)	PC Charlie Dale	01305 222222
Community Service Vehicle	CSO Angie Partridge	01202 226000
Safer Neighbourhood Team		
Blandford Rural South	PC Dave Mullins and PCSO Luke Goddard	01202 223003 or 07825 521850

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School

Milborne 1st School		
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Chair Govs:	George Legg	
Friends of School Chair:	Sally Taylor	

Special Interest

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Healthy Eaters	Heather Gipps	01258 837058
MSA Friendly Art Group	Sue Marsh	01258 837414
MSA Gardening Club	Sally Dyer	01258 837061
Milborne Players	Roy Sach	01258 837033
Ranters' Folk Session	Roger Harrall	01258 837371
Round Robin Ramblers	Ian Bromilow	01258 880044

Sport

Abbey Swimming Club	Pat Cowan	01258 880601
Adult Tap Dancing Milton Abbas	Libby Goodchild	01305 268029
Archers – Crossways	Sheila Ryall	01258 837504
Athletics – Junior	David Pearson	01258 837057

Badminton	David Payne	01258 837700
British Horse Society (Dorset)	Carol Shoopman	01258 880318
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Football – Adult	Paul Morgan	01258 837619
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Skittles – Dewlish	Frank Ross	01258 837366
Sports Club		
Chairman:	John Sanderson	01258 837049
Bookings:	Jenny Balcon	01258 837121
Table-tennis (over 50's)	Sandra Shannon	01258 837253
Tap Dancing for Men and Women		01258 880523
Yoga	Sue Chapman	01305 848053

Village Hall

Dewlish		
Chairman:	Alex Carter	01258 837312
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May	
Wednesday 5th	Wednesday Club Outing Horse Drawn Barge on the Kennet and Avon Canal.
Friday 7th	Moviola – “It’s Complicated” – Village Hall 7.30pm.
Sunday 9th	Gardening Club Plant Sale. Village Hall 10.30am.
Saturday 15th	Valley Churches Walk – ring Marion Miles on 01258 452010 or Caroline Chichester 01929 471097 for more information.
Wednesday 19th	Round Robin Ramblers Ballard Down, Old Harry Rocks and Agglestone Rock – 11.00am – see page 28.
Friday 21st	Ranters’ Folk Session Sports Club 8.00pm.
Saturday 22nd	May Fayre and Dog Show Milborne Village Hall – see page 11.
Monday 24th	Fashion Show in aid of Julia’s House– see page 8.
Wednesday 26th	Parish Council Meeting. Village Hall 7.30pm.
Friday 28th	Annual Parish Meeting. Village Hall 7.00pm.
Saturday 29th	Village Lunch – see page 2.
Sunday 30th	Quiz The Royal Oak 7.30pm.
Monday 31st	Cream Tea Afternoon Royal British Legion – see page 2
June	
Saturday 5th	Open Gardens, approximately 20 gardens in Milborne will be open from 10.30am–5.00pm.
Friday 11th– Saturday 12th	The Milborne Players One Act Plays at Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall – see page 7.
Friday 18th	Ranters’ Folk Session Sports Club 8.00pm.

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 first 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
Artsreach Events – look out for the posters.

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

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“It’s Complicated” is a thoughtful, daring and funny film. Jane (Meryl Streep) is a divorced mother of three grown children who, despite owning a thriving Santa Barbara bakery/restaurant, is looking tentatively ahead at her future without a husband or children to wait on. Meanwhile her ex, Jake (Alec Baldwin), has re-married a much younger model. Meeting at their son’s graduation, Jane and Jake end up in bed together. Jane is now, of all things, the other woman. Things start to get complicated!

The problematic nature of Jane and Jake’s arrangement gets compounded when her architect, Adam (Steve Martin), also divorcee, starts to fall for Jane, only to realize that he has become part of an unusual love triangle. So who will Jane choose – the lovable but flawed ex-husband or the new and exciting architect?

Although the movie conforms to a Hollywood formula, it does keep you guessing which one, if either, of the men Streep will end up with, and is about as close to a French sex comedy as a Hollywood feel-good flick is likely to get. It is a triumph of casting with Streep, Baldwin and Martin having so much fun in this romantic comedy-drama that it’s impossible not to get swept up in the good time they’re having. Although it’s been done before, there is something wonderfully refreshing about having a Hollywood rom-com led by actors over the age of 50, which immediately gives the story and characters extra depth. It also doesn’t shy away from exploring female insecurities that come with ageing and middle-aged sex. Streep’s polite resistance is the perfect foil for Baldwin’s earnest portrayal of a horny old dog. Streep spins gold from straw, displaying a fine gift for comedy with some priceless reaction shots, while it turns out that Steve Martin is really good at comedy! In short, a good film with three actors having a blast.

