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Wednesday Club

AT our meeting in June we were looking forward to a talk from the police. They were held up in traffic for a short time, so Josie filled the gap by reading us a couple of her stories. When they arrived they spoke to us about scams and phishing. It was very informative and reminded us to always be wary of phone calls from people we don't recognise. There were questions and stories from the floor showing just how clever these scammers are.

We also welcomed some new members and ended as ever with our tea, biscuits and conversation.

Our next meeting on 3rd July will be an outing to Holme Garden Centre.
Josie Wright

Milborne St Andrew's Village History Group

Despite the confusion in May, when our speaker didn't materialise, we had an enlightening, interesting and informative talk concerning the Tolpuddle Martyrs in June. Brian outlined the events following the 19th Century farm labourers' attempts to receive better conditions and pay from their employers; and explained in detail, how this escalated into the deportment of several men because they had taken the lead in trying to get better conditions for their fellow workers. His talk was very well presented and illustrated.

Over the past few years, I have been given and accumulated many interesting documents related to our village's history; these are available for any people to look at and to borrow if they would like to. These documents and books will be available at the next meeting on the 10th July when a meeting is scheduled in the Function room of The Royal Oak from 7.30pm. No membership is required but a £1 subscription is asked for (this helps to provide funds to pay for speakers). Anyone is welcome to come along to look at and or borrow any documents and to meet with others who have an interest in our village's history.

Please feel free to contact me if you want more information.
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The police handler's best friend: at the June 2024 WI

AS a now retired police dog handler, our speaker Lee Briggs, gave us a fascinating insight into the training and use of these wonderful dogs. Lee joined the police force in 1996, saw the police dogs in action and decided the role of a handler was for him. Traditionally, police dogs are German Shepherds, and, as puppies, they are cared for in foster homes for a few months before their police training. All police dogs must be keen, fit and able to fulfil the role for which they have been selected. They are bred for purpose and have many uses, including tracking and searching for criminals and drugs.

For many years Lee was paired with Kato, a German Shepherd, until he was retired at the age of nine years. Handlers keep their dogs at home to ensure they remain bonded; they are with them all the time, even taking them on holiday. During operational duties the dog is housed in a police van – specially adapted for their safety and comfort.

Talking very fondly about all the dogs he had worked with, including Buster, Sam, Bernie and Shadow, it was clear how close the relationship of police handler and dog really becomes. Lee was justifiably proud of his dogs and credited them with saving his life on more than one occasion. We all owe them a debt of gratitude.

Business: Chris, our delegate at the National Annual meeting at the Royal Albert Hall, reported that it had been an altogether wonderful experience. Our resolution calling on the Government to increase investment in the training and retention of dentists was passed with a huge majority.

Social events continue, with arrangements for our annual summer outing in hand and a pub lunch arranged for Wednesday, 19th June. Veronica's report on the latest Bookends meeting found their latest book 'The Book Thief' to be a profoundly emotional story of courage, rebellion and the enduring power of books. The next read is 'A Room with a View' by EM Forster.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 11th July, at 7.30pm, when Lesley Paddy will tell us about the local charity 'Will Does'. Please join us for a sociable evening.
Pat Bull

Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club News



IN June we had a wonderful group visit to Cerne Abbas for their Open Gardens event.

This month, Martin Young returns and his talk will be giving advice on how to attract butterflies and other beneficial insects to our gardens. We meet in the village hall on Thursday 18th July, starting at 7.30pm. Cost is just £2 for non members and includes tea, coffee and biscuits. Do come along, you will be very welcome!

Angela & Mark Johnson

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Do you like writing? We are looking for people to write articles for the magazine submitting things that they think the village would be interested in.

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THIS term our students have been packing their bags to embark on some amazing opportunities that they will undoubtedly remember for years to come.



In May our Year 8 students spent three days at the fabulous Buddens Activity Centre, Rockley, Wareham, where they got to experience climbing, the zip line, fire lighting, Mega SUP (riding on a giant stand-up paddleboard), Bell Boats (special boats to help students get used to water sports), the high ropes gauntlet, raft building, the Rockley challenge (orienteeing with team building activities), the Buddens challenge (an assault course), Tomahawk throwing and

archery! The children spent the nights in bell tents after fun-packed days comprising eight different activities, and evenings in camp playing ball games with the staff. The students look forward to the summer residential with great excitement and it is just one of a series of memorable opportunities enjoyed by everyone during their final year at the school.

No sooner had our Year 8s returned from Wareham than Year 6



crafts, orienteeing, Viking living history, BBQs, making campfires, singing camp songs and getting to make pottery on a real potter's wheel! The children also appreciated the moments of down-time when they were free to explore the beautiful grounds, play ball games or just enjoy a much needed rest!

As always we are forever grateful to our wonderful staff who give up their own time to offer these terrific experiences for our students. Massive thank you to Mr Bingham and the Year 8 team and Mrs Doak and the Year 6 team for making it all possible!



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Liz has retired from Ladybirds

Well actually, I retired at the end of December and have taken a while to adjust to the change. Now after reflecting on the 22 years as Leader at the village preschool, Ladybirds, I would like to share some memories and thank those who have helped and supported me throughout this time.



