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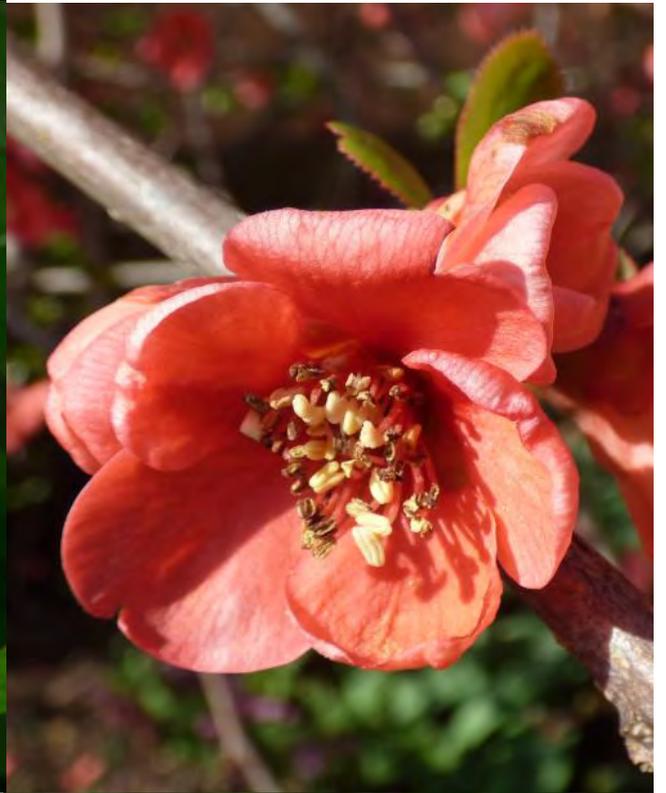
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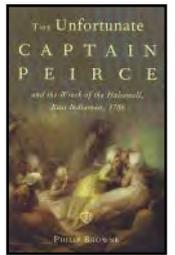
AT the Village History Group July meeting Ros demonstrated how Dorset buttons were made and gave those present an opportunity to make a basic cross wheel button. Whilst they were busy with their hands she told the group about the historical development of the Dorset button industry and how the business would have been run in Milborne. She welcomed anecdotes from members of the group.



There will be no meeting in August but on 14th September at

7.30pm, David Browne will give the group a presentation titled 'A Freezing Horror: the wreck of the Halsewell East Indiaman'. He will give details and will be promoting his book about a shipwreck (6th January 1786) which is one of the most dramatic and memorable maritime disasters in the history of Dorset. Its impact on the public imagination was on a par with the later sinking of the Titanic.

*Pam Shults*



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## Children's Workshops being run in Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall during the Summer Holidays

17th August (ages 2–4) 10.30am–12.30pm

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## Have a say in Milborne's future – Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire

THE Milborne St. Andrew Neighbourhood Plan rolls on. The long awaited questionnaire will be available after the 8th August. It is hoped to deliver the questionnaire to every household in the Milborne St. Andrew parish area.

Questionnaires will also be available on line through our Facebook page or the Milborne St. Andrew Parish Council website. Links will be made available. It is so important that as many questionnaires as possible are filled in and returned by 9th September 2016. This will allow the Neighbourhood Plan Group to analyse the results so we can put together the Plan that you the residents want for your community and home.

You will be able to drop off the paper version of the questionnaire at various locations and the information will be contained in the form.

Please, please look out for the questionnaire and more importantly please take the time to fill in the questions and give your views and comments on how this village can grow in the future.



## Neighbourhood Planning Group

Milborne St. Andrew



Help us shape the future of our Village

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### QUESTIONNAIRE



## THANK YOU

### Reporter Team on Holiday

The Reporter Team will be taking a holiday for the next few weeks. This means that the next issue (October) of the magazine will be published at the end of September.

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Duck liver & whiskey pate, served with a malted baguette, spicy chutney and mixed leaves

Roasted black pudding wrapped in Parma ham & filo pastry, served with caramelised onions & almonds

#### Mediterranean Mezze Board

Italian salami, Spanish chorizo, olives, sun-dried tomatoes, honey brie and Manchego cheese, served with a warm malted baguette, olive oil and balsamic vinegar (to share)

Parmesan & sun-dried tomato soufflé served with a rocket and balsamic salad (v)

#### Main Courses

"Jurassic Coast" sirloin steak with a tower of twice-cooked chips, confit tomato, oven roasted flat cap mushroom and béarnaise sauce

Breast of Gressingham duck served with colcannon mash, seasonal vegetables and a black cherry jus

Oven-roasted beef tomato stuffed with ratatouille & mozzarella served with a red pepper puree and mixed leaf salad (v)

Salmon fillet marinated in stem ginger & chilli served on a bed of egg noodles, bean sprouts, mange tout, carrot and pok choi

Free-range chicken & mushroom ballotine served with sprout tops, browned butter & roasted hazelnut sauce and black pepper mashed potatoes

#### West Country Pork Three-Ways

Pan-fried chop, roasted belly and a black pudding bon-bon, served with seasonal vegetables and a red wine jus

Doom Bar battered cod fillet with twice-cooked chips, homemade tartare sauce and pea puree

Hambro beef burger served with crispy bacon, smoked cheddar, homemade coleslaw, mixed leaves and chips

#### Desserts

##### Local cheese selection

Blue Vinny, black wax cheddar, Somerset brie and rosary goats cheese served with mixed rustic crackers, apple and celery

Madagascan vanilla cheese cake served with mixed berry compote

Lemon posset served with a mixed berry coulis

Apple pie served with vanilla crème anglaise

Homemade Tiramisu, served with a chocolate biscotti

Espresso panna cotta with a chocolate mousse and mint tuile

Bread & butter pudding served with double cream and a mixed berry compote

*In addition to this a la carte menu, we also have a lighter lunchtime menu and on Sundays, a choice of roasts*

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## The bells of St. Mary's at the July WI

WE enjoyed a lovely evening at our summer supper. In particular, many thanks go to Sheila for hosting this well-attended and much-appreciated social event.



Over the summer, Athelhampton House will be the venue for an afternoon cream tea and garden visit on Thursday 11th August, and on 23rd September at 7.30pm a skittles match at West Lulworth. Linda thanked everyone who had already knitted poppies for our church installation in November, and asked that we keep them coming in! (*Remember, patterns available.*)

Bookends members finished 'According to Queeney' by Beryl Bainbridge and Shirley reported that this was on the whole enjoyed. We move on to a modern novel, 'The Private Lives of Pippa Lee', by Rebecca Miller. We meet socially in August for a chat and strawberry tea.

We were delighted to welcome Jenny Hansford and her team of handbell ringers from St. Mary's Church, Puddletown (*bottom right*). This comparatively new team of nine were to give us their very first public performance. Handbells have been around for many years and are the descendants of tower bells, used to summon churchgoers and developed so that ringers could practice indoors away from a cold church. A handbell choir rings music with melodies, as opposed to the change ringing of large church bells. There are various sizes, the smaller ones having the higher pitch tones and the larger bells the lower bass tones. The team's handbells had originally been donated by a GP in Puddletown 100 years ago and were discovered fairly recently by Jenny, the church organist. Money was raised to renovate them and the team meet once a week to practise. Starting with their signature tune, 'The Bells of St. Mary's' the ringers treated us to a repertoire of well-known songs and hymns.

Then it was our turn, and nine volunteers, under Jenny's instructions, gave us three more tunes – and produced a recognisable 'Jerusalem'. Well done, ladies – perhaps there is scope for a second team here? All in all, a very entertaining evening.