The village hall is open from 7.00pm and the film starts at 7.30pm. Tickets £5.00. Supper is available before the film, but must be booked in advance. To book advance tickets and/or supper phone Maggie Redmill on 01258 837262.

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AN afternoon spent with Edgar Carpenter was a trip down memory lane, back to when life in Milborne looked a lot different to modern times. Edgar was born in The Grove, Dorchester in 1928 but moved with his family to Milborne the following year. "My father was a postman, driving a van. Then he went to Maiden Newton driving milk tankers". From here, he took a job at the newly-opened Central Dairy processing plant at the top of Blandford Hill, and so moved with his family to the village.

Edgar has lived in Milborne ever since, except for two years service in the Army which was spent in Singapore and Malaysia. It was a memorable time. "I'll never forget that", he says of his time with the Signals Corps. Once, when fighting had got close to their position, he was summoned to bring a truck up through the jungle. "We had a hell of a journey. I was with a Lance Corporal who just had a revolver". They came upon three armed men and the officer shouted "Edgar, duck – quick!" I said, "How am I meant to duck, I'm driving you silly bugger!" That's the sort you used to get with you." However, the biggest compensation to army service was obtaining a driving licence on de-mob.

After finishing his education at the village school on Chapel Street (where the cobblestones of the schoolyard claimed his three front teeth!), he went straight to work at the milk factory, like his father. He started off on the process floor, manning the washing machines for the churns, unloading the lorries and loading them back up again. Later, he became a driver for the firm. Milk would be picked up from over 350 local farms, and then the bottled product would be delivered to Southampton, Portsmouth and Brighton. Edgar remembers many happy times at work, and not a small amount of horseplay. He says, "There used to be a swimming pool for workers and their families when Ernest Debenham ran the place, but when IMS took over they filled it in for a car park". His wife, Dot, continues, "Edgar won't tell you this, but there was a night watchman up there – Pop Isaacson – and they used to play that poor man up something rotten – he used to fall asleep all the time and they threatened to throw him in the swimming pool", just to wake him up, of course! Edgar spent his entire working life at the plant, retiring



from his eventual position of Transport Manager after 51 years.

He met his wife, Dorothy, after she'd moved to Milborne from Blandford with her family. So Dot, what was Edgar like when he was younger? A nice, young man? "He had to be: my dad was a policeman! He was fine with him after he'd pushed him into some nettles!"

Edgar takes up the tale. "The night before, I was riding my bike through The Drawn (between Chapel Street and The Causeway) with her on the crossbar. The next night I was walking back down to the village – and the road wasn't anything like it is now, it was much narrower – I was by Corgan's gate and all I felt was a shove, and I found myself in a bundle of stinging nettles. 'That's for last night'", her dad said, who had seen his daughter Dot on the crossbar of Edgar's bike the day before – and not taken too kindly to it!

Edgar and Dot went on to have a son and a daughter, five grandchildren and seven great grandsons. Tragically, one grandchild was killed in a road accident at Thornicombe twelve years ago.

What's the best thing about living in Milborne? "There are nice walks around the village".

Are there any downsides to the village? "No, I don't think so".

Who would be your fantasy dinner date be?

"Well, when Dorothy read that, she said 'you better put down me!'" Anything you'd like to change about Milborne? "It's too late to change it. Some of us said at the time there was no need for the new houses [built in the last ten years] – we could have done without that".

A lot has changed since Edgar was a lad – he reminisces about the old Bakery and further down Blandford Hill, a wooden structure along the road which was a cafe and repair shop (where Fairfield House and the BT building is now). One night he remembers some fun with some pals. "There were three or four of us and, with a lovely piece of rope, we tied one end to the door of Tilly Whim (now Corner Cottage) and the other to Don Davis's on the other side of the road. So when they opened their door, it pulled the other one. We had to have a bit of fun somehow or other!" Obviously, the A354 was a little quieter back then!

Edgar was taken into hospital in mid-April but we are pleased to report that he is now at home and on the road to recovery.

It's a dog's life . . .

THIS year's May Fayre is just around the corner and the Fun Dog Show that proved popular last time is once again set to award the rosettes to Milborne's finest. There are classes this year that cover the full age range (of dogs, and hopefully owners!) with youngsters in Best Puppy class to the more mature hounds in the Veteran class. Once again, Mr David Harding of Damory Veterinary Clinic will be attempting to pick out the best, whether they are Crufts or scruffs material.

The 'ah' factor is likely to be highest in the Best Puppy class, open to pups aged six to twelve months. At the other end of the scale, the Veteran class will cater for those more long in the tooth (and grey of the whisker). This class is open to dogs over the age of seven years – birth certificates will not be required.