For those who don't know, the first Ladybirds children arrived in June 2002 after a group of parents showed a need for childcare in the community. I had moved to the village the previous year and had

experience of working in childcare – as a childminder, preschool treasurer, preschool helper and a mum. I went along to the meeting and from there joined the steering committee tasked with making the preschool happen. One big hurdle was the lack of a Leader, a role I never intended to fill but circumstances dictated and that was what happened. Firstly, we needed a Leader with a childcare qualification which proved a problem as no one came forward. So with typical Milborne mindset the problem would be overcome by someone getting qualified. The issue was that to get qualified you needed to be working with children and the preschool didn't exist at this time. The school Reception teacher Jenni Clarke provided excellent mentoring while I volunteered in her class, I spent time at preschools in the area and made friends with Faye at Blandford Camp preschool who became Ladybirds' first leader while I completed my training.



The village hall was recognised as the best place to be as it had plenty of space, was central to the village and provided ample car parking. The only thing it didn't have was storage.



So with Austin in charge and with military precision our 'bunker' was built.

Ladybirds relied on volunteers and many of you will remember the lovely Pat Tribe who due to her amazing energy was a popular regular helper. John and Josie were with us for many years. Josie reading and making up stories with the children while John's woodworking was legendary. From making houses and planes to the boats that we sailed down the stream in the Causeway. I wonder how many of the ex-Ladybirds still have their wooden creations.

Of course, the preschool couldn't exist without a Committee. Made up of volunteers and parents there have been so many over the years it would be difficult to thank individuals but probably the longest serving volunteer was Peter who to my frustration on many occasions had the last say on financial



the years have helped Ladybirds – even coming in to play a didgeridoo.

Ladybirds welcomes visitors and regularly had visits from Dave our Community Police person who talked to the children about keeping safe and had them practising shSariouting 'no'. Somehow on these occasions I always ended up in handcuffs. I've been dressed in firefighting outfits and traditional costumes like Sari and African tunics. Music has been forefront with Noah's African drums, Indian sitar playing, and parents with guitars.

matters. Fundraising was and still is the biggest challenge. We have fond memories of Barn dances with the Black Sheep and getting together with other village organisations at The Royal Oak. A big thank you to Sarah and Andy who over



Learning about taking care of animals is important so visits from dogs, guinea pigs, ducklings, chicks and lambs were regular events. More exotic animals like snakes challenged some of the helpers. On one occasion we walked to the milking parlour at the farm to see Lucy's dad the dairyman and his cows.

Activities invariably involved mess, plenty of paint, glue, glitter and water. I remember being splattered by paint when I asked twins to flick paint at a large piece of paper I held up.

At Christmas the children enacted the Nativity story and on one occasion we had a real baby in the crib as one child was determined their baby brother should be in the show.

Summer outings were an excuse for getting together with the whole family. Children attended with parents, grandparents and friends. Sometimes there were more 'grown ups' than children. we visited Farm Palmers, the Sealife centre, Kingston Maurward, Moors Valley, my favourite was Swanage which included a ride on the steam train.

What I will always remember is that no one day was the same as another and don't make assumptions on what children are thinking. Like – on entering Ladybirds a girl was cradling a large sweet potato and I said "that's a very big sweet potato" only to be told "it's not a potato. it's my guinea pig".

More photos on page 20.





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Praying Your Part

The General Election is nearly upon us. I wonder if you know for whom you are going to vote yet.

This year the Archbishops have launched a campaign to encourage people to pray as well as to vote: #prayyourpart

They say: "The coming General Election is a critical moment in the life of our nation, which will shape our future by electing those who will make decisions affecting generations to come.

"It is a time for us all – people of all faiths and of none – to ask important questions about what kind of country we want to be.

"We are facing epic challenges both in our country and our world: from questions of war and peace, to poverty and injustice and the very future of the Earth God has given us.

"Faced with such huge questions, our instinct as Christians is to turn to God in prayer and so we want to put prayer at the very heart of this campaign.

"We are therefore inviting everyone who is willing to dedicate the next few weeks as a time not just to think about the big questions but to pray for our nation and our world. And we want to invite everyone to think about how we all can play our part both as voters and, more broadly, as citizens.

"We would add a plea that no matter how big the issues at stake over the next few weeks, this will be a time marked by respect for one another, for good grace and a commitment to truth and integrity.

"It is our prayer that, even in the heat of the debate, we will treat each other with respect and kindness.

"And we give thanks for the dedication of all who stand for public office in service of our communities – often at great personal cost – and those who support the process."

May I encourage you to join them in praying for our country and the world during this time of uncertainty and change.

Best wishes

Sarah

Notes from St. Andrew's

I write this in "Flaming June" as the rain falls steadily outside. It reminds me of a friend's comment recently, "I love summer; it's my favourite day of the year!"

At a lovely Eucharist in St. Mary's, Dorchester, celebrated by our Archdeacon, who gave a challenging address, Pam and I were sworn in as Churchwardens for the coming year. The Diocesan Registrar reminded those present of the duties of Churchwardens, hoping that amidst the challenges and responsibilities, some joy would be found!

On the first Sunday in June, Tony led our Milborne Praise Service which commemorated the 80th Anniversary of D-Day. We listened to a reading of Laurence Binyon's "For The Fallen", read by Bernard Cribbins, set against the music of Elgar's "Nimrod". Our final hymn, sung with gusto, was "God is our strength and refuge", based on Psalm 46, to a tune adapted from Eric Coates' "Dambuster's March". We were unable to raise the Union Flag owing to damage to the flagpole halyard. However, we improvised! A new halyard is being sourced and fitted.

Milborne Church was full as we said our goodbyes to Alan Herridge, a much-loved and respected member of the community and former Head of Milborne School. Sarah conducted the Service, family members read the lessons, and Tony Fox read the Eulogy. The hymns included "One More Step Along the World I Go," particularly associated with Alan's time at the School.

