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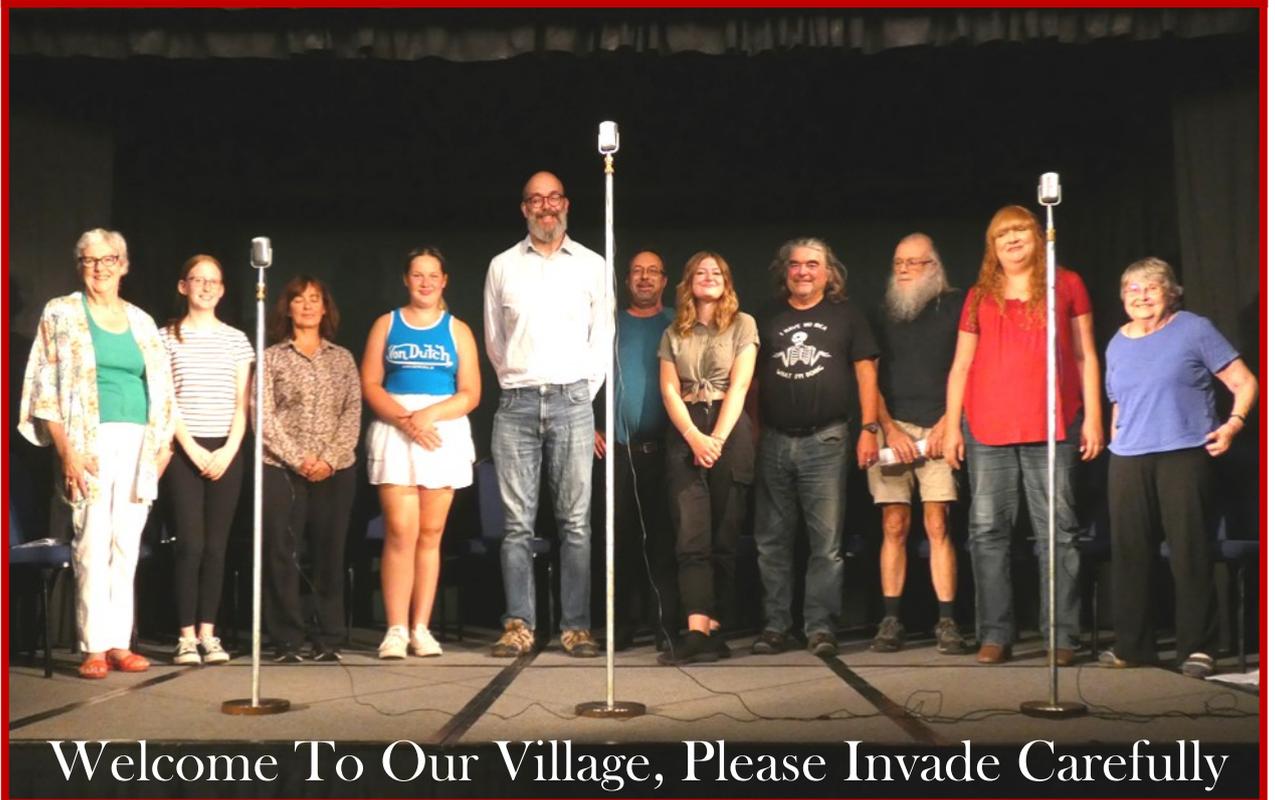
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Milborne St. Andrew Village History Group

September 13th September 2023

The Renovation of St. Peter and St. Paul church, Blandford



EVERYONE is welcome to come to hear Sara talk about the recent renovations and repairs of the church, including the cupola, during which a lot of hidden historical information was found.

The meeting will start at 7.30pm in the Function Room at the Milborne Royal Oak.

No membership is required but we will invite a contribution of £1.00 towards our expenses. For further information contact me on 0791 3266 230, 01258 837203 or pamshults@btinternet.com,

We looked forward to an interesting evening. *Pam Shults*



Reporter Team on Holiday

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

Deadline for ads and copy -
14th September.

Take your holiday snaps and show the village what you have been up to.

Outdoor Table Tennis at the Village Hall

THE Village Hall trustees are pleased to announce the arrival of a high-quality concrete outdoor table tennis table for community use, now in position on the field close to the entrance, just in time for the school holidays.

Finance to pay for the table has been provided from the S106 Huntley Down developer fund, allocated by Dorset Council. Our own Parish Council has funded the purchase of bats and balls for community use, all available 24/7 and free of charge.

Our Village Hall stores community equipment for tennis, basketball, pétanque and now, table tennis. It is all available for villagers to borrow, at no cost, by contacting Rich Hawker at Corner Cottage (adjacent to the Hall) on 07393 309037.



Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club

AT the end of June, we had a successful visit to Bennetts Water Garden. The sun shone and we saw the water lilies at their best.

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Did you know that August 7th – August 13th is National Allotments Week?

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We have an allotment behind the surgery which is open to all patients who feel they would benefit from some time outside with nature. You can do as much or as little as you like, even if you would just like to come along for a chat and company you would be most welcome. Please just let Reception know and they will pass on your details to our Wellbeing Team. Alternatively, please send an email to mawellbeingteam@dorsetgp.nhs.uk

Although our surgery allotment group meets on Thursdays 9.30am till 11.00am, the allotment is there all week so if you would like to come along but cannot make that day or time, please just let us know.

GP Exercise Referral Scheme

The Exercise Referral Scheme is aimed at inactive adults 16 years and over with a long-term health condition such as asthma, arthritis, high blood pressure, diabetes, obesity, depression, anxiety, osteoporosis, and plenty of other conditions, including rehabilitation from Covid-19.

The scheme is designed to help individuals self-manage their condition more effectively and with more confidence. For more details, please contact the surgery and ask to speak with Kelly (our Social Prescriber) or send an email to miltonabbassurgery@nhs.net for her attention.

If you would like to be more active but are looking at lower cost options, there are certainly plenty of activities and groups locally. In particular, the surgery Wellbeing Team run a weekly walking group and beginners' line dancing group. For more information, please see our surgery website or speak with Kelly.

Energy Saving and Cost of Living

Summer can be a good time to think about preparing for winter. Dorset residents may be able to benefit from energy saving and insulation grants with the help of Healthy Homes Dorset. For more information and to receive free energy saving advice please go to www.healthyhomesdorset.org.uk or phone Freephone 0300 003 7023.

Money worries take up lots of head space. Talking to someone can help point you in the right direction and provide the strength to tackle problems. Dorset Council are working with Dorset Citizens Advice to offer advice and support on money and benefits, access to food, housing, energy costs, managing debt etc. For more information, please go to www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/cost-of-living-help.

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As with any pilot scheme, there are always things that can be improved so please feel free to give them feedback, and we would also suggest that you read their Privacy Policy with regards to the information they will collect and how they process any data.