We do not have a formal meeting in August but on Thursday 8th September, Richard Edwards will talk about 'Experiences of a Documentary Cameraman'.  
Pat Bull



## Bus2Go has the best summer ever!

DESPITE the British summer, we have been out and about with full buses enjoying the delights of Dorset's tourist attractions. During June, we had five outings – this meant that on one occasion we were out twice in one week. Our visit to Abbotsbury Swannery was really



interesting and the children loved feeding the swans and seeing the baby cygnets. It was very interesting too, listening to the 'Swanherd' tell us how Abbotsbury Swannery takes care of all their 'Queen's swans'. We went on for lunch at Bridport and West Dorset Golf Club. The views were amazing and our lunch was delicious (all freshly prepared and cooked) using local produce. Our first outing for July was the ever popular Swanage Railway. We were met at Swanage Station by our good friend and Town Crier for Swanage, Andrew Flemming. He welcomed us to the town and gave a brief history of how the town finally became known as Swanage and how Swanage's Purbeck Stone was shipped to London to keep pace with its rapid building programme during the 1800's. We returned once more to the Dorset coastline for a day out to Lyme Regis. We really are so fortunate to be living in such a lovely county rich in history and home to so many famous people both past and present.

At Bus2Go it is not only about organising day trips. We are out in the community in other ways too. We took part in the DT11 and Blandford Town Council 'Well and Connected' event. This event was over two days and held at the Corn Exchange. We attended on both days. Cuts to our service buses are very much to the fore since April and we join with other groups including County and North Dorset District Council to try to find the best way forward for rural and isolated communities. We were also invited to have a stand at an Alzheimer's 'Question Time' event, held at the Parish Rooms. The panel of advisors which included a lawyer, was chaired by our MP Simon Hoare. Questions were invited from the floor. This event proved to be very interesting and helpful to all those present.

Volunteers to our project are always most welcome and time donated can be as much or as little depending on other commitments that fill our daily lives. For further information please contact Margo 01258 837749/07917298321 or visit our [www.bus2godorset.org](http://www.bus2godorset.org). From all the volunteers at Bus2Go, we wish you a safe, sunny, summer holiday.





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## Wednesday Club's visit to RNLI

THE Wednesday Social Club had a fascinating afternoon in July when we visited the RNLI in Poole. The College and Lifeboat station were opened in 2004 costing approximately £25 million to build. We walked around the restaurant balcony where our excellent guides Brian and Ann told us about the several lifeboats moored just outside. They now build their own lifeboats and train the crews from all over the country in-house. At the big



pool where the crews train with rough weather and overturned boats, they showed us the range of lifejackets from the 1800's to present day and it was amazing to see how heavy they are. We were able to sit in the

simulator where we experienced "a shout" of what it was like to go out on a call, complete with thunder, lightning, a ship on fire, people (dummies obviously) waiting to be rescued.

During our tour we were lucky to see the new Twin Sails Bridge open, a first for many of us.

Our August meeting on the 3rd will be a speaker in the hall at 2.30pm.

Owing to poor response we have had to cancel the visit to Marwell Zoo planned for 7th September. We will meet in the hall instead.

*Margaret Evans*



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## Gratitude

There are many ideals that the Bible sets out for Christians to follow. One of the most important and yet one that many find difficult is found in a passage in the First Letter to the Thessalonians: "rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances" (1 Thess. 5:16-18).

Giving thanks can be very hard when it seems as if our lives are falling apart or we are going through difficult times. How can we give thanks for something like cancer? Or relationship break-up? Or the death of someone we love? It sounds impossible.

Paul, who wrote these words, is someone who suffered – persecution, shipwreck, illness, imprisonment, isolation from friends – which helps me to take these words more seriously than if I knew they had been written by someone who had sailed through life.

Even in the darkest times, there is always something we can be grateful for, whether it is the family and friends who support us, the home in which we live, the care of doctors and nurses, the beauty of our countryside, or something entirely other.

Sometimes there are days when it can be hard to find anything to be thankful for, but, if we think hard, I am sure even on those days, we can find something that gives us joy. Thankfulness lifts our hearts and helps us to focus on something bigger than ourselves and our problems.

I have much to thank God for, including the churches of our benefice. And I'd like to thank not just God, but all who contribute to their life and worship. So many people give of themselves, their time, their talents and their money to ensure we are able to have a Christian presence in our villages through our churches.

Once a year at our annual meeting, I have a formal opportunity to thank those in our congregations who do so much for church life, as churchwardens, PCC members, taking part in services, cleaning, flower-arranging, arranging social and fund-raising events, praying, and so on.

But there are fewer opportunities to thank those who are not church members, who also support us in many ways. In the past six weeks (as I write), all the four churches have had special events: cream teas, flower festivals, open gardens and so on. None of these could have taken place, if it weren't also for the help of those who do not worship with us on Sundays but join with us on these occasions, either as participants in their organisation or attending them, helping us eat our cream teas, visiting our gardens, coming to our concerts.

So a big THANK YOU to everyone who contributes in any way to our churches and their life. We do appreciate it, and hope that you find that your participation brings you some joy and some things to be thankful for too.

Best wishes,

*Sarah Hillman*

## CHURCH SERVICES August 2016

### 7th August – Trinity 11

9.30 am	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30	Celebrate	Milborne
11.00	Parish Communion	Puddletown Church Room
11.00	1662 Morning Prayer	Dewlish

### 14th August – Trinity 12

8.15am	1662 Said Communion	Puddletown Church Room
9.30	Methodist United Service	Tolpuddle
9.30	Parish Communion	Milborne
11.00	Puddletown Praise	Puddletown Church Room
11.00	Parish Communion	Dewlish

### THURSDAY 18th August

12 noon	Lunch-time Communion	Puddletown Church Room
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### 21st August – Trinity 13

9.30am	Family Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30	1662 Said Morning Prayer (said)	Milborne
11.00	Parish Communion	Puddletown Church Room
11.00	Family Service	Dewlish

### 28th August – Trinity 14

9.30am	Go Fourth	Tolpuddle
9.30	Parish Communion	Milborne
11.00	1662 Morning Prayer	Puddletown Church Room
11.00	Family Communion	Dewlish
3.00pm	Holy Baptism	Milborne

### MORNING PRAYERS (Monday – Thursday. 8.15 am Saturday 9.00 am)

Monday – Puddletown	Tuesday – Milborne
Wednesday – Dewlish	Thursday – Tolpuddle
Saturday – Puddletown	
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## St. Andrew's Church notes



IN June we were delighted with the response to our cream tea event at Heathcote House. The weather cleared up just in time for everyone to enjoy the garden which was looking wonderful. Many thanks to Sue who invited us to enjoy her lovely Grade II Listed home and extensive gardens for the event which made £166 towards maintaining our church building.



## CHURCH SERVICES September 2016

### 4th September – Trinity 15

9.30am	Parish Communion+ Baptisms	Tolpuddle
9.30	Celebrate	Milborne
11.00	Parish Communion	Puddletown
11.00	1662 Morning Prayer	Dewlish

### 11th September – Trinity 16

8.15am	1662 Said Communion	Puddletown
9.30	United Methodist Service	Tolpuddle Chapel
9.30	Parish Communion	Milborne
11.00	Puddletown Praise	Puddletown Church Room
11.00	Parish Communion	Dewlish

### THURSDAY 14th September

12 noon	Lunch-time Communion	Puddletown
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### Saturday 17th September

12.45pm	Holy Matrimony	Tolpuddle
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### 18th September – Trinity 17

9.30am	1662 Morning Prayer	Milborne
9.30	Family Communion	Tolpuddle
11.00	Parish Communion	Puddletown
11.00	Family Service	Dewlish

### Saturday 26th September

12 noon	Holy Matrimony	Dewlish
2.30pm	Holy Matrimony	Dewlish

### 25th September – Trinity 18/Harvest

9.30am	Go Fourth	Tolpuddle
9.30	Harvest Festival Communion	Milborne
11.00	1662 Morning Prayer	Puddletown
11.00	Family Communion	Dewlish

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#### Saturday 9.00 am)

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### More grants needed for our roof repair

We have received bad news from the Listed Places of Worship Roof Fund. In spite of approving our application for a grant to repair our chancel and tower roofs they had insufficient funds to give us any help. This means we urgently need to find grants from elsewhere. The PCC would very much appreciate any assistance with this.