Later in the month, we held a Thanksgiving for the Life of Harry Pearce. In honour of Harry's Cornish roots, the strains of "Trelawney" were played at the conclusion of the Service.

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

SATURDAY 6th July

4.00 pm Holy Baptism Tolpuddle

7th July – Trinity 6

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

14th July – Trinity 7

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

SATURDAY 20th July

12 noon Marriage of Craig Rado and Abigail Phillips Puddletown

21st July – Trinity 8

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

28th July – Trinity 9

9.30 am Parish Communion Milborne
10.00 Go Fourth Tolpuddle
1.00 1662 Morning Prayer Puddletown
(traditional language)
11.00 Parish Communion Dewlish

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We assure Veronica and her family, and Penny and her family of our love and prayers.

As we enter the Church's ordinary, or "Green" season, we thank all those who keep the Church running "behind the scenes." As a visiting Priest said on entering the Church recently, "This is immaculate!" Thank you, to all who enable such comments.

"I suppose we all want the Church building to be here for occasions such as this [it was after a funeral] but we don't support it.", was a comment made recently. So, we are considering the possibility of setting up a "Friends of St. Andrew's". We hope that a Friends group will be a way of ensuring

that St. Andrew's is viable for the future and is there when needed, be it for a Christening, Wedding, Funeral, School Service or any other occasion. Some also value the building for its historic role in the village. Watch this space, and thanks to the person who made the comment (you know who you are!).

In this distracted and broken world, we remember the psalm quoted above, "God is our hope and strength, a very present help in trouble."

Tony and Pam Churchwardens.

Dewlish Church Notes

OUR Ascension Day Service, held in the churchyard, was led by Sarah on a really lovely morning. It was good to see people turn out so early (6.30am)! However, Sarah suggested that maybe next year we should start at 7.00am – which sounds a good idea!

If your magazine arrives before the end of the month, please don't forget our **Farm Service** which is to be held at Parsonage Farm, Dewlish (the home of Mrs Sue Britton) on Sunday 30th June at 11.00am, followed by a bring-and-share lunch.

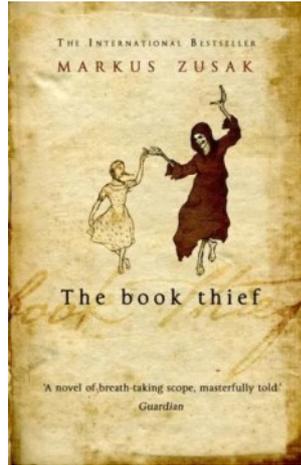
We are having a **Pet Service** in the churchyard on Sunday 21st July at 11.00am. We look forward to meeting your pets, and the chance to be thankful for the joy they bring us.

A big thank-you to Tim, Ethan and Patrick for raising £200 for church funds at their Eastertide coffee morning. The boys are all pupils at Puddletown Middle School, and put on the coffee morning as part of the school's Young Leaders' Community Initiative. Thank you all so much; we are very proud of you.

Finally, a note for your diary: we are hoping to hold a **Pop-up Market Stall** with tea and cakes in the Village Hall on Bank Holiday Monday 26th August, starting at 2.30pm. More details next month.

Daphne Burg

Bookends' Good Reads: "The Book Thief" by Marcus Zusak



THIS was a universal success with members for so many reasons. It had a most unusual narrator, Death. "He" (as I shall refer to him) was compassionate and contemplative offering many insights into the human condition, despite his confession that he was "haunted by humans". The period of time covered was the Nazi invasion and its effects on villagers in the German town of Molching. The main character, the Book Thief of the title, was a fostered girl called Liesel whose mother

was arrested as a Communist and whose small brother had died on their last train journey. She couldn't read at the beginning, but aided by her kind and loving foster father, Papa, Hans Hubermann, she learnt to read and write. The tale fully illustrated its theme, the power of words. It sensitively captured the characters' struggles, fears and resilience. Despite the fact that they all existed in a society consumed with hatred and oppression, their stories managed to be both poignant and captivating. We are given a full account of that tumultuous and oppressive era even whilst some characters managed to undergo significant personal development despite all of this horror. They still contrived to inspire, console and connect with each other. The poetic, lyrical language made for a rich immersive read. The essence of each scene was captured The bonds of friendship, the power of human connection evoked a strong response from all group readers, staying in their minds together with all the haunting scenes conjured up. Max (a Jewish refugee taken in by the Hubermanns and hiding in their basement), Liesel in the Mayor's house reading their books, Rudy (a close friend of Liesel's) running covered with coal dust to emulate his hero Jesse Owens, a parade of Jewish prisoners taken through the town, a neighbour, Mrs Holtzapfel, daily spitting on the Hubermann's door.

The interesting format of the book apart from Death's detached narration, switching from first person to a closed third person's point of view, is the format There is no narrative interpretation. It uses sharp, clear language, understandable for a young reader (to which all of Marcus Zusak's books are aimed) It is unique in its preface to each part forewarning of future events and dealing with current issues avoiding the use of metaphors and similes. Introducing a main idea after the opening paragraph which is useful for a strong opening to get the readers' attention. It is incredibly dark but remains hopeful. It speaks of endurance and gives it a voice. It states its main purpose directly at the beginning leaving little room for interpretation. It is full of situational irony "the Jew sat on the paint tin" and dramatic irony informing the reader ahead of time, not to have fun, but to introduce a rhythm and acceleration to the tale. Above all it told of love and loss which transcended boundaries and was a solace in hard times illustrating compassion, resilience and the indomitable nature of the human soul. All of these qualities made it an enduring and emotional read for our group and in consequence garnered high scores in most areas.