Future Flu and Covid Clinics

We will be doing our annual flu vaccination clinic for eligible patients on Saturday 7th October 2023 at the Winterborne Whitechurch Village Hall. Please save this date; further details will follow. Patients who are eligible for the flu vaccination will include:

- those aged 65 years and over
- those aged 6 months to under 65 years in clinical risk groups
- pregnant women
- all children aged 2 or 3 years on 31 August 2023
- carers in receipt of carer's allowance, or those who are the main carer of an elderly or disabled person

Please note, this year patients who are aged between 50 years and 65 years who are not in a clinical risk group, will no longer be eligible for the flu vaccination.

At the moment, we have no information on the next Covid booster. We will keep you updated as soon as we do.

To keep up to date with surgery information, we would encourage you to follow our surgery page on Facebook. If you do not feel confident going online and would like support with using our surgery website or Facebook page, or ordering medication via SystemOnline or the NHS App, we are looking at running a Digital Skills Workshop later this year.

Surgery Closures

Just a reminder that the surgery will be closed on Monday 28th August 2023 for the Summer Bank Holiday.

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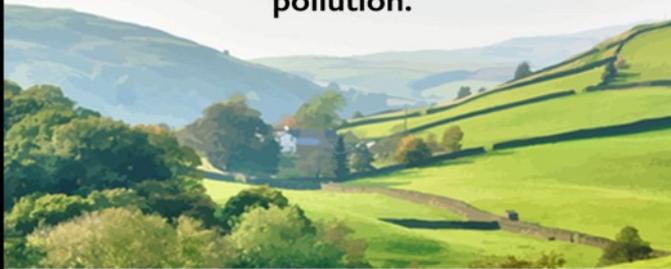
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Cambodian Adventures *at the July 2023 WI*

THIS month's meeting was an open event, and, as such, we were delighted to welcome a good turnout of local residents eager to hear Amy Stevens and Sandy Sach talk about their recent adventures in Cambodia. Keen to find some way to support their favourite charities, good friends Amy and Sandy came up with the idea of setting up a Community Café in our Village Hall in April 2022. The success of this venture allowed them to fund their inclusion in a charity-based Adventures Trekking Group. In fact the café is now a favourite monthly venue for villagers, with proceeds going to the Village Hall.



sacred mountain in Cambodia and visited by Buddhists and Hindus, proved particularly challenging. Sadly, alongside the river walks and waterfalls, and colourful street markets, three decades of war had left its own legacy, with an eco-system destroyed and a countryside littered with landmines. It is the focus of the Cambodian Government to clear the landmines, with help from charities.



A visit to the Angkor Wat Buddhist temple was breathtaking. This is the largest religious monument in the world and a UNESCO Heritage site. Inscriptions say it was built by 300,000 workers and 6,000 elephants from millions of sandstone slabs floated down from Phnom Kulen.

Amy and Sandy had covered 100 kilometres over five days; they stressed that their feet and shoes reflected this! They had learnt a lot and had magical moments which they would long remember, and had an opportunity to contribute to their charities. For all of us listening and watching it was a shared experience, a tale well told to an appreciative audience. Well done, Amy and Sandy! (*Another photo of one of the waterfalls on page 28.*)



Their group proved to be fairly eclectic, with a wide age range and each with their own personal reasons for wishing to raise funds for a favourite charity. Commencing in Siem Reap, the second largest city in Cambodia, a routine was quickly set up, with early 7.00am starts and long and sociable evening suppers to compensate. The city is awe-inspiring, with temples, colourful cafés and food markets.

Walking was arduous, often through difficult terrain and unaccustomed heat, very hard on the feet – blisters were mentioned more than once! Climbing Kulen mountain, the most



Everyone enjoyed cake and refreshments, followed by a short business meeting for our WI members. We had raised enough during the evening to contribute £40 each to Amy and Sandy's charities. Jenny gathered names for the WI Quiz, meeting on Monday 14th August, at Josie Wright's house. Our summer outing will be to the Willows tearoom on 10th August. Bookends had met to discuss 'Such a Fun Age' by Kiley Reid, set in Philadelphia and about race and privilege, it met with mixed reviews. Our next read is 'Wide Sargasso Sea' by Jean Rhys.

After the summer break we will meet again on Thursday 14th September, to 'Explore quiet lanes and villages in West Dorset' with Jackie Winter.

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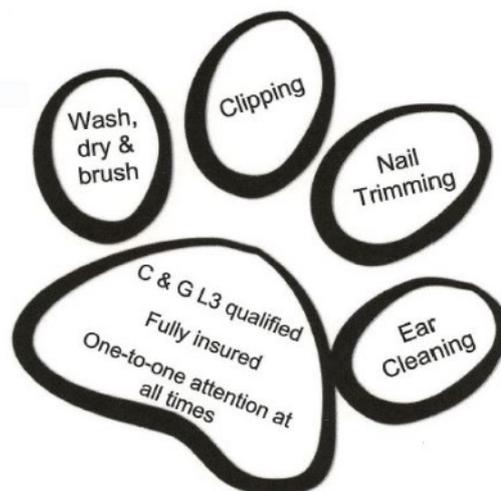
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Bookends' Good Reads: "The Man on the Street" by Trevor Wood and "Such a Fun Age" by Kiley Reid.

SINCE I last wrote the group have read, assimilated and discussed the above two novels both by new writers. The first was a surprising general hit. The protagonist, a homeless ex-serviceman who suffered from PTSD following harrowing experiences in The Falklands, is a fresh and muscular narrator. The setting is Newcastle where life on the streets is particularly hard and brutal. We, as readers, were spared neither the rough language nor the brutality. All of which were encompassed and accepted by the members (except one). Despite his outbursts of anger and refusal to be helped, Jimmy came across as a well-intentioned, caring person. He tried to stay uninvolved as a lone witness to what was a likely murder but became embroiled when approached by a missing man and possible victim's daughter. Estranged from his wife and own daughter Jimmy was drawn into her drama. It was a fast paced story with a lot of, obviously, well known and researched background detail. Living in an unreal nightmare state due to his past he was still able to empathise with others and made good friends with two other homeless street sleepers. No punches were drawn and the group agreed that it was painful to read of Jimmy's attempts to overcome his stereotypical character. A man able to withstand and inflict physical pain brought to life in a compelling and authentic way with strong images and authentic dialogue. There is a well written dog character and chinks of humour and lightness between the three comrades. Everyone agreed that the tale struck many chords, injustice, friendship, loyalty and trust. This was an original voice from an unseen, "invisible" character, a fighter both in and out of the armed forces.