### Flyers for Athelhampton Fete and Dog Show coming soon

Our main benefice fundraising event will be the **Athelhampton Five Churches Fete** on August Bank Holiday, **29th August**. Those who wanted to enter the Milborne May Fayre Dog Show, which was cancelled due to rain, might be interested in entering the dog show at the Athelhampton Fete where there will be plenty of classes and prizes. Puddletown, Tolpuddle and Dewlish will all be running stalls, and Milborne will be running the toy stall and 'Grannie's Attic' as well as Glitter Tattoos for the children. Milborne benefits from part of the overall proceeds as they go towards paying the expenses of running our benefice. Please let Eva (01258 837468) or Pam (01258 837203) know if you have any toys or bric-a-brac that we can sell. Do put the date in your diary and look out for the **reduced entry fee flyers** as it will be a good day out for all the family with activities for children and plenty to see and buy. Importantly, you will be helping to maintain all the churches in the benefice.

### More work to do in the churchyard

Our **Churchyard Working Party** has made a good start removing ivy and elder from the yew trees. The churchyard is for everyone in the village so we would welcome help from anyone who can spend an hour or two on the **first Saturday morning of each month** from September.

In line with the new diocesan churchyard regulations we are starting to clear away material left on graves that has passed its 'use by' date. Dead flowers give a neglected impression of the whole churchyard as well as the individual graves, and while we may leave convincing-looking silk flowers for a time, they must be taken away when they start to fade. If you are thinking of adding a permanent feature to a grave you **MUST** seek advice from the vicar or churchwardens.

### Ride and Stride event coming soon

On 10th September we will be taking part in this Dorset Historic Churches Trust event where participants are sponsored to cycle or walk to as many churches in Dorset as they can. Half the proceeds we collect go to DHCT and half is given to Milborne church. Last year we collected £447; perhaps we can get nearer to Dewlish's amazing (record breaking?) total of £2,111 this year! As last year, we plan to have a group walking from Puddletown to Tolpuddle via Athelhampton (and back). If you would like to join us or sponsor us get in touch with Pam (01258 837203). Milborne has benefitted from grants from DHCT in the past and we hope to get a grant from them towards our roof repairs.

*John Wright and Pam Shults*

## Dewlish Church Notes

WE HAVE had a very busy month here at the church, including, on 12th June, along with many other places, celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday. The church service was quite well attended but the lunch afterwards was not, which was rather disappointing. However, we drank a toast to the Queen and enjoyed the lunch and Sue's lovely Union Flag cake.

The Pet Service was held on the following Sunday, and although the weather was not good, we and six dogs and two very pretty bantams enjoyed the service. I am always amazed at how well the pets behave, and this year was no exception.

And now to our big event, the **Flower Festival** and teas. After a lot of hard work we produced a very much admired festival with lovely varied displays on the theme of An English Summer Day. The church looked and smelled wonderful, with wild flowers from the hedgerows, garden flowers, grass and leaves. The cream teas and cakes in the Village Hall were very good too.

I cannot name people individually but everyone who participated deserves a pat on the back and a huge thank-you. Over 100 people visited, and we raised £538.54 for church funds. All in all, it was a very worthwhile effort.

### Meeting benefice costs

By now most people will know a little more about the **Five Churches Fete** being held as usual at Athelhampton House on Bank Holiday Monday, 29th August, 12noon–4.00pm. To remind you: Dewlish Church is running the jams, marmalade, pickles and produce stall, and we would be grateful for any donations.

Throughout the fete visitors will be able to enjoy many varied stalls, games, a children's play area and a dog show. Money raised goes towards the costs of running the benefice, so please do support us.

On Saturday 10th September Jim will be cycling once again for the **Dorset Historic Churches Trust's Ride and Stride**. Half of the money raised is returned to Dewlish All Saints so we are always extremely thankful for any sponsorship. To that end Jim will come calling no doubt in the next month or so.

*Daphne Burg*

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## Big thanks to Mike from Scouts

AT the regular meeting of the Milborne St. Andrew Cub Pack, the Milborne St. Andrew Scout Group presented their Chairman, Mike Mullett, with a "Thanks Badge" for his many years of service to the



Scout Group. He has acted in several roles over the years, but most notably as Group Chairman, and as an assistant to his wife Sue, the Beaver Leader. The badge was presented by the Scout District Commissioner, Barry Thomas.

A Scouting "Thanks Badge" is a traditional gift within Scouting, signed by the Chief Scout, for those who have rendered exceptional service to Scouting.

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# End of another year at Ladybirds

BY the time this goes to print our school year will have come to an end. We will have partied and said a sad farewell to 18 of our children who start school in September. Looking back through our files at pictures of them when they first became a Ladybird it is amazing to see how they have grown. And they have grown not only taller but their characters have blossomed and they go on to school as individual people ready for the start of their long academic journey. All of us at Ladybirds wish them well and look forward to hearing about their future progress.

This month we took part in the Big Den Build day using everything we had to make the largest den we could; we used tents, tarpaulins, tunnels, camouflage netting and cardboard boxes. This



was an event organised by Save the Children Fund to raise awareness of the plight of less fortunate children around the world. The children loved the big den and played in it throughout the morning with some taking books or clipboards inside to read or draw.

Our summer outing was to Monkey World when all the children attended were accompanied by a parent or grandparent making it a great social gathering. We stretched out into many small groups as children found different areas of interest (and adults tea or coffee breaks). The weather was kind to us as we ambled along looking for 'Peanut' our adopted Golden Cheeked Gibbon. She must have sensed the children's excitement at seeing her as she came right down to the viewing area and ran along in front of the watching children.

On school transfer day with so many children missing from Ladybirds on their first full day at school, we did another outing. This time to the animal park at Kingston Maurward. The younger Ladybirds ran around looking at the piglets, hens, sheep and ponies and were surprised to see some familiar faces as Milborne's Busy Bees were also there.

Finally we had a go at voting – introducing the children to the idea of democracy, going with what the majority decide! This took place because one of the boys came to the Referendum vote with his parents and wanted to know what it was all about. And no, the children didn't vote on the EU just which of two stories, we would read that day! *Liz Dyer*



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# Milborne St. Andrew First School



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**School News**

IT has been an extremely busy run down to the end of the school year.

We have had some fabulous trips and visits, some KS1 children went to Wareham for a River Lab science event and KS1 and KS2 spent a morning at Milton Abbey learning about Capability Brown. Taking part in some workshops and walks around the grounds, the morning was thoroughly enjoyed by children and adults alike.

The whole school enjoyed a fantastic day at the Mash Up Music Festival.

The Year 3 and 4 children are looking forward to showcasing all of the skills they have learnt during their swimming lessons at Milton Abbey with Maria and Adrian from Just Add Water Swim School. All the parents have been invited to this special Gala on their last session of this school year.

Unfortunately we had to postpone our original Sports Day due to our wonderful British summer! At the time of writing we are still keeping our fingers crossed for good weather on the rearranged date.

Children from years 1-4 have been nominated for DASP Citizen awards by staff and children because they show all of the 7 C's characteristics of a DASP Citizen. These include being Courteous, Caring, Communicative, Conscientious, Co-operative, Considerate and Confident. They were presented with their certificates at a special event at Thomas Hardy School.



## The Governing Body of Milborne St Andrew First School is seeking to appoint a Community Governor

Community Governors are appointed directly by the Governing Body and anyone who feels they have the skills required to contribute to the effective governance and success of the school may apply. We are specifically looking for people with the following skills, attributes or experience:

- Financial and business experience
- The ability to analyse data
- Holding links to local/regional businesses
- The ability to work in a professional manner as part of a team and to take collective responsibility for decisions
- Someone who has the time and capacity to commit to the role

If you are interested in becoming a Community Governor or would like more information on what this voluntary role would involve, please contact Jacqui Howells via the School Office on 01258 837362 or [office@milborne.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:office@milborne.dorset.sch.uk)

Closing date for applications is Friday 9th September

The first week in July was literacy week across the DASP schools and the children enjoyed visits to Thomas Hardy School to take part in various literacy based events.