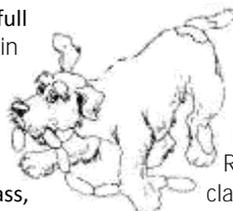
The dogs and bitches will have to fight it out (hopefully not literally) in a joint class for Most Handsome Male or Prettiest Girl.

Temptation Alley is the name being given to the novelty class that could well descend into farce and is hoped to be a great spectator sport. Handlers will be asked to walk their dog past a tempting array of sausages and other treats, within sniff and snatch range. If a sausage (or two) gets snaffled on the way, Rover is sadly out of the class (though he'll probably think it was worth it). After ensuing rounds have whittled down the competitors, the winner will be decided upon as the one that

has shown the most obedience in the face of sausage temptation.

Their tails should have been suitably exercised by this point for the final class of Waggiest Tail. Each dog will be assessed in turn for the most excitable and vigorous wag. Handlers are allowed to use any reasonable stimulation for maximum wag effect. This could include voice commands, favourite toys, balls or even sausages (if he's not had enough of them by now). Rosettes will be awarded to first, second and third places. All classes have an entry fee of £1 and all proceeds are in aid of village organisations. Registration is from 1.30pm (the start of the May Fayre) and the first class will begin at 2.30pm.

Please be reminded that the Recreation Ground has a no dogs policy, which is suspended for the duration of the dog show (for entrants only) by the Village Hall Committee. Ed Richards



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In your Garden Seasonal notes and tips from Maureen Lock of *Designer Gardens* Wings in the Garden

BUDDLEJA is one of those shrubs that you see growing everywhere and it can be a bit of an eyesore if it isn't looked after correctly. It is a useful plant in that it will tolerate most soils and conditions – you have probably seen it growing in the wild in the most unlikely places.

As a plant it is a major source of nectar for bees, bumblebees, butterflies and lacewings. The beautiful 'aristocrat' butterflies – purple emperor, red admiral and painted lady – are particularly attracted to its cones of scented flowers in summer and autumn.

The most commonly seen Buddleja is *Buddleja davidii* – it is a large deciduous shrub with grey-green leaves growing to 2–2.5m or more high, but it does have a rather narrow and upright growth habit so it will fit into the corner of a garden perfectly. Its elegant arching branches will droop over the border and you will catch the scent in the breeze. Did you know that there are smaller varieties of Buddleja? – these are the *Buddleja davidii* var *nanhoensis* varieties. They only grow to around 1.5m tall.

So often you see overgrown buddleja disgracing themselves in people's gardens, but their care is really quite easy. Buddleja flowers on the current season's growth which means you need to be brave and prune really hard back in early spring just after the danger of frost has passed, and you can see the buds just starting to break through the stems. If you leave Buddleja unpruned then it will become a leggy mass of dead and live stems with hardly any flowers. It is also a good idea to deadhead the faded flowers – cut back to a pair of strong shoots and you may get a second flush of flowers.

As the plants get older, (or indeed if you have inherited an old and neglected buddleja) remove or saw away any old unproductive sections of the stubby framework. They generally respond well to hard pruning and you will be rewarded later in the year.

So what can you plant with it? All grey-green foliage plants like Buddleja look good when planted with mauve, purple or lilac flowers or

other plants with glaucous foliage such as *Rosa glauca*, *nepeta* or *Convolvulus cneorum* or even silver variegated shrubs such as

Euonymus 'Emerald Gaiety' or *Pittosporum variegata*. To extend the season you could start off with purple alliums – *Allium 'Purple Sensation'* for example, then mauve, pink or lilac roses or lupins, and then when these have finished a touch of lavender and *Verbena rigida* or *bonariensis* – all of these will complement the foliage and flowers of the Buddleja.

Most buddleja are grown as shrubs, but with a little care you can train them as standards or

against a wall. *Buddleja alternifolia* is a good choice for training – its scented lilac flowers appear on the previous season's wood – so you need to prune it in midsummer, immediately after it has flowered.

Happy gardening.



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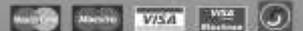
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*Coordinator:
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Volunteer Match

Ten great reasons to volunteer in our community:

- Anyone can volunteer. Whatever your age, abilities or disability there's probably a volunteer role that would suit you
- Volunteers can do almost anything. Helping people, supporting children, caring for the environment, working with animals, running clubs and societies, the possibilities are literally endless
- It's fun. Lots of volunteers get tremendous satisfaction and enjoyment from what they do
- Feel good about supporting a cause you care about – pick your issue and get stuck in!
- Make new friends and widen your social network
- Learn new skills
- Improve your job prospects. Volunteers are generally caring and responsible people and employers value this
- Voluntary work can be a stepping stone back into employment after a period of illness, joblessness or being away from the workplace
- Some volunteer roles are physically active, which helps people who want to build more activity into their routine
- You get to contribute to building a stronger and vibrant village community

During 2010 the Social Justice group is offering "Volunteer Match". Lots of people already volunteer in our community, and that's why we have such an active village with so much on offer. We'd like to see even more people benefiting from this. We'll help match up people who want to volunteer to suitable opportunities in the village or maybe beyond. We'll point you in the direction of groups in the village who need volunteers, and other sources of information about volunteering. Interested? Contact Eric Austen on 01258 837213 or austeneric@yahoo.co.uk

Fair Trade – What is a Fairtrade Village?