Carole Fornachon

Andy Way: Episode 4 taken from his book *The Ways of Milborne St Andrew*

IN the February 2024 issue of the *Reporter*, Pat Bull reports on a talk given by Linda Wright entitled "An elopement, a mysterious death and a shooting", which featured a colourful character named Alfred Dicker.

To continue featuring characters from Andy Way's book *The Ways of Milborne St. Andrew*, the bold Alfred Dicker is also in the Way family tree. Linda and Pat rightly report that Alfred "married a widow, Mary in 1854". This was Mary Ann Cosh, born Mary Ann Dicker in 1829 in Milborne St. Andrew, so they must have been cousins but Andy can't determine this definitively.

Linda and Pat's article focuses on some of the shenanigans that Alfred got up to, and how poor Mary Ann ends up dying in the Blandford Workhouse in 1908. Before her marriage to Alfred, Mary Ann married John Cosh (sometimes 'Caush', or 'Corish'), who was born in 1829 in Long Critchell, 16 miles north-west of MSA. They were married by banns on February 27th 1850 by vicar George Headley in St. Andrew's, with John 20 and Mary Ann 21. John and his and Mary Ann's fathers are all thatchers. John is directly connected to Andy in the Way family tree as his 1st cousin 5x removed!

They have a son, Sidney, baptised in MSA on March 2nd 1851, but on 22nd September 1852, John dies, tragically. Pat's report of Linda's talk mentions a newspaper headline that read: "Alfred Dicker a notorious poacher is shot", but John's death certificate notes that on 22nd September 1852, he was "accidentally shot", as confirmed by coroner Francis Johns of Blandford. Of course we have no idea of the circumstances, but it is very sad that poor Mary Ann suffered two shootings during her life.

There is, unfortunately, more doom and gloom to report. John's elder sister Rebecca (also Andy's cousin 5x removed) dies on 20th March 1895 in Brighton Workhouse aged 75. The cause of death on her death certificate is "senile decay".

Rebecca's younger brother Robert (another cousin 5x removed) was born in 1822, like his sister in MSA. Robert's mother is Andy's 5th great aunt Elizabeth Way (1787-1879), who features on pages 86-92 of *The Ways of Milborne St. Andrew*. Robert is a bit of a rogue, as he is sentenced on 28th July 1856 to 12 months hard labour having been found guilty of sheep stealing, in some cases a capital offence. Very fortunately for him, he is discharged on 14th October having served less than three months of his sentence. In the Christmas court session of 31st December 1872, he was accused of "larceny and receiving", but appears to have not been found guilty.

He dies on 2nd January 1898 in the County Asylum, Charminster, just outside Dorchester. He is listed in the 'pauper order papers', the official asylum records, as a farm labourer despite being 75 years of age (although it wrongly states his age as 83) on admittance on 2nd December 1897, just a month before his death; despite having many children, none of them took him in, and we can assume that he died alone in hospital.

For more information on Andy's book, mail him at andy.way@adaptcentre.ie. In the next issue, we'll check out some more interesting characters and events from MSA in the book and the extended Way family tree! *Carole Fornachon*

Close of play for another village cricket club?

CHESELBOURNE Cricket Club, located in the very heart of Dorset, is in danger of becoming the latest village cricket club to draw stumps for the very last time. Despite the ground being one of the prettiest in Dorset, the installation this year of a new playing surface, a core of enthusiastic volunteers and the introduction of 'All Stars' junior training at the local first school, finding regular players has proved increasingly difficult and their absence could leave the club 'all out'. Whether Cheselbourne will become just another forgotten village team after over forty years of continuous play, or will live to bat another day depends on finding a few enthusiastic players perhaps looking to go 'more village', to give something back after years at a bigger club, or to return to the game they love after time



away. Those people are out there and they would be welcomed with open arms. (Contact; cheselbournecc@gmail.com).

After Cheselbourne's last match one of the visiting team commented, ". . . thank you for your hospitality, lovely tea and great group. What a stunning backdrop for a cricket ground too!" Quite rightly much is made of equality, inclusion, and diversity within cricket, and indeed all walks of life, but the loss of village cricket reduces those opportunities in rural communities and beyond. How do we preserve village cricket and not simply rely on a few 'big multi team clubs' in the conurbations to provide for present and future cricketers is for County Boards and the ECB, but saving Cheselbourne is something we can do given player support.

Club Chair, Colin Searle said, "Cheselbourne Cricket Club provides cricketing opportunities to all the local villages and beyond. Losing the club would be a sad loss to that community and once gone is unlikely ever to recover. Whilst we have a wide range of occasional players, this year has seen some of our 'old dependables' hang up their boots and if we cannot fill that gap the future of the club is in serious jeopardy. We would be delighted to hear from anyone interested in helping to sustain this excellent club".

Notes

- The current Cheselbourne Cricket Club was founded in the early 1980's with the ground being loaned to the club in perpetuity by the very generous late Lady Ann Russell who lived in the village.
- The single club side plays in Division 4 of the Dorset Saturday League.
- The club's home ground is located between the villages of Cheselbourne and Melcombe Bingham (what three words, unsigned.fruits.likely).
- In the early 2000's Cheselbourne CC played in the Sunday League where there were eight divisions in addition to a larger Saturday League. Since around 2015 there is no longer any Sunday league in Dorset and only nine Saturday divisions.
- Club Chair, Colin Searle is available for any further information on 07584990914 or email cheselbournecc@gmail.com.