On the last day of term we will be holding a leavers assembly for our Year 4 children. They have already spent a day at St. Mary's Middle School in Puddletown to get a flavour of middle school life and we wish them every success in the future. On transfer day we welcomed our new reception children to school and look forward to seeing them in September along with all our new Dolphins, Turtles and Puffins.

We hope everyone enjoys their summer break and look forward to another successful year in school. Thank you to all who support the school.

We have a vacancy for a Casual Lunchtime Supervisor to temporarily cover current staff illness. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the school office by Friday 9th September.

## CONTACTS

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

**Headteacher:** Mrs Sharon Hunt

**Chair of Governors:** Miss Jane Pope      **FOS Chairman:** Mrs Becky Hunter

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Recognised as one of the top law firms in the country by the Legal 500, the business has further invested in its team of legal experts with the appointment of Jane Eldridge (right) to head up the new service. Jane brings over 30 years of HR experience, gained in sectors including manufacturing, education, retail and the third sector, to add to the range of professional services Blanchards Bailey provides to its clients.



Jane is available to advise clients on a wide range of subjects, such as appraisal, interview and negotiating skills, delivering workshops on personal development and the 2010 Equality Act, policy and procedure updates, and assessing senior level CIPD candidates.

Jane, who joins the firm from the Church of England, where she held a senior advisory position, said: "I was particularly attracted to Blanchards Bailey as the company's ethos and values align with my own. I have always chosen to work in organisations that act ethically and professionally and care about the people they deal with; both internally and externally.

"I am excited to be working alongside the employment team to offer a specialist HR consultancy service to businesses. Blanchards Bailey's existing client base made it clear to us this was a service they required."

Sarah Heath, who heads up the Commercial Services team said: "We are pleased to welcome Jane to the team. Her wealth of experience in human resource issues and her knowledge of our local area will be of great value to our clients."

## Pop-up Coffee morning at The Sett

WHILE chatting to my neighbour Valerie Darrington about a fundraising idea, she said she wanted to do one too for the Weldmar Hospicecare Trust who cared for her husband last year. We agreed to do it together. She provided the coffee and venue and I (Susie Edwards) whipped up a few cakes. Because of a scheduled visit overseas to see her daughter we had barely a couple of weeks to get it organised. Miraculously we got fliers with the help of the hospice, email notification through friends in the village and invitations given by word of mouth. A small but jolly crowd popped in to be plied with coffee and cakes and helped to raise £100. We are so grateful to everyone for their generosity at our 'pop-up' event.



Sadly many were unable to come because of the short notice, so we plan to have another one in the autumn and hope those who missed out will be able to join us then. We will give you plenty of notice next time!

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**Make a date in your diary to join us on 27th September** for our first rehearsal and open evening. For more details and to register your interest, please contact Judy Cooper on 01305 260284 or email: weatherburysingers@gmail.com. We look forward to meeting you!

# Community Contacts

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

More information about many community organisations can be found on [www.milbornestandrew.org.uk](http://www.milbornestandrew.org.uk)

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## GENERAL – ADULT

Ladies Group – Dewlish	Judith Bridgen	01258 837157
Moonlight Swing Band	Gillian Pink	01305 260731
M.A. Neighbourcar	Nigel Hodder	01258 881709
Wednesday Social Club	Ann Guy	01258 837959
Women's Institute	Josie Wright	01258 839090

## GENERAL – YOUTH

Ladybirds (Playgroup)	Liz Dyer	01258 839117
Scout Group (Secretary)	Brian Burton	01258 839033
Under 5's Group – The Busy Bees	Leanne Brown	07899 808185
	Julianne Hall	07846 256694
Youth Club age 8 – 14 years	Lianne Summers	01258 839081

## POLICE

Police – Non-emergency contact		101
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## SCHOOL

Milborne First School		
Headteacher:	Sharon Hunt	01258 837362
Chair Governors:	Miss Jane Pope	
Friends of School Chair:	Becky Hunter	

## SPECIAL INTEREST

Cribbage	Peter Anthony	01258 837089
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Village History Group	Pam Shults	01258 837203

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## August

- Tuesday 2nd** **100 Club Draw** The Royal Oak 8.00pm.  
**Wednesday 3rd** **Wednesday Club** Village Hall 2.30pm. New members welcome.  
**Thursday 11th** **WI** afternoon cream tea and garden visit at Athelhampton House.  
**Saturday 27th** **Village Lunch** Village Hall. 12.15pm – see page 2 for menu.

## September

- Tuesday 6th** **100 Club Draw** The Royal Oak 8.00pm.  
**Wednesday 7th** **Wednesday Club** 2.30pm. All welcome.  
**Badminton** restarts at Milborne First School 7.00pm. Experience not necessary.  
**Barn Dance Village Hall Field** – see below.  
**Friday 9th** **Reporter** latest date for the October issue. Copy and pictures to [msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk) or any member of the Reporter team.  
**Monday 12th**  
**Wednesday 14th** **Village History Group** The Royal Oak 7.30pm, David Browne will give a presentation titled 'A Freezing Horror: the wreck of the Halsewell East Indiaman'.  
**Thursday 15th** **Gardening Club** Winter Wildlife and Bird Songs by Lynne Burningham Village Hall 7.30pm.  
**Friday 16th–** **The Milborne Players** *Bedroom Farce* Village Hall  
**Saturday 17th** 7.30pm – see page 24.  
**Wednesday 21st** **Parish Council** Village Hall Committee Room 7.30pm.  
**Saturday 24th** **Village Lunch** Village Hall. 12.15pm – see page 2 for menu.  
**Friday 30th** **Spectre** (PG13) shown by 'Milborne Movies' Village Hall 7.30pm – see pages 16 and 19.

## Regular Bookings at the Village Hall

- Ladybirds Playgroup** Monday–Friday 8.30am–1.00pm MH (term time only)  
**Beavers** Monday 5.00–6.30pm MH (term time only)  
**Scouts** Monday 6.00–8.00pm CR/MH  
**Players** Monday 8.00–10.00pm MH  
**ABC Line Dancers** Tuesday 7.30–10.00pm MH  
**Cub Scouts** Tuesday 5.45–7.15pm MH (term time only)  
**Wednesday Club** first Wednesday 2.00–4.00pm MH  
**Yoga** Thursday 1.30–2.45pm MH  
**Gardening Club** third Thursday 7.30–10.00pm MH  
**Karate** Thursday 5.10–6.40pm MH  
**Village Hall Committee** third Thursday every two months 7.30–10.00pm  
**Women's Institute** second Thursday 7.30–10.00pm  
**Youth Club 8–14 years** every other Friday MH (term time only)  
**Village Lunch** last Saturday of the month 12.15–2.30pm MH  
**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.

## Regular Bookings at the First School

- Pilates** Monday 7.00–8.00pm (term time only)  
**Yoga** Tuesday 6.30–8.00pm (term time only)  
**Badminton** Wednesday 7.00–8.30pm (term time only)  
**Circuit training** Thursday 6.30–7.30pm (term time only)

## August/September at the Sports Club

- Football** Saturday 2.30pm.  
**Table Tennis** Monday 7.00–9.00pm. Information from Pauline Pitfield 01258 839123  
**The Busy Bees** Under 5 Group from 9.30am to 11.30am on Thursday term time only. Contact Wendy Britton on 07867 720283.

## Gardening questions

DO you have a gardening question for our expert Maureen Lock to answer? Send your questions to the *Reporter* at [msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk), our Facebook page or give to a Reporter team member whose details can be found on page 2.