A Fairtrade Town (or Village) is one that has made a commitment to supporting Fairtrade and using products with the FAIRTRADE Mark. Any area can work towards Fairtrade status and everyone needs to be involved!



Community organisations, faith groups, businesses, schools and individuals all contribute to making their area a Fairtrade Town by pledging to do what they can to support Fairtrade and promote the FAIRTRADE Mark.

By choosing to support Fairtrade, our community can add its voice to demands for a trade system that puts people, not profit, at the heart of the transaction. Our voices become louder when we speak together.

For the Social Justice Group here in MSA, Fair Trade also includes supporting local producers. For example we believe in a fair price for local milk.

To become a Fairtrade Town (including villages) five goals must be met. Groups can work towards the goals in any order. The Fairtrade Foundation suggest starting with what is easiest in your area and building the support needed to meet more challenging goals through early achievements.

- Local council passes a resolution supporting Fairtrade, and agrees to serve Fairtrade products (for example, in meetings, offices and canteens).
- A range of Fairtrade products are readily available in the area's retail outlets (shops, newsagents etc.) and served in local catering outlets (such as pubs).
- Local workplaces and community organisations (places of worship, schools and other community organisations) support Fairtrade and use Fairtrade products whenever possible.
- Media coverage and events raise awareness and understanding of Fairtrade across the community
- A local Fairtrade steering group is convened to ensure the Fairtrade Town campaign continues to develop and gain new supporters

The 'Five C's'

An easy way to remember the goals is the 'Five C's':

1. Council
2. Commerce (retail and catering)
3. Community
4. Common Consensus (public support gained through media coverage and events)
5. Captains (steering group)

Source: Fairtrade Foundation

Interested? Contact Eric Austen on 01258 837213 or austeneric@yahoo.co.uk

About the Milborne Saint Andrew Social Justice Group

The group was formed in 2009 and is supported by the Parochial Church Council. It is open to those of all faiths or none who care about social justice issues and would like to get involved. For 2010 the group has chosen two themes: local volunteering and Fair Trade. If you would like more information or to join us, contact the coordinator:

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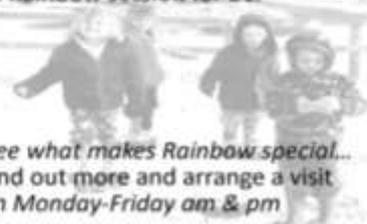
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Rainbow Pre-School

By Verina Cutler – Playleader

AT Rainbow's Easter holiday club the children found that the frogspawn had turned into tadpoles and they loved watching them wriggle around as they played.

On the green the children collected various natural items in their new wheelbarrow, from sticks to lovely fluffy things that have fallen off the trees! The tent had its first outing of the year – spring has definitely sprung and we all look forward to the summer term ahead.



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LETTERS TO THE REPORTER

Warning! by concerned resident

Now that the sun has finally come out and the playground is being used more by the children, there are seemingly lots of unaccompanied children using the local footpaths to get to the playing field.

Over last weekend I saw several instances where younger children walked straight out of the footpath from Chapel Street to The Causeway without even looking to see if any traffic was coming, be it a car or even a push bike.

I would like to urge all parents to highlight the importance of Road Safety to their children of all ages!!

Name and address supplied

The Royal Oak to the rescue

I would like to thank Sarah and Jo very much for stepping in and allowing us to use the skittle alley in The Royal Oak for pilates and circuit training while the school was out of action. Without your assistance we would have had to cancel three classes. All my clients were very appreciative.

Thank you so much.

Clare Barratt
Pilates and Circuit Training Instructor

A letter from the Drs Hillier

Dear Patients,

On the 31st of March, we hung up our stethoscopes as doctors at the Milton Abbas Surgery. We have been inundated with good wishes, cards and presents for our retirement, and we thank you for all of these. They are greatly appreciated.

Many of the cards had a gardening theme and we can report to you all that the good advice has been taken and the new vegetable patch is in an advanced stage of readiness for planting.