Kiley Reid's book is a totally different experience transporting the reader to Philadelphia and New York and instantly plunging us into an appalling incident of racism in a late night supermarket. What starts as a total shock to the system continues at pace to both alarm, distress and even embarrass. It is a beautifully written, seamless story with a powerful message. And how calmly, intelligently damning it is. Its main characters are Emira, a young, black babysitter for the white Chamberlain family and in particular Alix, a wealthy "influencer". She and her friends are portrayed as wannabees with spurious decency and complete lack of self-awareness. Solidly and smartly told with occasional flashes of brilliance. However not all members liked it and two couldn't finish it. The author is black, described as "an exhilarating new voice" and creates through apparently lightweight language; master strokes at the predominate "wokeness" of the white "saviours". She presents us with a cast of compelling characters in accessible prose full of slang. A smart, solid critique of 'whiteness' opening a Pandora's box in an engaging contemporary and humorous way using authentic dialogue whether it's African American or lisping toddlerese. The majority of members found some of this 'slang' overdone and certainly not character enhancing, rather the opposite! Their favourite character by far was three year old Briar. As was discussed there were so many strands within the story that could have been unravelled and examined; female friendships, transactional relationships (as between Emira and her white employer, Alix Chamberlain) class, the nature and role of employment, millennial anxieties hinting at the history of prejudice, assumptions and expectations, implicit racial discrimination laced with liberal racial politics, all of which is

increasingly relevant in our current closely examined lives. It was penetrating social commentary within an inescapable digital life. The overall agreement was that the everyday domestic biases as related in the book were all some that we don't even know we have.

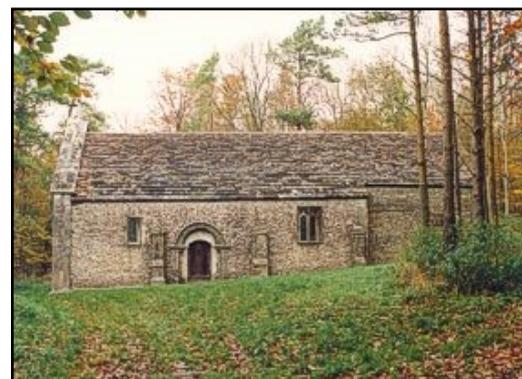
Next time I will be discussing "Wide Sargasso Sea" by Jean Rhys.

Carole Fornachon

Milton Abbas History Walk – Smith's, Steeptonbill

SO, today (12th July), Linsey and I and two others, a lady from Wimborne and a gentleman from Bournemouth, went on a guided historical walking tour of Milton Abbas. This was the first of two "experimental" tours organised by Smith's and Simon and David from the Milton Abbas Local History Group.

The tour started at Smith's at Steeptonbill where we were warmly welcomed by Mel. We soon



met up with Simon and David who were to be our guides. Both were very knowledgeable and affable.

Following the path from Steeptonbill to St. Catherine's Chapel we made our first stop to take in the view of the school and Abbey. We learned about the track between the Abbey and the chapel and the gathering of Saxon troops here for their march against the Vikings in Wiltshire. We made our way towards King Edward's Drive at the head of which apparently is the Old Gatehouse where some famous people have sequestered themselves over the ages away from prying eyes, and from there down hill towards the school and Abbey where we were able to take in the views of the grand house. At this point Simon explained about the former town of Middleton and its demise at the hands of Joseph Damer, Lord Milton.

As we navigated the outskirts of the school and abbey grounds we marvelled at the breath-taking undertaking of moving an entire village, of landscaping and flooding such a vast area and all with manual labour. We took the "Monk's" path back toward "The Street" where we were able to see the imprints of houses long lost and the remains of a track that would have joined the two sides of the village.

Once on The Street various buildings and features were pointed out but possibly the highlight for me was meeting Bryan and Pamela Phillips and being shown an original Overseers of the Poor accounts book. Truly fascinating.

We finished up with a fairly steep climb up to St. Catherine's Well and a gentle walk back down to Steeptonbill. Two hours and a little over two miles from when we started. And to put the finishing touch to a marvellous walk and talk we ended our tour with a fabulous two course meal.

If you see one of these advertised on one of the local Facebook pages I thoroughly recommend it. Great company, great scenery, gentle exercise and a fabulous meal. What more could you ask for?

Steve and Linsey O'Neill

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Sabbath rest

So many people are so busy these days. For those of us who work full-time it can be hard fitting the rest of life in around those commitments. As I age, the idea of retirement becomes more attractive to me each year, but it seems that giving up work doesn't make us any less busy – certainly if the retired folk of Milborne St. Andrew whom I know are anything to go by!

I was fortunate recently to spend a few days in silent retreat. It gave me a chance to stop and reflect on my life, to pray and to spend time with God. It also gave me space to look honestly at my life and the balance of work and rest, as well as thinking about what I do with my downtime.

Of course, putting into practice one's good intentions is a different thing entirely from thinking about changes. But since I've been home, I have managed to use my rest time more creatively than before. I've found more time to engage in my love of crafting and have even played the piano a couple of times – something I haven't done for a good number of years.

Sabbath rest has always been part of Christian tradition; in fact it's roots are in the Jewish faith from which Christianity inherited much. Its importance is highlighted by being part of the first story in our Bible: "By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done." (Genesis 2.2) There are a variety of interpretations of this story, but all of them agree that rest is an important feature of a life of work.

As vital as rest is so is what we do with our rest-time. Sometimes we do just need to stop and sleep, but often our time off disappears before we know it: scrolling through pages on the Internet, sitting in front of mindless television etc. These things don't always refresh us in the same way that getting outside or playing sport or engaging in crafting or cooking do. Rather than reinvigorating us these activities can make us feel even less energetic.

August often has a slower pace as many people take holidays; it might be a good month to think about what Sabbath rest is for us and how we can use it so that we get the most out of it we can. If we are able to create some good habits in a slightly quieter month, the hope is that in September when everything gets going up again, we might be able to retain a bit more creative rest than before.

Best wishes

Sarah

From St. Andrew's church

AS many of you will be aware that I was away for a long time. I was lucky enough to go on a Round the World in 80 Days cruise. Of course, it was fabulous and we saw so many different things. In many of the Eastern countries we visited, we were taken to visit Buddhist, Confucianism and Shinto temples. As a practicing Christian, I felt rather uncomfortable about the rituals undertaken in these temples. However, the more I saw and understood, a lot of the traditions are not that dissimilar to our services. One guide told us that she supports Shintoism as Buddhists 'only care for the dead'.

The main beliefs of Shinto are the importance of purity, harmony, respect for nature, family respect, and subordination of the individual before the group. Buddhists believe that the human life is one of suffering, and that meditation, spiritual and physical labour, and good behaviour are the ways to achieve enlightenment, or nirvana.