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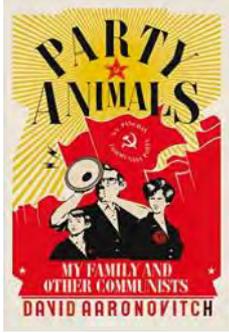
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## A Good Read by Shirley Dunkley 'Party Animals' by David Aaronovitch



THE journalist David Aaronovitch is well known to Radio 4 listeners, readers of *The Times* and other journals and viewers of television current affairs programmes. Less well known is the fact of his childhood, spent in North London among members of the Communist Party for whom his parents were devoted workers. His early memories are of events with significance for the Party, particularly the triumphant visit of Yuri Gagarin, the first man in space. The young David even thought that the word

'cosmonaut' used to describe Yuri must be an abbreviation of Communist and astronaut! North London had one of the strongest local parties and Sam Aaronovitch, his father, was a full time organiser so the whole family was governed not only by the ethos of Marxism, but particularly Soviet and Stalinist history. The author dissects the shock effect of Stalin's death followed by the exposure of his cruel tyranny, and the difficulty his parents had in revising opinions they had always trusted. The Hungarian and Czech uprisings caused similar painful heart searchings. Gradually David comes to realise that the belief in ideological myth to which his family subscribed was also embedded in closer personal relationships. His father, he learns, has been a serial womaniser, but his mother, Lavender, when faced with evidence of this, preferred to stick to the myth of the good and faithful husband often called away by work. This juggling of truth and story and the sense of never being as valued by his parents as much as they valued their Party led to many years of therapy for him, but the book is still full of the painful love he feels for his misguided parents and the hilarity which Communist fund raising efforts aroused. A jumble sale provides the same possibility for catastrophe whether organised by Marxists or Boy Scouts, and many will recognise the similar experience. This is a compelling book about a time, post war, familiar to many but a creed known and shared by very few, yet it makes for a very diverting and informative historical read.

### Village Hall News

IT is so nice to see children and young people enjoying playing football on the Queen Elizabeth II Field but it has raised some concerns for residents on The Causeway. The fencing is not high enough to stop balls being kicked into the road, the stream and into residents' gardens. The committee are hoping to have higher fencing installed but we would like to ask the footballers to please be more careful and to avoid aiming balls at the current fencing.

We are still awaiting to hear if we have secured a grant to fund a multi gym climbing frame in the play park and will keep trying for more grants regardless. If we can replace one item at a time it should be easier to get funding.

The maintenance of the building and grounds is currently undertaken by committee volunteers but we hope that someone will come forward to offer a regular commitment to take on the role. An hour or so a week would be needed to go through the check list and to identify problems which need fixing. The person does not have to be a committee member. Please consider if you can help; for more information contact Sarah Ryan on 01258 839230 or sarah6630@aol.com  
*Pam Shults*

**Please note**  
**The deadline for the October issue**  
**will be 12th September**

## Spectre (PG-13)

shown by 'Milborne Movies'  
at Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall (DT11 0JX)  
on Friday 30th September 2016 at 7.30pm

AFTER the events of Skyfall, Bond has come out a troubled man. His mentor, M, is dead. MI6 is crumbling under a newer, high-tech organization led by the mysterious Max Denbigh. As "Spectre" opens, we find James Bond (Daniel Craig) in Mexico City, hunting down an assassin, Marco Sciarra (Alessandro Cremona), that the late M had unofficially ordered him to find. After a major scuffle, Bond returns to London where the current M (Ralph Fiennes) removes him from active duty. However, this doesn't stop Bond from continuing with his investigation. His search leads him to a group known as SPECTRE and their mysterious leader, Franz Oberhauser (Christoph Waltz), a man who has a connection to Bond's past. Meanwhile, M has to deal with a power struggle with another government official known as C (Andrew Scott), who not only manages to get the 00 program shut down, but is also trying to bring Britain into a global surveillance network, that just might be connected to the case Bond is currently working on.

Where Skyfall went for emotional depth and a harsh examination of Bond's bruised psyche, Spectre just goes all out on a classic and spectacular Bond adventure. It looks and feels different to its predecessor, in part because of the work of cinematographer Hoyte van Hoytema, but mainly because Mendes and Craig, wisely, take their Bond to new territory.

Ralph Fiennes (M), Ben Wishaw (Q) and Naomie Harris (Money Penny) all return, and have plenty to do in this particular outing, and that's no bad thing. Lea Seydoux's performance as Madeline Swann, is easily the most captivating Bond girl of the Craig era. The story not only comes with plenty of drama, but also works extremely well as a mystery that unfolds as the film goes on.

The village hall and bar is open from 7.00pm and the film starts at 7.30 pm. Tickets £3.50 can be obtained on the door.

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In attendance were the Lord Lieutenant, Bishop David Hallam and many other dignitaries. The exhibition opened to the general public on Sunday 10th July and will continue until 21st August and contains an exceptional range of artworks, paintings, photography, film and an interactive experience. This whole range of multi-media is why the exhibition has been labelled 'The Capability Brown Experience'.

The distinguished visitors toured the exhibition and saw the magic of Brown's work at Milton Abbey, rated as one of the Top Ten out of more than 200 in England. Other Brown sites in Dorset include Sherborne Castle and Highcliffe Castle.

The exhibition runs until 21st August and is open daily from 10.00am to 5.00pm. Entrance fee is £6 for adults (concessions £5) with children under 16 being free. See the website for more information : [capabilitybrownatmiltonabbey.org](http://capabilitybrownatmiltonabbey.org)

### Did you identify this?

The photograph in the July Reporter was taken on Blandford Hill outside Fairfield House.

Robin Keller was the only person with the correct answer. Try your luck this month on page 29.



### 100 CLUB WINNERS

Draw Date – Tuesday 28th June 2016

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The next draws are on Tuesday 2nd August and Tuesday 6th September at 8.00pm in The Royal Oak Results of these will be published in the October issue of the Reporter

*Everyone is welcome to attend.*

**New members always welcome.** Contact June Maitland 837235 or Denise Sanderson 837049

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*Please speak to Denise Sanderson, Jenny Balcon or June Maitland for information.*

## Yorkshire Day

**“Tha can allus tell a Yorkshireman – but tha can't tell 'im much”**

IN 1975 the 1st of August was designated “Yorkshire Day” by the Yorkshire Ridings Society as a protest against the government reorganisation of Yorkshire and Humberside in 1974. So this month's recipe hails from Sheffield which used to be in the West Riding but is now officially in South Yorkshire. The word “Riding” comes from the Norse word for “a third”. The only Riding left is the East Riding of Yorkshire, renamed in 1996, although with slightly different boundaries. The recipe calls for Henderson's relish (produced in Sheffield), which can be bought at Waitrose or Morrisons, but you can substitute Worcestershire Sauce which is quite similar – just don't say that to anyone from Yorkshire.

Whenever I make this pie I think with affection of the late Deirdre Barlow in Coronation Street who uttered the memorable words “My husband will eat owt if it's covered in a layer of pastry”.

### Meat and Potato Pie

*For the filling*

- 1lb (500g) braising steak (or steak and kidney if you prefer)
  - 1lb (500g) potatoes cut into large chunks
  - 8oz (200g) onion
  - 3 tablespoons(50ml) Henderson's Relish or Worcestershire sauce
  - 2 tablespoons (30g) Bisto original powder (or gravy granules)
  - A little oil
- For the pastry*
- 8oz (200g) plain flour
  - Pinch of salt
  - 2½oz (70g) lard
  - 2½oz (70g) butter
  - 3 tablespoons (50ml) cold water



Fry the chopped onion gently in a little oil for about 5 minutes then add the cubed beef or steak and kidney and fry for another 5 minutes. Add the Henderson's Relish and enough water to cover the meat. Cover and simmer until tender (about 2–3 hours depending on the cut and quality of the meat). Mix the Bisto with a little water and stir into the meat mixture until thickened. Drain off most of the gravy and reserve. You will need plenty of gravy to layer with the potatoes and some to pour over the finished pie and vegetables. Meanwhile, boil the potatoes in lightly salted water until very nearly tender but not falling apart. Drain and slice them thickly. Put a layer of potatoes (about a third of them) in the bottom of a greased pie dish, then top with half the meat, repeat the layers of potato and meat, ending with a layer of potato. Pour a generous amount of gravy over each layer of potato as you go, it will be absorbed by the potatoes as it stands.