We have been doctors at Milton Abbas for nearly 23 years and it has been our privilege to help look after your health and well-being, and often, in a way, to be part of your families. It has also been our privilege to know many people who have been brave and courageous in the face of serious illness.

We have appreciated knowing you as patients. We look forward to being ordinary people in the community and look forward to knowing you in a new way.

As we sign off, we wish you the very best of health and happiness. God Bless
Malcolm and Ethel

The views expressed in this magazine are not necessarily those of the *Reporter* team.

In response to "It's a dog's life" in the last issue

Dear Reporter

Thank you for your April edition - by in large The Reporter continues to do an excellent job. A pity then that your article "It's a dogs life" lacked true balance and took refuge in very selective elements of the legal text book. The Grove, where so many of us enjoy walking our dogs from time to time, is privately owned property and we should never forget that. It is also commercial farm land from which the owners derive their living. In my experience of 50 years living in this area these particular land owners are extremely amenable in the extent to which they tolerate public access to their property (both at the Grove and elsewhere on their farm) - some of which is by virtue of designated Public Rights of Way but much of which is of a permissive nature or just presumed to be OK and taken for granted by those taking advantage. So please Reporter give credit where its due; perhaps recognise that access to our countryside is as much a privilege as it is a legal right; and above all be tolerant of the entirely legal and legitimate use by a private landowner of his own property in the pursuit of his livelihood. There is after all no shortage of other routes to walk in the area if you prefer not to walk in fields where cattle graze.

Yours sincerely,

Matthew Price, Milborne Wood Cottages

I get very annoyed with certain dog owners who think it is their right to let their dogs off the lead on other peoples land, apart from the fact that cattle graze on the land, it is a known fact that dog faeces can cause all sorts of problems. I know this is a footpath but dogs should be kept on leads and the dogs faeces picked up which nine times out of ten it isn't as the dogs are roaming off the lead. Since the article I have seen a man with a dog on two occasions on another footpath with the dog off the lead and worrying sheep with small lambs. Surely a farmer has a right to graze his animals on his own land without the fear of roaming dogs.

If that were my land it would have been stock fenced years ago so people could only walk on the footpath and not let them roam anywhere as many people have done for many years.

Name and address supplied

Dear Editor,

I found that the April edition of "It's a dogs life" left me stunned at the outrageous venting of its editors spleen, his venomous outburst was nothing short of tabloid sensationalised scare mongering, his half truths and contradictions bordered just short of libellous.

Firstly, were you referring to the popular right of way that runs through the grove, over the stile and down alongside the river? Or were you and your fellow complainants angry that they couldn't go up the hill to the nursery? Which incidentally, isn't a dedicated footpath or right of way, and therefore means that you are trespassing, unless of course you have the landowners permission, which is questionable, as my recent conversation with the land owner (Mr. Michael Hooper) proves, in the last 23 years that I have lived here only three other people apart from myself have ever asked him if they could go off the beaten track, just to clarify, these fields are part of the working farm known as Manor Farm and are part of the farms grazing rotation all of which belongs to the above named gentleman, they are not, as seems to be the general assumption by the majority of dog walkers who come from far and wide that it is a village recreational facility. Secondly, the 52 animals are not all bullocks, but a mix of bullocks and heifers, which have every right to be there. If you choose to enter a field which has the correct signage in compliance with the Health and Safety at Work Act 1994 section 3, then the onus is on you to take every reasonable precaution to ensure your own safety, most especially if you have had a previous negative encounter, if your not sure of what to expect, don't enter the field. There are dozens of alternative walks in the area. Yes those animals are young, inquisitive and boisterous, but that does not give you the right to start quoting half baked statements about them being dangerous and out of control, unfortunately people do get attacked by cattle and sadly some do die, all the more reason to get to know what's in the field you intend to cross. On a personal note, as a dog owner and someone who encounters all kinds of dogs on a daily basis, I know what I would rather face. Over the years the Hoopers have had countless chickens maimed and killed by out of control dogs, and cattle chased and harassed by the same, did the Hoopers ever shoot a dog? No! Did they ever take lawful action against the dog owners? No! Did they ever jump up and down and say " get off my land" No! They just got on with their lives, until now. If you had taken a little bit of time to get to know the gentleman whose land your are stomping all over you would know that he is not the kind of person who would deliberately deter anyone from their lawful passage, and if you did a little more research you might find that the Hoopers actually dedicated a certain footpath on their farm. As to your quote about the Health and Safety responsibilities of employers, health and

safety is the responsibility of everyone!