For trips of more than two weeks, the ship company engage a minister. Colin was a

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

August 2023

6th August – Transfiguration of our Lord

9.30am	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30	Celebrate	Milborne
11.00	Parish Communion	Puddletown
11.00	1662 Matins	Dewlish

(traditional language)

13th August – Trinity 10

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

MONDAY 14th August

2.00pm	Marriage of Martin McLaren and Emma Matthews	Milborne
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SATURDAY 19th August

2.00pm	Marriage of Christopher Rice and Susan Burrows	Dewlish
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20th August – Trinity 11

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

SATURDAY 26th August

1.00pm	Marriage of Stuart Fox and Jessica Norman	Puddletown
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27th August – Trinity 12

9.30am	Parish Communion	Milborne
10.00	Go Fourth	Tolpuddle
11.00	BCP Matins	Puddletown

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11.00	Parish Communion	Dewlish
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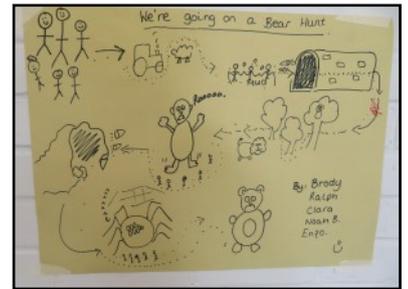
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Ahoy Me Hearties . . . we're going on an adventure at Ladybirds



BY the time this goes to print Ladybirds will be closed for the summer holidays. What a busy year it has been! The 'big' children will be off to school in September, and we will miss them as some have been

version of the story which was transcribed as a story map by an adult. We continued with different textures – shaving foam was one of the favourites and left an area looking like a snowstorm.



in every day for the last two years. Although they seem very big to us, when visiting school for transition sessions they all seemed very small. Transition started with Reception teacher visiting Ladybirds to play and talk to the children in their familiar setting. The progression was then children at school with parents, next just with Ladybirds staff and finally on their own. All were confident and happy in their new surroundings. Although the exploring walk around the school grounds seemed very wild with grass as tall as the children!

Back at Ladybirds we read the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' talking about not being scared and acted out going through all the types of terrain. Some of the older children retold their



Investigation continued with how to free spiders frozen in ice and how to blow watery paint to make pictures. The best science experiment involved eggs, various liquids, and toothpaste. White eggs were left for a few days in tea, vinegar, cola and water with one of the eggs covered in toothpaste before soaking in tea. The idea was to teach children what happens to the white egg and to show that toothpaste protects teeth. Luckily, it worked. But best of all was the rubbery egg that had soaked in vinegar.

With only a week to go we had a fun session pretending to be pirates on a pirate ship with a treasure chest and dancing to sea shanties. Last day of term will be party day with more fun and a children's entertainer to give staff a well-deserved rest.

Good luck to all our school starters and have a great holiday everyone.

Liz Dyer

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priest who was involved with the Seaman's Mission so is a good sailor; he is also a wonderful vicar. Every sea day he held a Christian service and on Sundays an ecumenical service. As most of the travellers are of the older generation, the services were very well attended.

Now back in Milborne I have got back into the routine of our church and services. Currently we are looking at ways in which to provide family orientated services so if anyone has any ideas please get in touch.

On Saturday 1st July some of us went to Salisbury Cathedral to support Maggie and to be involved in the service of Ordination. It was very moving. The following day Maggie led her first Communion service in St Andrew's. *Pam Shults, Churchwarden*

Dewlish Church Notes

IT WAS a joy to be in the congregation at Milborne for Maggie's first communion service as a newly-ordained Vicar. A large congregation of people from across the benefice was there, with quite a few staying for the bring-and-share lunch afterwards. I would also like to add how good the choir was. Thank you! Maggie will be with us for another two years before she moves on to her own parishes.

We were blessed with two dry afternoons when Christine and Ross, from Yards Cottage, opened their garden to the public as part of the National Gardens Scheme. Needless to say, the garden looked absolutely beautiful. Members of Dewlish Church provided teas, and I am delighted to report that we made about £500 for church funds.

Many thanks to all helpers, to those who made such delicious cakes (we had lots of compliments!), and to those who gave jams, paper plates, etc. Thank you, also, to Christine and Ross for all their support and help. Another very successful couple of afternoons!
Daphne Burg

The Reverend Maggie Crosbie

THE first weekend in July was one of great celebrations within the Benefice.

On Saturday the 1st, Maggie, our Curate, was Ordained a Priest in Salisbury Cathedral; she was supported by Sarah and others from the Benefice.

The following day, Maggie Presided at the Eucharist for the first time. The Service took place in Milborne Church and was attended by many friends and supporters from across the Benefice and beyond. A choir had been formed for the occasion, and under the direction of Richard Hall, the strains of Tallis' "If ye love me" filled the Church during Communion, and a specially composed setting of the Aaronic Blessing (The Lord Bless You and Keep You) was sung at the end. Richard played music before and after the Service, allowing Tony to assist Pam in churchwardenly duties! Tony played for the hymns and led the Intercessions. Rose Johnson read from Romans, Sarah preached, and Pam assisted with the Chalice. During her address, Sarah read the duties of a Priest from the Ordination Service – enough to put anyone off being Ordained!

After the Service, we enjoyed a "Bring and Share" Lunch, a marvellous spread being provided. Elizabeth Walker made a beautifully decorated celebratory cake, including cats, referencing Maggie's "Stanley".

We pray for Maggie's ministry in the Benefice and assure her of our love and prayers as she embarks upon the next stage of her Christian pilgrimage among us. *Tony Fox*

Maggie writes:

"I just wanted to say a massive 'thank you' to everyone who has supported me over my Priesting weekend. It was a wonderful Service in the Cathedral, and so lovely to see so many of you there cheering me on.

It was such a privilege to preside at Holy Communion on Sunday and, again, to see so many of you there to support me.

Thank you for all the lovely cards and messages I have received. I feel very loved by you all. *Maggie*



Services in the Benefice of Puddletown, Tolpuddle, Milborne with Dewlish September 2023

3rd September – Trinity 13

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

10th September

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

SATURDAY 16th September

3.00pm	Marriage of Jack Hoyland and Tatiana Pole-Carew	Puddletown
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17th September

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

24th September

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

SATURDAY 30th September

2.00pm	Marriage of Ben Cox and Sophie Zealand	Puddletown
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The Milborne Players had a fantastic time staging our Summer Double Act



IT WAS our first time performing a live radio play and we hope you liked the different style of this entertainment. *Welcome to our Village, Please Invade Carefully* was the pilot of a series first aired on Radio 2 ten years ago; we do hope we did it some justice. And we trust you enjoyed the unique one-act comedy play *Acting, It's Not Plumbing*, with some of our fabulous young cast from our February pantomime taking on key roles. It's so great to have such a diversity of ages in the Milborne Players.

Please always feel free to join us whatever your background, experience or age.

You can just turn up to the Village Hall on a Monday evening at 8.00pm if you're interested in joining our motley bunch. Or, if you want to chat about the different things we do, please feel free to message or call me (Kate – 07804 600204) or Gren (07876 793319).

In September, we are auditioning for our February 2024 pantomime, so keep a look out for the relevant dates, which we will publish in September's *Reporter*.



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Wednesday Club at Dorset Falconry Park

ON THE 5th July we had one of our trips out. We gathered at the car park to sort out drivers and passengers, when we were all loaded we set off in a convoy to Lewell. We all arrived safely and found ourselves in a lovely managed country setting. Birds were in individual, large cages and there were paths to wander round looking at them, with them looking back at us and sizing us up! After this we retired to the tea rooms for coffee, cake and a chat. Then we walked to a large grassed area where the birds were going to be flown.