Chill the pie thoroughly in the fridge before topping with pastry.

Make the pastry by rubbing the fat into the flour, add the water and knead gently into a ball. Cover with cling film and chill in the fridge for 30 minutes before rolling out and covering the pie. Decorate with pastry trimmings then finish with a glaze of beaten egg or milk.

Bake at gas mark 6 for about 45 minutes until the pastry is golden brown and the filling bubbling hot. Serve with vegetables and the reserved gravy.

### Other ways to celebrate Yorkshire Day

- Go for a walk on Ilkley Moor, don't wear a hat
- Watch the Monty Python four Yorkshiremen sketch on YouTube
- Eat your own body weight in Yorkshire puddings
- Drink a pint each of John Smiths, Tetley, Black Sheep, Timothy Taylor's, Theakstons . . .
- Wear a flat cap and/or wrinkled stockings
- Watch the DVD/Netflix of “Happy Valley”
- Eat a selection of Thorntons, Rowntree's or Terry's chocolate
- Take a ferret or a whippet for a walk
- Cycle over some cobbles (extra points if you are heading for a bakery)
- Pick a fight with someone from Lancashire
- Watch “Yorkshire Airlines” on YouTube.

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## Turning back the clock

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Trading Standards up and down the country investigate complaints of cars having been 'clocked'. A Warwickshire car dealer was recently jailed for twelve months after admitting to 'clocking' cars and his mechanic for six months for forging documents such as MOT certificates. These days cars that have been 'clocked' are less likely to be found on the forecourt and more likely to be found on auction websites, social media and small ads. such as Ebay, Facebook and Gumtree.

When buying a second hand car there are things that you can look out for:

- Chips on the paintwork may indicate lots of motorway driving;
- Worn rubber pedals and steering wheels indicate lots of use.

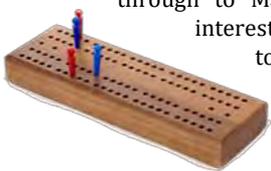
The average car travels 10,000 miles a year so if the car looks like it has more wear and tear than expected it may have been 'clocked'. Checking a vehicle's paperwork such as the service record and MOT history can help determine genuine mileage. Check MOTs on line at <https://www.gov.uk/check-mot-history>. Information held by the DVLA about a vehicle's identity can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/get-vehicle-information-from-dvla>.

Look out for trading standards approved car retailers displaying the Buy with Confidence logo, or visit the website [www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk](http://www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk)

Call the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 03454 04 05 06 for advice on buying a second hand car or to report something to trading standards.

## Calling All Crib Players

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## Norman's social conscience hits its stride

NOT FOR nothing has Norman Beggs entitled the third part of his autobiography *New Beginnings*. Like millions before him he completed his National Service (having served in North Africa and the Canal Zone of Egypt) with no prospects and no job, full of apprehension and worries about the future but seeking a well-ordered and regulated life. As he writes, he couldn't very well tell the Labour Exchange interviewer, "Well, I can use a rifle and Sten gun with accuracy. Is there anyone you want shot?"

Initially he opted to train as an aircraft detail fitter, working closely and precisely from blueprints, and learning a new camaraderie. Norman recounts many in-work experiences including helping to rescue two women from a crash between their car and a small locomotive and the day a sub-Kray twin character called Arthur took his revenge on a nit-picking supervisor by shooting a gun (in fact, a starting pistol) at him at close range.

Aching to get back to grass roots, and armed with a new qualification, he returned to the Isle of Portland and took a job at Whitehead's Torpedo Works and soon learned how unionism and management often clashed. It was the birth of his deep-seated convictions about socialism and social conscience.

Deciding that life had more to offer than being on permanent nights at Whitehead's, he moved on to HMUDE (Her Majesty's Underwater Development Establishment, later to become the Underwater Weapons Establishment) where he had the great good fortune to meet up with his mentor and lifetime friend Tom Stokes. It was at UDE that the so-called Portland Spies, Ethel Gee and Harry Houghton, infamously did their work, traitorously passing on their intelligence to Russia via Gordon Lonsdale.

Through Tom and Laura Stokes, Norman engaged himself in the Portland Labour Party, and he also took roles as a shop steward with the General and Municipal Workers' Union, a member of the Weymouth and Portland Trades Council and chairman of the Labour Party League of Youth and recalls amusingly attendances at Labour Party Annual Conferences. He himself had the microphone switched off by an irate chairman when he overran his speaking time!

### Meeting Jennifer

Norman's leisure time was filled with many happy hours dancing and playing euphonium (virtually self-taught) with Portland Band, of which he became secretary. His involvement with the International Friendship League brought his first contact with a demure-looking young woman called Jennifer Ann Tucker. It didn't go well . . .

"Would you like to buy a ticket for the dance on Saturday?"

"No thank you."

"Oh, go on," Norman insisted. "I'll be there."

Lead balloon time!

In fact, Jennifer did turn up at the dance, and Norman processed another jocular faux pas.

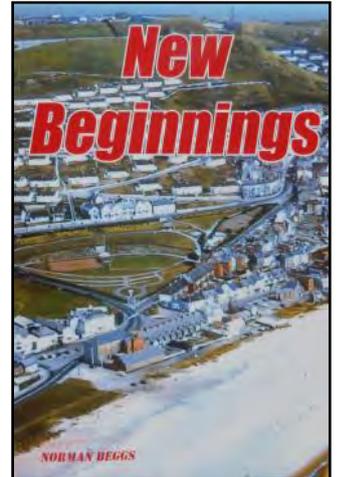
"Look, I don't know what I've done to upset you but, whatever it is, I'm sorry. I'm not really a bad sort of chap, just ask my wife." Fortunately the silly joke broke the ice, and Jennifer smiled at him for the first time. Before that Jennifer had told friends that Norman was "arrogant, self-opinionated, pushy, oh, and big-headed".

They became engaged inadvertently. Norman and Jennifer attended a reception in Portland in honour of the officers and senior ratings of the American nuclear submarine USS Nautilus where Jennifer was introduced, wrongly, as Norman's fiancé. Jennifer denied "the charge" at which Norman received a hard prod in the back and the question, "When are you going to ask this charming girl to marry you?" Norman took the hint, and, with much clapping and whooping from the assembled company, dropped on one knee and proposed. They married on January 2nd 1960.

Norman served 14 years on Portland Urban District Council and, with Jennifer always at his side, did duty as UDC Chairman. He served for six years as a Justice of the Peace and his charity work brought him into contact with the underprivileged, social misfits and the deprived. Then Beggs' social conscience was stirred deeply, and this signposted another new beginning: in 1970 he was appointed Inspector with the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. The next 23 years of service with the NSPCC, during which time he took holy orders, will form the fourth part of Norman's fascinating autobiography, and will doubtless be related, as here, in inimitable and heart-warming style.

**\*\*Please contact the Rev. Norman Beggs for a copy of *New Beginnings* at Wallingford House, Dewlish, Dorchester DT2 7LX (Tel: 01258 837320).** All profits go to the Alzheimer's Society.

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# Ladybirds survey: playgroup is at heart of the village

IN a recent survey carried out by Milborne Ladybirds, 90% of locals thought the playgroup was an important asset to the village with a similar number believing that Ladybirds is integrated into the community. The survey, conducted in June and July, canvassed the views of its current parents and carers, past users and the wider community and also asked questions about the employment it offers and how well it communicates.

It was clear from the responses that the vast majority of people believe that Ladybirds is an important asset, with over 80% in strong agreement. Those surveyed also felt that as an employer, Ladybirds offers good job opportunities – this borne out by three of the current staff living in the village. Our present users felt that we were great at communicating with them but we’re not as good as we could be with the wider community. This will be a focus for the committee and we will look to improve this, for example through social media. We hope this report goes some way to improve that too.