Finally, a recent local survey showed that on average, 50 dogs a day use the grove and nursery and I know for a fact that not everyone cleans up after their dogs, that's a lot of poop when you do the math, and as a recent article in the Western Gazette reported dogs are killing cattle with their poop, which is left behind by irresponsible dog owners who don't clean up after them, this in turn spreads a disease called neosporosis which causes still births and abortions in cattle and stays in the animals system and renders them useless which in turn means the animals have to be slaughtered. I wonder how many high powered lawyers are clambering to represent the farmers case for compensation, just something for you to ponder when your eating your cornflakes or your steak and chips.

Yours most sincerely,

Harry Alexander, The Causeway

Dear Editor,

I have lived in the village for over twenty five years and have never heard of anyone being banned from roaming over *this farmer's fields or footpaths, not even* when dogs that have not been kept on leads have killed the chickens or when all the empty beer cans and bottles have been left behind from the booze parties. There were polite notices put up to warn people that young cattle were now grazing in the field, is this not what the *farmer's buy a farm for, to use for* rearing cattle and growing crops, or did I get the meaning of farming and agricultural land all wrong. Name and address supplied

Hat doffing and a lot of bullocks My first encounter with the landed gentry was some forty years ago when I first moved to Dorset. I was being shown around the farm of a tenant farmer friend when the land-owner galloped up *on his horse. My friend's immediate* reaction was to doff his cap; he then *referred to his landlord as "Zur"*. In 2010, I thought all of that was long *passed until I read the "It's a dog's life"* in the last Reporter. It seems obvious that this land owner set out to intimidate those who wanted to gain legal access to his land by grazing his young stock in the field used as access. The displayed notice even threatened walkers with a "BEWARE" - the land-owner clearly being aware of the likely behaviour of his stock.

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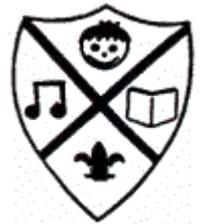
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SCHOOL NEWS

THE last few weeks before we broke for the Easter holidays were very busy in school. All of the children, and a few parents, walked for Sport Relief and we were delighted to send a cheque to the charity for £68. The children in Squirrels Class went into Dorchester to La Caverna restaurant, where they learned how to make pizzas for lunch and the Owls Class took part in the annual "Voiceworks" concert at St. Osmund's Middle School. This popular event is where all the DASP first schools join together to present an evening of music and singing for parents and invited guests.

The Easter activities in school were great fun. All the children brought a hard boiled egg to school, which they decorated – prizes were awarded to the best in each age group. After our final Easter assembly the eggs were then rolled down the hill in the school grounds, with more prizes being awarded for those that travelled the furthest whilst remaining intact. This tradition of egg rolling has been in school for many years, certainly when the school was at the old site, and is thoroughly enjoyed by all. Later in the day all the children and staff enjoyed hot cross buns. The Easter Fayre was a great success – cakes and crafts aplenty for sale

and lots of games to play – the chocolate tombola is always popular at this time of year, but also guessing the weight of the rabbit when it's real rather than a toy is great fun too. Friends of School did a fantastic job in coordinating the event and thanks go to all involved. Rather than an Easter bonnet competition this year, lots of children entered the mask competition. Having started with a humble paper plate, it was amazing the variety of mask styles that were produced. As with all of the other competitions, the prizes had been kindly provided by Friends of School.

After such fun at the end of term, it was with great sadness that the holidays started with discovering a flooded school. At some point before the Easter weekend the lead was stolen from a flat roof in school. The result of which was that rain poured into the school following the appalling weather over the Easter bank holiday weekend, damaging ICT equipment and school resources. We are currently testing all the equipment to see what can be salvaged and what will need replacing. Thankfully the sun is now shining and we will look forward to an enjoyable summer term, not wishing to dwell on the upset caused by a small minority.



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Dorset League Two

Milborne Sports 9 AC Matravers 1

IN another 'must win' game, the Lane-Enders were looking to record their second win against the same opposition in successive weeks. They showed their intent early, pressurising their opponents from the start and scoring after just six minutes when the returning Simon Kibler picked out Paul Aston from a corner to confidently head home. With only eight minutes on the clock the Lane-Enders made it two when Ross Heaton was sharp witted enough to take a quick free kick which Paul Aston expertly controlled before driving the ball past the keeper from twelve yards. Milborne were now playing with great confidence and when the ball was played out to the left flank Kibler's precision cross to the far post found the diminutive Chris Pavey to rise and head home for a third after just nine minutes. With a quarter of an hour gone the influential veteran Kibler was again instrumental in creating an opportunity for the tireless Paul Myatt to hammer a fourth past the helpless visiting custodian. Despite some superb one touch passing, assisted by some fine goal keeping, Milborne were unable to add to their score and Matravers were handed a lifeline after forty-one minutes when somewhat harshly a penalty was awarded, and the resulting kick was well converted to make the interval score 4-1. However the second half was not going to provide any respite for the visitors and