Martin, who was flying them, told us about their different hunting techniques and prey.

The first was a large owl that flew low across the ground to his perch between the rows of seating. Next was a falcon, diving out of the skies like a bullet and lastly a big sea eagle with the most enormous beak. It was an amazing afternoon which we all enjoyed. Many thanks to Dave Andrews for arranging this lovely outing.



Our next Wednesday club meeting is on 2nd August at 2.00pm, when we will be playing a Corn Hole Game.

The September meeting will be on 6th September.

Josie Wright





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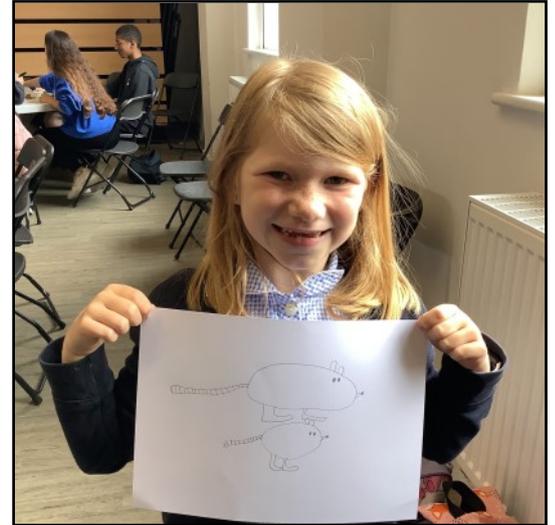
SCHOOL NEWS

ON Friday 30th June, some of our pupils took part in the DASP Illustration Event at Thomas Hardy School. The guest speaker was Martin Brown, the illustrator of Horrible Histories and Lesser Spotted Animals.

The girls had a fantastic morning! They worked in a group with another school and they were challenged to design a poster using not your typical desert animals.

It was commented on how polite, confident and imaginative the girls were. We are very proud of them all for showing our school values.

Well done girls!



Benji's Mum and her work colleague Del came in to give a talk to Robins and Raccoons class about their work as Pharmacists. They explained about the different types of medicines and what part's of the body they help with. The children labelled Del and then dressed in full PPE to do some workshops. Ella explained that it is very important to make sure the correct medication matches the prescription from the doctor, pharmacist or hospital and the correct medicine for the medical problem.

The children 'dispensed' medicine, (fruitellas) using tweezers (as everything has to be sterile), checked the medicines were correct with the prescription, guessed the cost of different medications and used syringes through hand holes to make a liquid medicine (orange juice).

A big thank you to Ella and Del.



The year 3 and 4 children had a fantastic day at the farm in Dewlish! We learned how the cows are milked, fed the calves, played a game of 'cow bingo' and then hiked all the way back to school!



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Cornwall here we come towing our tin box on wheels!

BACK to Cornwall, Mum's favourite place, it might be mine as well, looks like lots of great walks! Didn't have to wait long before we set off towards the sea, a nice walk but although we saw the sea we didn't get close enough to have a paddle, shame! On the way back we passed a lovely little farm shop, Mum was happy as they sold delicious strawberries and meringues and of course Cornish cream, Eton mess for tea (I don't understand why it's not called Cornish mess).

Next day we all got up early (even Mum) and caught the big red tin box on wheels to a village called Porthcurno. Who knew big boxes on wheels had stairs, well we do now as Dad took us upstairs for a better view. It was a lovely walk back along the cliff path, still didn't get a chance to paddle tho'.

Guess who came for lunch, our friends from home, Kim and George, what a surprise! After lunch we all went into St. Mawes to visit the gardens at Lamorran, what luck for us,



they now let dogs in (we didn't feel very lucky as we had to be kept on our leads). Mum and Kim took millions of photos, Mum said it reminded her of Italian gardens but we didn't see any pizza ovens!



It got better later as everyone had ice creams and Katie and me got some too.

Another day, another garden to visit, this time it was the Eden Project, another boring day on the lead for us dogs but the oldies liked it, the oldies got to go into the domes which apparently had rainforests inside, Mum said it would have been too hot for us inside, even if we had been allowed in (which we weren't). Later on



Kim, George and Mum had an adventure, they went on a long zippy thing and seemed to fly through the air pretty fast, Dad was much more sensible and stayed on the ground with us girls.

Yippeee! A proper walk, a six mile hike around St. Anthony's head, (nothing to do with our family, we're not saints)! This time we did actually get to go on the beach and I had a paddle and Katie even went swimming. Mum



was throwing sticks in for us and cheeky Katie thought she could pinch mine, no chance. At the end of the walk we were all really thirsty so had to stop in a pub for a drink, Mum thought we were old enough now to try a drop of lager, wow, it was certainly different from tap water, I think Katie liked it more than me as she asked for more (she didn't get any though as too much might make us drunk).

Back on the big red tin box on wheels, this time all the way to St. Mawes, we met a lovely Cockapoo called Biggy (big softie if you ask me), his Dad was nice and gave us all treats for being good (we're always good when there are treats about). Then a bit of an adventure, we all got on a floating tin box and went across the river to Falmouth on the ferry. It was a bit wobbly but we didn't mind, it was a bit of fun really. Falmouth was full of shops, sooo boring, still we did get a bit of pastie for lunch, Katie and me love pasties nearly as much as the thieving seagulls do!



We had a couple of more days with some good walks but then it was back in the tin box on wheels to go home, we love going away but we love to get home to sunny Dorset.



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FOR documentary-maker and dating app addict Zoe (Lily James), swiping right has only delivered an endless stream of Mr. Wrongs, to her eccentric mother Cath's (Emma Thompson) dismay. For Zoe's childhood friend and neighbour Kaz (Shazad Latif), the answer is to follow his parents' example and opt for an arranged (or "assisted") marriage to a bright and beautiful bride from Pakistan. As Zoe films his hopeful journey from London to Lahore to marry a stranger, chosen by his parents, she begins to wonder if she might have something to learn from a profoundly different approach to finding love.

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Retailers know that they shouldn't sell age restricted goods to people younger than allowed. They are encouraged to put systems in place to make sure that they don't sell illegally. Challenge 25 is one such system that can be used. Shop staff are trained to always ask for ID from a person who looks younger than 25. If that is followed closely, then sales to people younger than 18 should not be made. Other processes can include having a refusals 'book' to demonstrate that sales are being refused, and by which members of staff. Posters can also be displayed that state that ID will be requested. Some shops have till prompts that put a sale on hold until the seller has had a proper look at the buyer to determine their age.

If Trading Standards have concerns about a seller, then they use young people as volunteers to check whether retailers are following the rules by attempting to buy age restricted products. It is a fair test; volunteers would always be picked on the basis that they look much younger than the age required for the product they are instructed to buy.

Trading Standards rely on information from the public about shops selling products illegally. So, if you have any concerns about a sale you have seen, please let Trading Standards know by simply calling the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 0808 2231133.