In the survey, Ladybirds’ current parents and carers unanimously agreed that their children enjoyed coming to the playgroup and that their children felt safe. Everyone was satisfied with the educational progress of the children, reporting it to be good as expected, and that children were ‘school ready’ when they left Ladybirds.

We are aware, and the survey has shown to be a need, that parents would value flexibility in being able to choose a combination of morning, afternoon and full day sessions. At present, we’re limited to extending only into the Monday and Tuesday afternoons. It is encouraging to know there is the demand for this as we plan to have our own, purpose-built premises in the future and would then be able to offer a more comprehensive service.

It was also clear that many of you would be interested in information and workshop sessions to help and support you as a parent, and also the opportunity to experience new pursuits with

your child – such as craft and music activities; fun events during the school holidays and trips to local attractions and so on. This is very useful feedback and we are keen to develop this further.

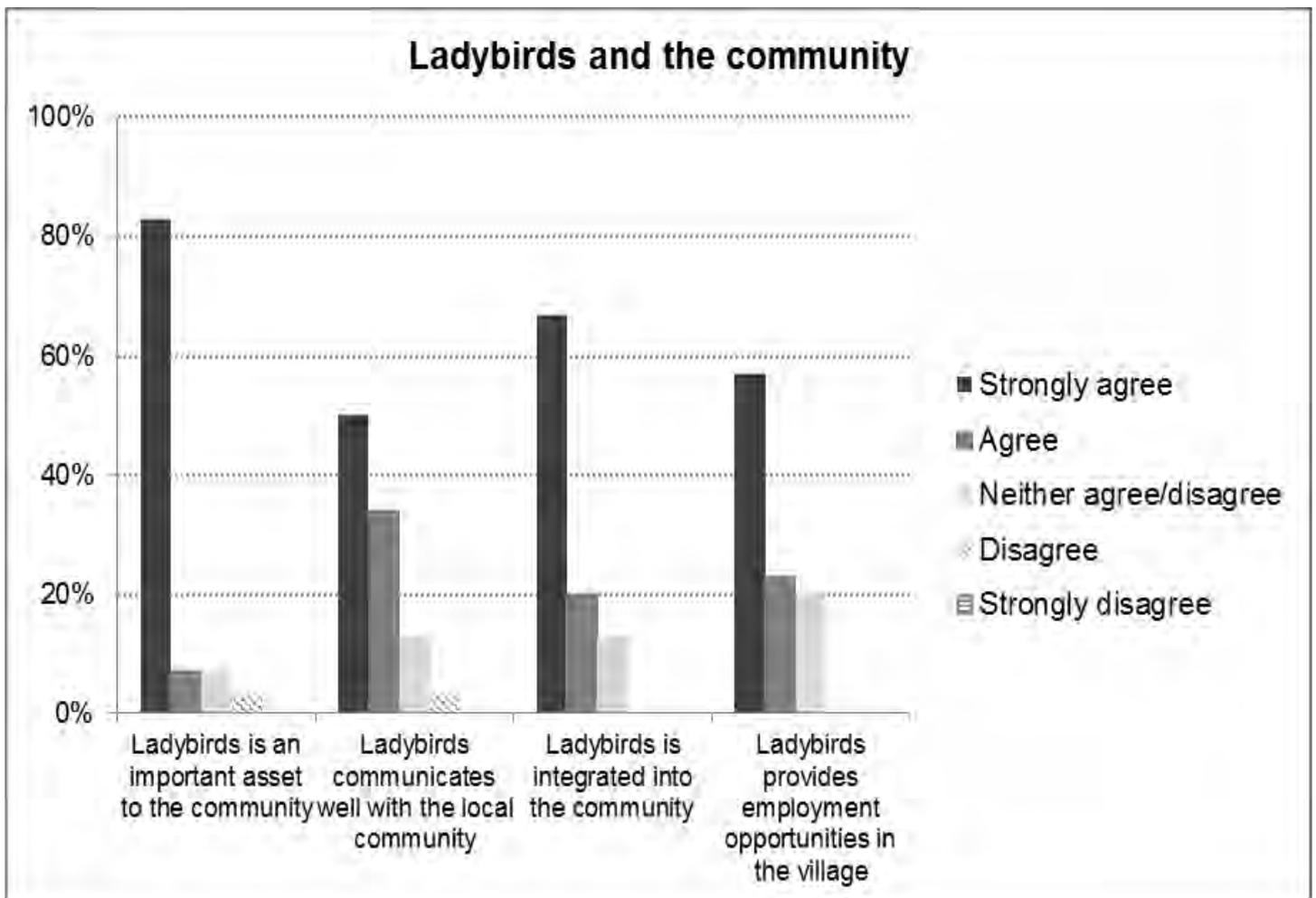
Many of you (71%) said that a community-run nursery/pre-school such as Ladybirds was your preferred type of childcare setting; alongside more ‘alternative’ approaches such as forest school and Montessori/Steiner. Play-based learning is exactly what Ladybirds can offer and we will work to ensure that this continues and is developed; we’re particularly inspired by the ideas around increased outdoor education and forest schools and the huge benefits this can bring for children.

It is very promising that over 58% of you would be interested in coming in to volunteer at Ladybirds or share a skill with the children, such as cooking, music, gardening or other interest. This is a valuable way to share different interests with the children so please do get in touch with us if you would like to do this. We will be making a request for volunteers during the autumn term.

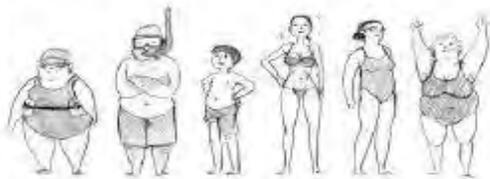
It’s clear parents and carers value the service that we offer and how it benefits their children. Here is a selection of comments from the survey: *“I think you all do a fantastic job looking after our children and getting them ready for school”*; *“My grandchildren attended Ladybirds and it gave them the perfect start to independence from mum”*; *“... my daughter loved it, they supported her brilliantly”*; *“I am conscious of the invaluable nature of Ladybirds in this village – long may it continue”*.

The Ladybirds committee would like to say a huge thank you to all of you who took time to complete the on-line questionnaires. We have been very pleased by the huge response and have found the answers and comments incredibly helpful. The results of the survey will help us to keep improving and developing as a pre-school for the benefit of current and future users.

*Ladybirds Management Committee*



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## In your Garden

Seasonal notes and tips from Maureen Lock of *designerGardens*

### Late summer colours

I always wish the days were the longest in August and not June as it is often too cold to sit outside in the evenings earlier in the year. But in August the warmth of the day seems to collect in the stone walls and paving and we get the lovely fragrance of late flowering perennials in the air as well as the yummy smell of the barbeque.

By this time of the year the big, tall perennials are starting to make an appearance. *Rudbeckia 'Herbstonne'* has yellow daisy like flowers on tall stems and starts to grow rapidly in early August.



*Sanguisorba 'Red Thunder'* grows about two metres tall and likes to grow through other plants – the flower is dark red and tightly packed with flower stems branching in every direction. It will flower until the end of September. It looks good when grown with *Panicum virgatum 'Squaw'* (a colourful grass) as



the leaves turn the same deep red colour as the *Sanguisorba* flowers. If you like hollyhocks but can't stand the rust that develops on the leaves, there is an alternative you can try. It is called: *x Alcathea suffrutescens 'Parkallee'*. It takes on a shrubby appearance and has creamy apricot flowers

which continue through to autumn. Well worth a search if you like the sound of it.

Purple *Verbena bonariensis* planted in drifts through the border will give late summer colour and attract butterflies and hoverflies. It waves around in the breeze and looks quite spectacular when planted with red Dahlias.