Rosie and Katie's travels to Oxfordshire



YIPPEE, another trip in the tin box on wheels, this time off to Benson next to the river Thames. Dad pitched up the tin box right next to the river, only trouble was we couldn't jump in as it was full of boats! Guess who else turned up, our Auntie Jan and Uncle John, they are lovely and always bring us lots of treats.

Next day we were off exploring the river path to Abingdon, great fun for us as we were off the lead most of the way and Mum didn't spend too much time looking in the shops as it was a long walk and she was tired by the time we got back to the car



all us dogs were welcome. Another lovely walk around Abingdon-on-Thames. Along the river and then across some nice meadows full of buttercups and daisies. Katie and me met at an interesting gate, don't think it was



park.

Wallingford is nearby but we weren't sure about visiting there in case we got murdered (it's the place where they film *Midsummer Murders*). It seemed a sleepy little town and we didn't see any murderers only low flying Red Kites (the birds not the flying toys), not sure what they hoped to find to eat in the Town Square, hope they weren't eyeing us up! Luckily the walk

took us to a nice pub garden where everyone had a roast dinner, Mum discreetly slipped us a few titbits under the table when Dad wasn't looking.

Walked from Benson to Dorchester (on Thames), very confusing as we were nowhere near our Dorchester. It was a lovely walk and we saw a mummy and daddy swan with five babies, three of them were so lazy they were sitting on the mum's back for a ride.

Dad parked the car at Sanford and we all



walked to Oxford, the path was a bit overgrown and there were lots of dead boats that had drowned in the river, I thought all boats could swim! Mum found a nice cafe called the Art Cafe, not much art but lots of coffee and a nice lunch and best of

all us dogs were welcome.

Another lovely walk around Abingdon-on-Thames. Along the river and then across some nice meadows full of buttercups and daisies. Katie and me met at an interesting gate, don't think it was



a kissing gate but we kissed anyway.

After a lovely week it was time to say goodbye to our favourite Auntie and Uncle and head home in the tin box on wheels to sunny Dorset.

Bye for now Rosie xx



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The Big Dorset Apple Cake 2024

A great success, thanks to a great community

After all the excitement of the event, it's good to look back calmly at the day and give heartfelt thanks and a sigh of relief that it all went smoothly. Of course, this is partly due to the hard work of the organising team and the staff and pupils of Milborne St. Andrew First School but it is mainly due to the efforts of the many, many star bakers who turned up trumps on the day. Also, to all the people who came to the Village Hall, bought cake, tea and coffee and raffle tickets and made Dorset Day 2024 a day to remember. Not forgetting those who were unable to attend on the day but gave a cash donation, we are so grateful for all the warm-hearted generosity.

Here is an alphabetical list of all the bakers who contributed. (Many made multiple cakes.)

Val Andrews; Peter Anthony; Anna Ashley-Roche; Helen Badger; Pauline Bolt; Diane Brady; Sheila Burton; Jill Clapp; Lewis and Emily Clark; Angie Clark; Natalie Dennis; Lis Dyer; Sally Dyer; Tony Fox; Sarah Fox; Rebecca and James Frost; Rose Frost; Violet Fry; Mo Fry; Mrs Gillanders; Debbie Glover; Sue Gould; Lydia Griffin; Nicky Hagan; Denise Harradine; Di Harris; Linda Harris; Sue Hodder; Jane Howard; Elizabeth Humphrey; Hazel Ingram; Barbara Keene; Kim and George Legg; Leise Lewis; James Macnair; Dot Mardell; Charles and Helen McHugh; Barbara Morby; Linsey O'Neill; Bindya Patel; David Payne; Penny Pierce; Neil Phillpott; Terry and Susan Poet; Helen Pugh; Giles Pugh; Barbara Rawlings; Beryl Redding; Caroline Richards; Sarah Ryan; Sandie Sach; Chris Senter; Sarah Shorrocks; Eva Stockley; Jennie Sykes-Martin; Jenny Tory; William and Scarlett Turnbull; Janet Voke; Ernst Wagner; Lukas Webb; Ali Wellman; Julia Whiting; Jane Wood; Lesley Wreyford; Jo-Anne Wright; Linda Wright; Trevor Wyatt



If your name has somehow been inadvertently omitted from the list then please let us know by emailing milborne.applecake@yahoo.com or phone or text 07824 638237.

The final list will be displayed on our webpage milbornestandrew.org.uk/applecake and in the Village Hall shortly. It's a shame we can't have a list of all the cake buyers and cash contributors too but it would probably include most of the people in our village . . .

The donated square cakes were put together to make a massive cake measuring about 40 square feet (3.7sq metres). An amazing sight. A couple of the cakes donated were round in shape so could not be displayed as part of the giant cake but were still included in the final count of 79, they were part of the raffle prizes. Special thanks to Sarah Fox (The Royal Oak) for contributing an impressive Dorset Apple Cake as our centrepiece.

The cake was cut by 99-year-old Jeff Blake using a bayonet/ sword dating from the Napoleonic Wars. Then the cake was quickly portioned up and sold, to be eaten with a dollop of the

6kg of clotted cream generously donated by Blackmore Vale Dairies. Many more portions, large and small, were taken home and shared with friends and neighbours. Not one crumb of cake was left by 12 noon.



Jeff Blake drew the first raffle ticket. The top four raffle prizes were won by:

- 1st Prize Richard Macnair
- 2nd Prize Sheila and Brian Burton
- 3rd Prize Rory Hunter
- 4th Prize George Legg

Thanks once again to MSA Food and Wine Club, Langham's Vineyard, Glenn Bratley (Londis Stores), Sarah Fox (The Royal Oak) and an anonymous cash donation for the fabulous raffle prizes.