Chris Pavey cleverly found Ross Heaton whose great cross was bundled home from close range by young Paul Myatt. The agile but not tall Matravers keeper then made a wonderful save from Ross Heaton when the ball seemed destined for the top corner. During the last quarter of the game, Milborne pushed on again and Chris Pavey, taking on the Carl McLements role, scored from the penalty spot to make it 6-1 before Paul Aston was unlucky not to get his hat-trick with a powerful header. Chris Pavey then robbed the keeper who had ventured out of his box to unselfishly lay the ball back for Carl Tewkesbury to confidently stroke the ball into the net. Substitute Steve Haward then set Pavey up for his hat-trick with a shot from the edge of the penalty area that found the far corner with Paul Myatt also securing a hat-trick shortly before the end when he also drove a shot in from about twenty yards to make the final score 9-1.

At the back Gifford, Lambert, Lochrie and youngster Josh Harman all looked very assured whilst Ed Evans was very comfortable on the ball. Meanwhile the skilful Pavey and hard working Heaton are both showing a fine vein of form as the final important run in looms.

Milborne Sports 5 Puddletown 1

IN atrocious conditions with heavy morning rain, Milborne's unsung heroes did a great job in ensuring this game was played and credit must especially go to Matt Hall and Terry Hammond as well as groundsman Malcolm Applin. Milborne were looking to continue their fine recent form although once again they had to shuffle their pack due to the unavailability of several first team squad players. The ever improving young Josh Harman and the strong Kevin Seal formed the centre back pairing whilst up front Sports also welcomed back Sanchez Baker, with the injured McClements still out through injury. The Lane-Enders started cautiously and the visitors were in no mood to capitulate and created some chances of their own early on. However, it was Milborne who were to score first when the in form Chris Pavey was alert to beat the keeper from about twelve yards after about twenty minutes. Unfortunately rather than grabbing the game by the scuff of the neck, only shortly afterwards, Puddletown equalised when Milborne's defence failed to close down and a shot was driven into the far corner past a helpless Wayne Gifford. Milborne's response took some time but, before the interval, Baker showed good skills to easily beat the visiting custodian from the edge of the box to make it 2-1. The second half brought the goal of the game when the impressive Ross Heaton charged down a clearance before hitting a screamer with his left foot from just inside the penalty box into the top corner, this being just reward for his performances over the last month or two. At 3-1 the game was over and Baker grabbed a second with a header at the far post before celebrating his hat-trick with a penalty after eighty-five minutes after being felled in the area. This gave the Lane-Enders a comfortable win at the final analysis although Puddletown should be congratulated for competing till the final whistle on what was a very difficult surface. Once again despite changes, Sports showed how important it is to have a strong committed squad and are looking to keep the pressure on in their final four games as the season draws to a climax.

Milborne Sports 5 Maiden Newton & Cattistock 0

IN another 'must win' game for the Lane-Enders, Milborne successfully overcame the Maiden Newton & Cattistock hurdle and kept them out of the hunt with what was eventually a comfortable victory, over a team that they had drawn with earlier in the season. Shuffling their pack once again, Milborne played a centre back paring of Justin Woodward and Carl Tewkesbury with young Josh Harman and Ross Heaton at full backs. Despite creating some good chances it took 21 minutes before the Lane-Enders got the breakthrough, this coming when the hard working Paul Myatt latched on a ball about twenty yards out and comprehensively beat the visting custodian with a shot into the far corner. Maiden Newton were defending in numbers and it was not until about the 38th minute that Milborne scored again after Cris Pavey harassed a defender into an own goal. A serious injury to the relative newcomer



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Woodward, who was having a promising performance, failed to upset Milborne's momentum who went on to make it 3-0 at the interval with a glorious lob from fully 30 yards by Paul Myatt which found the top corner of the net.

The second half saw Milborne drop their tempo although the visitors were unable to capitalise. Chances continued to come for Milborne but without further addition to the scoreline. Carl McClements, recovering from injury came on midway in the second half and was unlucky not to add to his season's total whilst once again Sanchez Baker was having an impressive game in the middle of the field, together with the assured Ed Evans. The Lane-Enders finally made it four after some excellent footwork by Pavey on the right flank bamboozled his marker before he cleverly pulled the ball back from the by line for the industrious Ricky Limm to power the ball past the keeper from about eight yards. The final nail in the visitor's coffin came when Limm once again headed the ball on for skipper Simon Kibler who expertly curled the ball invitingly from the left flank for McClements to narrowly miss connecting before Pavey comfortably side footed home from close range.