You also have the many varieties of *Sedum* which are at their best in

late summer as well as heleniums (similar to *Rudbeckia* but more orangey), *echinacea* and *asters*.

If you wish to see colour pictures of some of the plants mentioned here you will need to visit the Reporter website ([www.milbornestandrew.org.uk/Reporter](http://www.milbornestandrew.org.uk/Reporter)) to see them in all their glory, or you can look them up in Google Images for a better idea of their colours and habit.



Even if you are not ready to plant anything in the garden at the moment, a trip to a garden centre will give you lots of ideas of what is 'looking good' at the moment. Make a note and try some next year.

If your garden is a little on the small side, make sure that you choose plants carefully and put in some foliage plants to give you something to look at in the winter. Deciduous shrubs can be underplanted with bulbs which will have died down by the time the leaves appear. If you can hide your boundaries with planting, it will make your garden appear



larger. Another trick is to keep your fences below the usual six feet so that you can 'borrow' views from your neighbours' gardens – if they are nice gardens that is!!

#### A few jobs to do this month

Keep deadheading to encourage more flowers. *Knautia macedonia* and *penstemons* will just keep on flowering.

You can take softwood cuttings from *fuchsias* and *penstemon* – especially if a friend has one that you like.



**Pictures clockwise from top right:** *Aster*; *Sedum Autumn*; *Knautia macedonica*; *Verbena bonariensis*; *Sanguisorba Red Thunder*; *Rudbeckia Herbstonne*



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# This Month In History: August

## Births

**August 3rd, 1963:** James Hetfield was born in Downsey, California. The singer and songwriter is known for being the co-founder, lead vocalist, rhythm guitarist and main songwriter for the American heavy metal band Metallica. Metallica have been recognised as one of the greatest metal bands of all time; credited with the revival of metal in the 80's.

**August 13th, 1888:** John Baird, Scottish electrical engineer and pioneer of the television, was born in Helensburgh. In 1929 his mechanically scanned 30-line apparatus was used by the BBC for its first television programmes. Inventor of the first publicly demonstrated colour television system, he successfully broadcast across the Atlantic in 1928.

**August 15th, 1888:** T.E. Lawrence, a Welsh soldier and writer better known as Lawrence of Arabia, was born in Tremadog, Wales. He is most famous for his handling of the Arab Revolt against the Ottoman Empire and was dubbed 'Lawrence of Arabia' in 1962. He recorded his exploits against the Turks in *The Seven Pillars of Wisdom*.

**August 25th, 1724:** George Stubbs, a self-taught animal painter reckoned by many to be the greatest of all horse painters, was born in Liverpool. The son of a leather merchant, his career was secured as a painter after his sketches were examined by aristocrats who soon commissioned him. The record price for a Stubbs painting was set by the auction of *Gimcrack on Newmarket Heath, with a Trainer, a Stable-Lad, and a Jockey* at Christie's in London in July 2011. It sold for £22.4 million; not bad for a self-taught artist!

## Deaths

**August 2nd, 1922:** Alexander Graham Bell, a scientist, inventor, engineer and innovator who is credited with patenting the first practical telephone, died of complications with his diabetes at his private estate in Beinn Bhreagh, Canada aged 75. Ironically, Bell considered his most famous invention an intrusion on his real work as a scientist and refused to have a telephone in his study.

**August 23rd, 1305:** William Wallace, was a Scottish knight who became one of the main leaders during the Wars of Scottish Independence. Wallace defeated an English army at the Battle of Stirling Bridge in September 1297 and served as Guardian of Scotland until his defeat at the Battle of Falkirk in July 1298. In August 1305, Wallace was captured in Robroyston, handed over to Edward I, and hanged, drawn, and quartered for high treason and crimes against English civilians.

**August 31st, 1997:** Diana Spencer, better known as Diana Princess of Wales, was fatally injured in a car crash in the Pont de l'Alma road tunnel in Paris, which also caused the deaths of Dodi Fayed and the driver, Henri Paul, security manager of the Hôtel Ritz. The initial French judicial investigation concluded the accident was caused by Paul's drunken loss of control. In February 1998, Mohamed Al-Fayed, owner of the Ritz, claimed the crash had been planned, accusing MI6 and the Duke of Edinburgh. The day following the final verdict of another inquest spanning 2004-08, Al-Fayed announced he would end his 10-year campaign to establish that it was murder rather than an accident, stating that he did so for the sake of the Princess' children.

## Events

**August 5th, 1914:** The first ever electric traffic light was installed in the USA on the corner of East 105th Street and Euclid Avenue in Cleveland, Ohio. It was developed in 1912 by Lester Wire, a policeman in Salt Lake City, Utah. His idea was an electric powered copy of a French traffic light, which was installed in Paris in 1912.

**August 12th, 1981:** IBM introduces its first personal computer (PC & PC-DOS Version 1.0). The generic term "personal computer" was in use before 1981, applied as early as 1972 to the Xerox PARC's Alto, but because of the success of the IBM Personal Computer, the term "PC" came to mean more specifically a desktop microcomputer compatible with IBM's PC products. Within a short time it was responsible for standardizing a platform for personal computers and "IBM compatible" became an important criterion for sales growth; only the Apple Macintosh family kept significant market share without compatibility with the IBM personal computer. This first model was discontinued April 2nd 1987.

**August 30th, 1139:** European leaders outlaw crossbows, intending to end war for all time. Canon 29 of the Second Lateran Council under Pope Innocent II in 1139 banned the use of crossbows, as well as slings and bows, against Christians. The authenticity, interpretation and translation of this source however is contested. Of course this canon did not have much impact, as crossbows were used in warfare up to around the 1500s. Today, the crossbow often has a complicated legal status due to the possibility of lethal use and its similarities to both firearms and archery weapons. While some jurisdictions regard crossbows the same as firearms, many others do not require any sort of licence to own a crossbow.

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No prize, just a bit of fun. Answer in the October Reporter.

Last month's answer can be found on page 21.

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## The future of mobile libraries has been decided

DORSET County Council's Cabinet has voted to maintain one home mobile library service van and withdraw three mobile library service vans.

This decision follows a consultation with library users and local town and parish councils to look at alternative ways to access the library service.

People who are unable to access a library due to a disability or frailty will continue to have access to books, and other reading material delivered to their homes through a partnership with the Royal Voluntary Service (RVS).

The council are also encouraging community transport to help people have access to libraries. We will continue to take the home mobile library service van to residential homes.

Cllr Deborah Croney, Dorset County Council cabinet member for learning and skills, said: "These changes will help us focus provision of the mobile library service on people of all ages who cannot get to a library building.

"The consultation has given us a clear understanding of the issues and we will use this information with the local knowledge gained from the mobile library officers to work with local communities."

The consultation identified that social isolation is a concern for some people and the council's Partnership for Older People Programme (POPP) community development team has started working with communities to address the social aspect that the mobile library currently serves.

Dorset's library service has joined the LibrariesWest consortium which means customers will be able to access libraries, 'coast to coast' from the Bristol Channel to the south coast. In some parts of Dorset the nearest library is in Somerset, and being part of the consortium means they can still access library services.



## Ride and Stride 2016

ONCE again Milborne St. Andrew will be organising riders, walkers and sponsors who will donate their time and money to raise funds for Dorset Historic Churches Trust. Last year a team from St. Andrew's church joined with others to walk from Puddletown to Tolpuddle and back again. The team raised a total of £447 of which £223 was returned to our church.

Dorset Historic Churches Trust has given grants in the past to St. Andrews to help with building projects and this year have awarded us a considerable grant towards the repair of our church roof. By taking part in the Ride and Stride we can continue to raise money for this worthy charity.

All are welcome to take part in this annual event, you don't have to be a member of the church to come along or to sponsor our team. The next event will be on the 10th September so come along and join us, it's an enjoyable event.

For more information please contact the Ride and Stride Organiser on 01258 837203 or email [pamshults@btintenet.com](mailto:pamshults@btintenet.com)

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