There weren't many expenses, even the elaborately decorated apple bunting decorations were made by hand so when the final tally was done, the money raised by this event came to over £1,400 which will benefit the Village Hall and our whole community enormously.

Lots of photos and videos (thank you Ernst and Jo), of the event can be viewed on our Big Dorset Apple Cake webpage milbornestandrew.org.uk/applecake click on the BDAC logo. Thanks to Heather V. Hogg who took photographs on behalf of the Reporter. If anyone would like to submit their Applecake photos or videos to share online then please forward them to milborne.applecake@yahoo.com.

We made a bit of a splash on both local (BBC Radio Solent) and national (BBC Radio 5live) radio, and newspapers (*Daily Express* and *The Times*). We were also featured on BBC News on-line in the local events and this all helped to put our small but vibrant village in the limelight.

So, give yourselves a massive pat on the back, Milborne, for coming out in force and supporting this new venture. I wonder if any other villages in Dorset will try to challenge our achievement by baking an even bigger cake in future years?

Linsey O'Neill, Chair of the Village Hall Trustees said "The Village Hall committee are very grateful to Rose and her team for creating this fabulous event. The injection of £1,400 to our funds is very welcome at a time when we are seeking ways of replacing the loss of income following the Ladybirds move to the School. Of course, such an event needs the support of our community and that was clearly provided by the number of people who decided you can have your cake and eat it!"

Rose Frost



Well done, Rose!

Rose Frost, together with her team (right), produced a day that the village will remember. It was Rose's brilliant idea to make the biggest Dorset apple cake and it brought together dozens of bakers, helpers, donors and, of course, eaters! Big congratulations to all involved.

There's no cake batter than this 40ft apple giant



Record baking...the huge cake in Milbourne St Andrew

By Jan Disley

THIS record-breaking apple cake was made by a hard core of village bakers following an appeal in the Daily Express last week.

Rose Frost, 73, contacted us to help find other bakers so they could make the biggest Dorset Apple Cake for Dorset Day on June 1.

Her mission was a success and saw scores of villagers in Milbourne St Andrew baking 79 individual cakes melded together to create a 40 sq ft giant.

They used 230 apples, nine kilos of butter and 18 kilos of flour.

Every slice was sold in just two hours, raising £1,400 for the village hall. Rose, inset, said: "It was a fantastic day – people came from far and wide to see it."







Our School Values

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

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

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

All of us at Milborne St. Andrew First School would like to say a huge thank you to our community for supporting the May Fair. Everyone seemed to have a wonderful afternoon thanks to all the hard work from Natalie Dennis and the FOS Team who all work so hard to raise funds to help us continue to build our dream school. My personal favourite was learning about how vital the vultures are to our global eco-system through their digestive process which rids disease from rotting carcasses and limits the spread of infection through the animal kingdom. So clever and such a funky walk! It reminds me of how interdependence runs through all of nature, including us. We need you, our whole community around us and our children, to help us set them up for a strong and happy future. And we hope that we bring joy to you. The poetry reading at the DDay Service was wonderful and we hope you had a great time at the May Fair too.

A huge thanks to all our sponsors for supporting the event which raised money for our pond and wildlife project – we look forward to sharing pictures with you as we work on the area over the coming year.

Milborne St. Andrew First School took part in ‘The Great Science Share’ where thousands of young people across the UK share the questions they would like to investigate. This year, we focused on the question “What affects performance during sport?” The children then used question spinners to come up with their own specific questions linked to this. We had “Does it affect how well I ride a horse if I wear a dress?” “What will happen if we make the javelin even longer?” and “Does the size of your feet affect how high you can jump?” We look forward to investigating some of these questions during sports day!



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Playgroup go dotty

A happy belated Fathers Day to all the Dads out there! We've been talking about the word 'dotty' and we've explored this artistically and verbally. The term dotty that we are referring to means 'to like or love someone or something very much or be very interested in them'.



There are so many words to describe objects, situations and feelings and we tend to use the ones that are familiar to us. Expanding children's word knowledge is so important: The Literacy Trust are currently campaigning on Early Words Matter; they say '**A child's earliest years are crucial to their development and life chances**'. However, last year over 185,000 5-year-olds started school without the literacy, communication and language skills they needed to thrive. Without this firm foundation not only will their learning, confidence and wellbeing suffer in their early school days, but they are much more likely to struggle with their GCSEs and be unemployed by their 30s'.

The NHS along with other organisation has many ideas on how to encourage talk and learn words. <https://www.nhs.uk/start-for-life/toddler/learning-to-talk/learning-to-talk-3-to-5-years/>

Over the half term we had new flooring laid. Out with the carpet and in with a new vinyl safety floor. This has made such a



big difference to us as messy play is essential but very difficult to remove some of our mixtures from the carpet. We are not interior decorators but we think it makes a big difference to the aesthetic of the environment. Our thanks go to the team at Mark Robbins Carpets Blandford for completing the job speedily and efficiently.

Farewell to Richard and Maureen

A PACKED Sports Club wished a fond farewell to Richard and Maureen Lock, who are leaving Milborne after almost 25 years. They have been actively involved in village life over the years, the Food and Wine Club, and the Gardening Club, with Maureen taking roles in Players' productions. Both were regular contributors to the *Reporter*, Maureen writing monthly gardening columns for many years. Richard was also editor of the *Reporter's* predecessor, the *Messenger*.