Denby Dale Pie with Ginger Beer

AS everyone in Milborne St. Andrew should know by now, the first of August is designated as Yorkshire Day, so no prizes for guessing what my theme is this month.



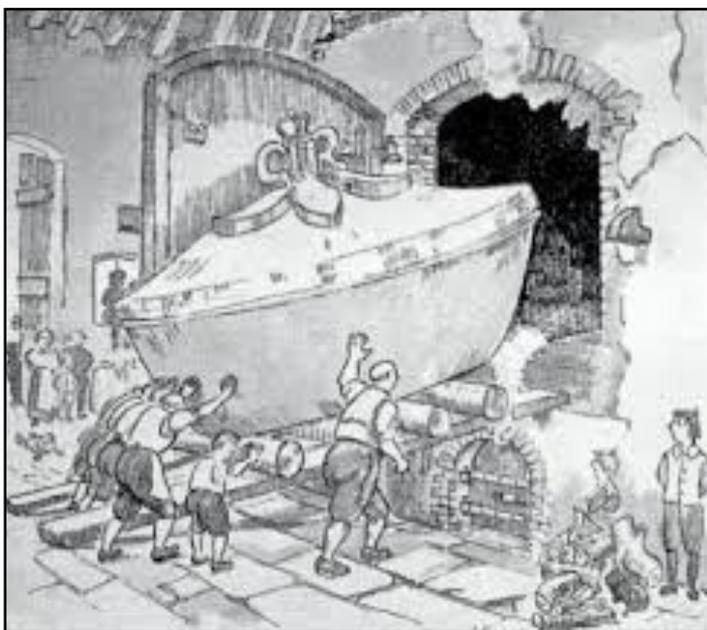
The first recorded large-scale pie making in the village of Denby Dale, West Yorkshire was in 1788 to celebrate the recovery of King George III from a major illness. Since then, nine other giant culinary epics have been baked in the village to coincide with special events and raise funds for local charities:

The Victory Pie was made in 1815 to celebrate the victory of the Duke of Wellington over Napoleon Bonaparte at the Battle of Waterloo. It was said to contain two sheep, 20 fowls and a half a peck of flour (7lbs) for the crust.

There was even one for the repeal of the Corn Laws.

In 2012, Denby Dale, the UK's only designated "Pie Village", revived a tradition of making whopping great pies by recreating the famous pie made in 1887 to celebrate Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee. The pie "dish" alone weighed 1.5 tons, the meat and potato filling used 1.8 tons of meat and gravy and 300kg of potatoes topped with 185 kg of shortcrust pastry.

The village came out in force to help local craft bakers Denby Dale Pies to make the 3.8 ton pie for a Channel 5 programme, The Great Northern Cookbook. Andrew Hayes, Managing Director of Denby Dale Pies and chief pie maker (and taster!) on the day said, "It was a bit of a tall order to replicate the 1887 pie, but folks really came out to help us to make the pie a special village occasion, we held a meeting at Pie Hall to ask locals to help us bake the pastry toppings for the pie." "The finished pie looked like a patchwork quilt made of pastry as people personalised their pastry squares to reflect 2012. Olympic rings, Jubilee coronets and even a plea to "Save our Library" chequered the 8 feet round pie top. We paraded the pie down Main



Street on a tractor and trailer then served the pie to locals at the famous village "Pie Hall."

We tried to copy the historical account of the original recipe of the 1887 pie. We made the pie from an adapted recipe that used 435kg of beef, 63kg of turkey, 34 pigeons, 36 fowl, 3 hares, 49 rabbits, 10 grouse and 21 ducks. It was quite an operation to get all the meat prepped and ready and properly cooked. We kept a careful eye on cooking temps, as the original pie made in 1887 took so long for the villagers to make, it went rancid and had to be buried in the woods in Denby Dale.

Mercifully, with the wonders of a modern kitchen, the 2012 pie took 10 hours to cook and it tasted delicious. The entire village came out to feast on the pie and the whole process of making the pie brought the community together."

The pies were also featured in a September 2015 episode of the BBC One show 'The Great British Bake Off'.



My almost 15-year-old great nephew, Theo Hoyland, works as a washer upper at weekends in one of the pubs in Denby Dale and he tells me there are no plans at present for the next huge DD pie. Of the three pubs in DD, 'The George' has ten varieties of pie on the menu and no other alternative food on offer. All are served with mushy peas, gravy and Henderson's Relish. The more up market 'The Dunkirk' offers Coq au vin pie and a selection of other menu options, and the third pub is one of a national chain of restaurants and sadly doesn't offer a pie choice at all.

Denby Dale Pie Recipe: (Morrisons supermarket, established in Bradford, 1899, sells Denby Dale Pies ready-made).

Ingredients

2 large onions, chopped
700g chuck (braising) steak, cut into 4cm chunks
400g waxy potatoes, (new potatoes) peeled and cut into 4cm chunks
400g floury potatoes, such as King Edward, peeled and cut into 4cm chunks
A few good shakes of Henderson's Relish or Worcester sauce
Salt and pepper

For the pastry:

275g plain flour
A pinch of salt
70g cold, unsalted butter, 70g lard.

1 medium egg, plus 1 egg, lightly beaten, to glaze
1 tbsps ice-cold water

You will also need:

A 1.2–1.4 litre pie dish

To make the filling, put the onions and meat in a large pan, add enough water just to cover and bring to a simmer. Cover, lower the heat and simmer very gently for 1½ hours.

Add both types of potato with some salt and pepper and cook for a further 30–35 minutes, until they are soft and the meat is tender. The floury potatoes should have collapsed and thickened the juices. Stir in the Henderson's Relish and take off the heat.

Adjust the seasoning, then ladle off 300–600ml of the gravy into a jug (enough to leave the filling moist but not swimming in liquid). Keep this to serve with the pie. Transfer the filling to 1.2–1.4 litre pie dish and leave to cool completely.

To make the pastry, put the flour and salt into a bowl and rub in the butter and lard with your fingertips until the mix resembles fine breadcrumbs. Or pulse in a food processor.

Mix the egg with the water, add to the mixture and stir with a round-bladed knife until it forms a dough, adding a little more water if needed. Knead briefly until smooth, wrap in cling film and chill for at least 30 minutes. Heat the oven to 200°C/400°F/Gas Mark 6.

On a lightly floured surface, roll out the pastry to a 5–6mm thickness. Cut a 2cm wide strip. Dampen the rim of the pie dish, stick the pastry strip onto it and brush it with a little water.

Lay the pastry on top of the pie and trim off the excess. Press down to seal the edges. Use the pastry trimmings to make decorations, if you like. Brush the pastry lid with beaten egg, add any decorations and brush these too. Make a couple of small holes in the centre to let out steam during baking.

Bake the pie for 30–40 minutes, until the pastry is golden brown. Leave to stand for 10–15 minutes before serving.