This was a good all round performance from Milborne with every one of the team playing their part and hopefully they can continue with their recent fine vein of form in their last three vital fixtures, and hope that leaders Sturminster and the closing Blandford Sports slip up in their remaining games.

Dorset League Four

Stalbridge Res 1 Milborne Sports Res 2

IN a basement clash played in poor weather, Milborne once again fielded a mixture of youth and maturity, with their midfield including the youthful Paul Hammond, Mike Lathbury and Tom Lane and at the back veterans Andy Draper and Mike Tawfiq. Bolstered by the inclusion of Josh Harman and Wayne Gifford paying their second games of the afternoon, the Lane-Enders started brightly and were creating chances. Draper was relishing the slippery conditions and with custodian Matt Hall looking comfortable seemed likely to score first. Indeed, this was the case when Karl Purnell's well struck corner found Gifford at the near post to rise and beat the flailing keeper to head home. Unfortunately later in the half an error on Milborne's right flank let in Stalbridge to grab an equaliser to make it 1-1 at half time. As Milborne's midfield tired in the second half, the home team poured forward but were unable to beat Matt Hall who was well protected by his defence. Halfway through the second period, Milborne created an opportunity for Purnell on the right flank to get behind his defender before drawing the keeper and confidently slotting the ball into the corner to make it 2-1 to the visitors. After a succession of defeats, this was a welcome and hard fought victory for the visitors who hopefully will finish their season with some more inspiring performances.

Mike Lathbury, Chairman

The baton needs to be passed on

MIKE Handley, founder member of Milborne Sports Committee has given notice of his intention to step down from the committee.

Mike states that it has been a great pleasure and fun to be part of the organisation of the club since it was formed around a muddy field all those years ago. He feels privileged to have had a part in building the stable and well structured club that now exists.

Mike feels it is time to move on to new challenges to enable new blood to join and develop within the club. This is indeed a challenge to all villagers.

Milborne Sports Club can only develop and prosper if sufficient volunteers come forward to manage the facility.

There are basically two elements to Milborne Sports Club - those who are involved in the sporting side of things, and we have been extremely successful in developing football at both adult and youth level and we have a thriving table tennis club. Then there are those on the committee who are involved in the non-sporting tasks of managing the facility, paying the bills, maintaining the building, etc.

The committee feels that Mike's resignation has highlighted the need for new blood to come to the sports club to help form the direction that is taken going forward.

This is YOUR opportunity to become a part and influence the direction of Milborne Sports. It is indeed perhaps time to pass the baton on.

At this time, we particularly need a new Treasurer and a new Secretary. Whilst the committee is very strong on the sporting side, we do need people who have interest in sports other than football, such as cricket because we really would like to see other sports developed at the club but it needs volunteers to step forward.

If you are sporting and would like to be involved in developing the sporting aspect of the club or even if you have no interest in sport whatsoever but feel that you could participate in the management of the facility then again your help is urgently needed.

Please contact John Kane on 01258 837108 to learn more.

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Tuesday and Thursday: Over 60's Lunches

On Tuesday and Thursday we will be offering our twice weekly over 60's lunches. Enjoy a main course with a choice of either a starter or dessert. Two courses for only £6.95 or take all three courses for £8.95.

Special Board Sunday

On Sunday evenings in May we are offering 2 for the price of 1 on main courses from our Specials board (the cheapest is free). Offer available from 6.00pm - 8.30pm.

Charity Quiz Sunday 16th May - The Almshouses Trust

As usual, the event will be hosted by Graham Senior. All entry fees (£2 per person) will be donated to the charity. Please come and support this worthwhile cause. This month's pre-quiz supper is chicken curry and rice. Join us from 6.30pm to 7.30pm. Only £6 per person, with £1 being donated to the Charity.

Caribbean Evening - Friday 21st May

Warm up for the summer with a taste of the Caribbean. Come and taste a selection of food from across the region. A selection of three starters and three main courses for you. Try them all for only £13.95. Reservations recommended.

We have received a great response to the new menu.

Starters

Chef's soup of the day served with a warm crusty roll	£4.50
Dorset pate with warm granary toast and a Cumberland sauce	£5
Tomato and mozzarella brioche (v)	£5
Whiskey potted shrimp served with mixed leaves and granary bread	£6
Baked flat mushroom stuffed with garlic, onions and peppers topped with brie and a herb crust (v)	£5
Main course	£8
Egg poached in red wine on a bed of wilted spinach with a mushroom and bacon sauce	£5
Dorset crab, prawn and smoked salmon medley served with mixed leaves and granary bread	£6

Main courses

Steak and Dorset Piddle ale pie with creamy mashed potatoes and seasonal vegetables or chips and garden peas	£9.50
Local venison steak in a rich port and raspberry sauce served with new potatoes and seasonal vegetables	£12.50
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