Richard will be sorely missed at the Sports Club, being influential in turning the club around by winning new funding and business, plus sheer hard work and dedication on his behalf. Before this, he performed a similar role at the Village Hall, amongst many successes, he was instrumental in gaining £50k of national lottery funding to update the hall's audio and lighting and install the multi-use games area and wildlife area in the adjoining grounds. Milborne has lost an outstanding champion of our village.

We wish Richard and Maureen well and every success in their new village life in Suffolk.

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More photos from Liz's life at Ladybirds



Alan Herridge



ALAN was born in Southampton in 1940 and remained in the City during the War. His father, a skilled Carpenter, worked on Spitfires. Alan has many memories of the air raids.

Alan attended Grammar School, where he flourished and became a competent gymnast. After leaving school, Alan studied agriculture and farming at Sparsholt and Seale-Hayne Colleges, where he met his wife-to-be, Veronica, while in Devon.

Alan started his working life in agriculture and loved being outside. He had an affinity with nature that remained throughout his life. His garden is a testament to his skills, although Veronica commented that Alan spent as much time talking to passers-by as tending his vegetable plot!

After marrying Veronica and having a young family, Alan took the bold step of studying at Bath University and becoming a teacher. He worked at Schools in Somerset before being appointed Head of Pamphill School, Wimborne. This move brought him and his family to Dorset in 1972 and a move to Milborne St. Andrew, where his home was a newly built house in Wetherby Close.

Alan's tenure as the Head of Milborne School, succeeding Bob Alderton in 1976, was marked by his fun, innovative ideas, and his unique sense of direction. His science experiments, though they might not meet today's health and safety standards, were a testament to his commitment to engaging education.

Alan was a true family man with a practical streak, and he could turn his hand to build many things, including boats and vintage cars. He made many structures for his grandchildren – playhouses, swings, ride-on carts, and trailers.

Most of the village knew Alan, and he, in turn, knew most of the village. At his instigation, the Memorial Stone was placed in the Causeway to Commemorate the Golden Jubilee of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II. A stone which has become the focus of village commemorations and celebrations alike since then. He had a wicked sense of humour and always took an interest in former pupils or those he met. He loved sunrises and sunsets, the stars at night, family and friends and, of course, a glass of Red Wine! Old cars remained a passion, too. He also felt at home near the water and had a yacht moored at Wareham for many years.

Alan was many things to many people: a son, husband, father, grandfather, friend, work colleague, teacher, headmaster, sailor, and neighbour. He will be missed, and we send our condolences to Veronica and the family. But above all, we give thanks that Alan was part of this village community for so many years.

(Précised from the Eulogy given at Alan's Funeral).

Notes from the Parish Council meeting

THE Parish Council (PC) meeting was sparsely attended.

A pre application for planning was received by PC. The locations being looked at are:

- land on the left hand side of Dorchester Hill as you head out of the village
- land on the right hand side as you head towards Dewlish.

PC don't reply to pre applications.

PC task tracker update:

- Traffic calming project – Dorset Council (DC) is collecting data from a survey that was carried out which will result in recommendations. Clerk Lewin will chase for an update before the next PC meeting.
- Village gateways – it has been confirmed that these will cost £1,309. Date of installation to be confirmed.
- New right of way gates – price has been confirmed at £357 per gate. Date of installation to be confirmed.
- HIP, behind Huntley Down – Wyatt Homes had said that it would be open in spring but have now said that they have to do a stone pick to make sure it is fit for people to use, so it may not be ready for public access till the summer.
- Cleaning of road signs – Cllr Stephens has taken this on as a project and will prepare a plan of action.
- Road naming policy – has been drafted and sent to councillors, will be added to the agenda for review at the next meeting.

There were no planning applications to discuss this month.

Clerk Lewin gave a summary of the background of the grass cutting contract and shared details of how PC funds came to pay for the verges, which included the church and village hall. The PC is now obliged to review the grass cutting contract, which is a significant PC expenditure, apart from the cost of the Clerk. A large amount of the precept goes into grass cutting. A variety of options were indicated by Cllr Macnair. It was proposed that a councillor prepare a paper detailing options which would then be available for discussion, as well as getting quotations from potential suppliers. To see the location covered by the grass cutting contract refer to the agenda for the June meeting available from the PC website www.hugofox.com/community/milborne-st-andrew-parish-council-7786/agenda-for-meetings/.

The bench on the corner of A354 and Milton Road is no longer fit for use. Cllr Macnair looked at the bench to see if it could be repaired and declared it as “buggered”! The bench had been donated by the *Reporter* and the PC asked whether the *Reporter* would be prepared to pay for a replacement. I suggested that it would be discussed by the *Reporter* team and I would report back at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be at the Village Hall at 7.00pm on Wednesday 3rd July. It would be great to see more people in attendance – please come along to have your say and join in with discussions.

Jo Whitfield

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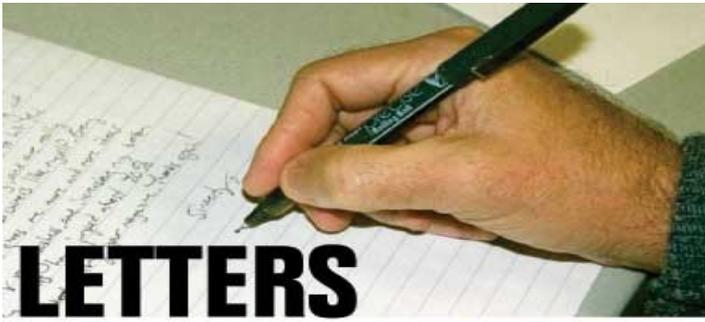
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LETTERS to the Reporter

May I through the Reporter thank all the wonderful people of Milborne St. Andrew for their lovely cards and messages following Alan's death, they have given me great comfort to know how well regarded he was. I have been overwhelmed by the kindness shown to me, so a big thank you to everyone,
Veronica Herridge

Stopping fly-tipping together

Trading Standards investigate doorstep crime and rogue trading. Rogue traders often don't have the necessary permissions to allow them to transport waste produced from their work. This means they are also more likely to illegally fly-tip building and garden waste somewhere, leading to a costly clean-up for other people, or for other Council services.