Ginger Beer

Traditional ginger beer is a sweetened and carbonated, usually non-alcoholic beverage. Historically it was produced by the natural fermentation of prepared ginger spice, yeast and sugar.



As early as 500 BC, ginger was used as a medicine as well as for flavouring food in ancient China and India. In the western hemisphere, ginger was used to spice up drinks.

Brewing ginger beer commercially originated in Yorkshire in the mid-18th century and became popular throughout Britain, the United States, Ireland, South Africa and Canada, reaching a peak of popularity in the early 20th century.

'Lashings of ginger beer' is a phrase that is associated with Enid Blyton but apparently the phrase 'lashings of ginger beer'

THE FAMOUS FIVE



never actually appears in any of the Famous Five books (although 'lashings' of hard-boiled eggs and 'lashings' of treacle are enjoyed in *Five Go Down the Sea* and *Five Have a Mystery to Solve*, respectively).

The phrase was made famous by constant repetition during the Channel 4 programme 'Five Go Mad in Dorset' which was the first of three 'Five Go Mad' specials from the long-running series of 'The Comic Strip Presents . . .' television comedy programmes. It first aired on the launch night of Channel 4, in 1982.

A cookery book was published a few years ago entitled 'Five Go Feasting: Famously Good Recipes' divided into six chapters: Jolly Good Breakfasts, Perfect Picnics, Scrumptious Suppers, Cracking Cakes, Tasty Treats and Lashings of Delicious Drinks. *Five Go Feasting* follows on from a series of 'grown-up' Famous Five books, published by Quercus, which depict the gang as adults with 21st century concerns. Those books, with titles such as *Five on Brexit Island* and *Five Go Gluten-Free*, proved wildly popular when they were published in 2016.

Incidentally, the same author, Bruno Vincent has recently published (on April 1st this year) a parody of Prince Harry's autobiography entitled 'Spare Us! A Harrody'.

Ginger Beer – Alcoholic – (This recipe dates back to around 1870 and I think it pre-dates any health and safety directives . . .)

Ingredients:

- 2 oz (55g) ginger root, pounded; keep the skin on
- 2 lemons, peeled and sliced
- 2 lb (900g) sugar
- 2 gallons boiling water (9 litres)
- 1 oz (28g) cream of tartar
- 1 oz (28g) yeast

Method

Put the cream of tartar, ginger and sugar into a large bowl or crock and pour over it the boiling water.

Allow to cool.

Cream the yeast with a little tepid-warm water and add to the cooled mixture. Stir well.

Cover with a cloth and put in a warm place and allow to stand overnight.

Skim off the yeast top and bottle and cork immediately.

Keep it at least a month before drinking.

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To avoid explosions (!) use thick glass bottles and I also suggest you ease the fermentation pressure by gently and slowly uncorking or unscrewing from time to time – do this where any frothing over won't cause a mess.

Ginger Beer – non-alcoholic (enough for six glasses or one picnic)

Ingredients

4 oz (113g) root ginger with skin left on
2 lemons
3.5 oz (95g) soft brown sugar
500 ml/16 fl. oz of soda water or sparkling water

Method

Coarsely grate the fresh root ginger, leave the skin on

Chop up one lemon, with the skin on, and mix this with the juice only of the second lemon

Grate everything together until pulped (alternatively, cheating, I know, but it is the 21st century – whizz ginger and lemon and juice together in a food blender!)

Add the brown sugar and 250 ml of the soda/sparkling water and leave it to infuse for 30 minutes

Sieve, pressing out the juices, pour it all into a large jug or bowl and add the remaining soda/sparkling water

Using a funnel, pour the liquid into bottles and cool it/them in the fridge until ready to drink

Ice or a fresh spring of mint can be added, if liked.

Denby Dale Piem

It's pleasing to the nose
And delightful to the eye
Wait till you taste that Denby Dale pie!
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They're as Yorkshire as puddings and good strong ale
You can smell 'em through the cottage door!
They've been eating pies in Denby Dale
Since King George was a youth!
Each massive pie could tell a tale
or a slice of historical truth!

They're making them again
And the pie-maker's art
Is once more close to this town's heart!
So, all those in favour
Stand and bellow Aye!
Then have a taste of that there Denby Dale Pie!

Ian McMillan

P.S. Milborne St. apple cake?

When reading about the patchwork of small square pastry tops baked by local villagers to make a giant pie crust, I had a sudden inspiration that perhaps this could be done with squares of Dorset apple cake and our village, at the geographical centre of Dorset, could produce the biggest Dorset apple cake in the world! A hundred seven inch squares would make a six-foot square cake, then the cake could be sold in slices or larger portions at a community coffee morning . . . anyone up for this?

Rose Frost

High water levels in the stream

SINCE the previous Parish Council (PC) meeting Clerk Lewin met with the Environment Agency (EA) regarding reports of high water levels in the stream. The official report hadn't been received but the EA agreed that the water was high and the reason was that the chalk hills hold the water and slowly release it. EA were concerned about March Bridge as the stream was particularly high there and was clear to them that it was due to the weeds in the stream. The land owner would like to clear the stream but isn't allowed to because of water voles – a policy set by EA.

It had been agreed at the previous PC meeting to offer the Allotments Society and the Sports Club a reduction in rent, though the offer to the Sports Club was subject to them agreeing to take on full responsibility for the maintenance of the track. Allotments Society have agreed to the reduction but it was stated that the Sports Club had declined the offer. It was raised that a counter offer had been submitted, and the response from Clerk Lewin was "correct, and no Councillor wished to move that forward".

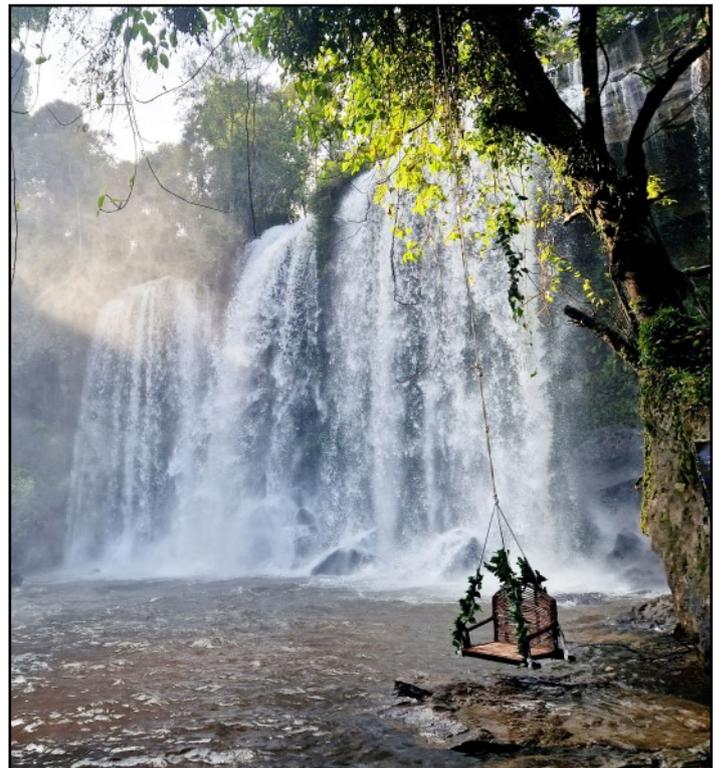
The application for reduction in speed to 30mph from Dorchester Hill to beyond Lynch Close has been refused by Dorset Council (DC) though a suggestion of a "Pedestrians in Road" sign be erected. The Cllrs agreed it was a good idea, and that two would be needed. It is estimated to cost £695 per sign, which includes installation of a new pole, and was agreed to suggest that PC go 50/50 with DC to pay for the signs. Clerk Lewin will continue conversations with DC.

There will be an extraordinary meeting on Wednesday 2nd August to discuss planning application for the erection of three dwellings at Laracor, Chapel Street.

The next full meeting will be on Wednesday 6th September at the Village Hall at 7pm. Please come along and have your say.

Jo Whitfield

A breath-taking waterfall in Cambodia where Amy and Sandie trekked for their charities. (see page 7)



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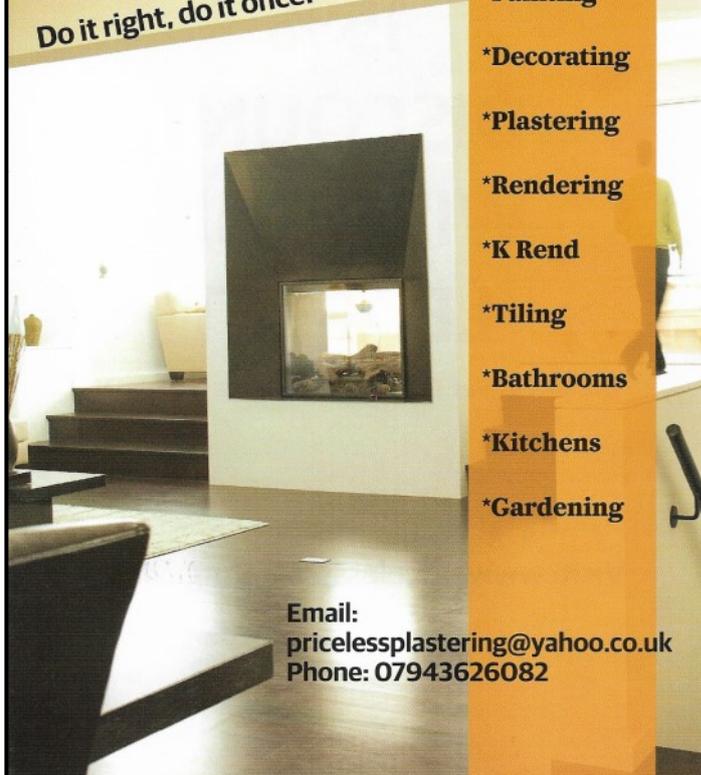
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What a coincidence!

I went to see my brother-in-law in Hillingdon on 7th July for his 86th birthday. I had a card but wasn't sure it was suitable, it read 'Relax on your Birthday' with a picture of a man lying on a hammock and a shed with Man Shed written above the door. When he opened it he seemed very pleased with it and said, that's odd I wrote a poem about my shed. He got his notebook out and read us the poem. He had written quite a few and continued to read them to us. I thought I would share it with you, as it seemed so appropriate.

Heather V Hogg

My Shed

Ken Hogg[©]

It's only a shed
It's not very much
But it's somewhere I come
When the going gets tough

I've tools of all sorts
Hidden away here and there
And a wonky old thing
Of an old garden chair

There's a fire in the corner
And a big pile of logs
And a long written list
Of those unfinished jobs

When it's rainy and grey
I'll be here every day
Just fiddling and twiddling
The hours away

My shed is my palace
My work shed my home
A place where I'm happy
A home of my own.

Contentment

By Jan Beaumont[©]

I sit on my couch and I think quite a lot
'bout the things that I have and the things I do not
And the more that I sit and the more that I think
Makes my poor brain so stressed that I need a stiff drink.

I'm not filthy rich and I'm not in my prime
But the things that I have I have gained over time
These days I am able to just let things go
I see what I see and I know what I know.

So here I just sit with my drink in my hand
And I'm really chilled out as I now understand
That I have all I need and I don't give a jot
'bout the things I don't have for I have such a lot!



What's on in August/September

August

Wednesday 2nd
Wednesday 2nd

Wednesday Club Village Hall 2.00pm.
Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting
Village Hall 7.00pm.

Monday 7th
Thursday 10th
Saturday 12th
Monday 14th
Thursday 17th
Friday 18th

Bridge The Royal Oak 7.00pm.
WI. Village Hall 7.30pm.
Community Café Village Hall 10.00am.
Bridge The Royal Oak 7.00pm.
Gardening Club Picnic.
Milborne Movie *What's love got to do with it?* Village Hall 7.30pm.

September

Monday 4th
Wednesday 6th

Bridge The Royal Oak 7.00pm.
Wednesday Club Outing meet at Village Hall 2.00pm.

Wednesday 6th
Saturday 9th
Wednesday 13th

Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7.00pm
Community Café Village Hall 10.00am.
History Group Talk on the Renovation of St. Peter and St. Paul church, Blandford The Royal Oak Function Room 7.30pm.

Thursday 14th

Reporter deadline for the October issue – send copy and photographs by mid-day via m.s.a.reporter@yahoo.co.uk or give to a member of the team.

Thursday 14th
Thursday 21st

WI. Village Hall 7.30pm.
Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club Visit to Knoll Gardens.

Regular Bookings at the Village Hall

Ladybirds Playgroup Monday–Friday 8.30am.

Players Monday 7.00pm weekly.

Line Dancing Tuesday 7.30pm weekly.

Wednesday Club 2.00pm 1st Wednesday monthly.

Yoga Thursday 3.30pm weekly.

Karate Thursday 5.10pm weekly.

Women's Institute 7.30pm 2nd Thursday monthly.

Gardening Club 7.30pm 3rd Thursday monthly.

Artsreach Events – look out for the posters.

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

Regular Bookings at the Sports & Social Club

Busy Bees Under 5 Group from 9.30–11.30am on Thursday term time only. Contact Claire Tudge on 07970 734162.

Yoga (Mellulah) Thursday (evening): Friday (mornings).

Beavers Friday 5.30–6.45pm.

Football Saturdays and Sundays.

Private parties, birthdays, wedding receptions check online calendar.

Check the Sports & Social online calendar on the village website for any other events you might be able to join in with.

Regular Bookings at the First School

Pilates Monday 6.30–7.30pm (term time only).

Yoga Tuesday 6.15–7.45pm (term time only).

Badminton Wednesday 6.30–8.00pm (term time only).

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Chairman:	Richard Lock	01258 837929
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