In the 12 months from April there were over 1,700 reports of illegal fly-tips in Dorset, of which almost 800 were household related.

If you produce waste, at home or from a business, you have a legal responsibility to ensure it is disposed of legally and safely. This means making sure anyone who is handling your waste is licensed to do so. It is vital that you take steps to check that your rubbish will be disposed of correctly and that you are confident you know where it will end up.

Did you know that as a householder you can be liable if your waste is later fly-tipped? Dorset Council Environmental Enforcement Team investigate fly-tipping to identify the waste carrier and the place the waste originated from.

The Household Waste Duty of Care Regulations 2005 are not there to scare people, but to serve as a tool in the constant battle to eliminate fly-tipping and environmental crime. Put simply, if people don't pay illegal operators to take their waste, the illegal operator won't be able to fly-tip it.

Steps you can take to protect yourself include asking for the business' waste carrier licence number, don't pay cash and ask for a receipt or Waste Transfer Note. If they can't provide it, or aren't registered, then look for someone else. You can check if someone is registered first using the Environment Agency's public register <https://environment.data.gov.uk/public-register/view/search-waste-carriers-brokers> or, by calling the Environment Agency on 03708 506 506.

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Bob Marley: One Love

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The film is a snap shot into Bob Marleys short life with back to back music which really makes the film – Marley was reggae's greatest tunesmith and lyricist, laying down spectacularly produced tracks that are yet to be equalled.

Milborne Players' News

ALTHOUGH seemingly quiet, the Players are very much occupied during these summer months, meeting every Monday evening at the Village Hall to develop our performance and acting skills, in a variety of fun and challenging ways.

We are also gearing ourselves up for our 2025 pantomime, which will be performed next February. It promises to be another fantastically bespoke epic, awash with plenty of gaffs, satire, and unique local references – that only the Players can do!

Audition dates will be announced soon, from around mid-August.

There is such a fun array of characters featuring in our next pantomime. We have higher expectations than ever of ourselves, and our prospective cast are buzzing with eagerness and excitement. If you would like to join us, we can promise lots of fun, hard work and immense enjoyment in working together in a close knit and supportive group. If being on stage is not quite your thing, there are lots of different off-stage ways in which you can be involved – and at a level that suits you.

For further information or just a chat, please call or WhatsApp message Kate on 07804 600204 or Gren on 07876 793319. If you prefer to send an email, please do so to katykartweel@icloud.com. Or you can message us via our Facebook page, The Official Milborne Players.

Although the weather is hardly conducive to outdoor theatre, we think it's still worth checking out what Dorset Arts Reach has to offer this summer. From the Miracle and Three Inch Fools Theatres, there is surely something for everyone; you just gotta wrap up a bit! With any luck, by the time the Reporter reaches our letter boxes in July, some sun and warmth may have finally emerged into our lives!

Kate Hawker, Chair, Milborne Players



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We thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

DNA Appointments

Over the last year, there have been a shocking number of GP and Nurses appointments that patients have not turned up for. Some of these appointments are up to 40 minutes long, so missing your appointment or forgetting to cancel means we waste valuable clinic time.

If you can't attend an appointment, please can we ask that you cancel it at least an hour before so someone else can receive the care they need. This can be done either over the phone or by replying to your text reminder. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter – **It could make a huge difference to another patient.**

Annual Flu Vaccination Clinic

We will be running our annual flu vaccination clinic for eligible patients on **Saturday 5th October 2024** at the Winterborne Whitechurch Village Hall. Please save this date as we would like as many of our eligible patients to attend; further details will follow closer to the time.

HelpYourNHS

As of June 2024, prescriptions for 35 minor conditions are no longer available in Dorset such as hayfever, colds and indigestion. Help your NHS and visit your pharmacy or supermarket instead. For more information, please visit www.nhsdorset.nhs.uk/helpyournhs or collect a leaflet from Dispensary.

Important Date for your Diaries!

We will be running a **Wellness Event** on **Tuesday 16th July 1.00–5.00pm** at the Winterborne Whitechurch Village Hall. Pop along to have your blood pressure checked, speak with our digital experts about your queries, meet members of our surgery Wellbeing Team, chat to local support services such as LiveWell Dorset, Carer Support Dorset, Dorset Mental Health Forum and more, and have some tea and cake! We look forward to seeing you there.

Carers Events

We would like to warmly invite all our unpaid carers to our **Carers Coffee Morning Tuesday 2nd July 10.30am–12.30pm** at the Winterborne Whitechurch Village Hall. Whether you would like to come on your own for some 'me time' or with the person you care for, it would be great to see you. Tea, coffee, and cake will be available.

Community Drop-in at Dorchester Library on **Wednesday 24th July 10.00am–12.00noon**. Come along and meet the Primary Care Network Carers and Social Prescribing Leads, together with other community services. Our surgery Carers Lead and Social Prescriber, Kelly, will also be there. Open to all patients in the Mid Dorset Primary Care Network and free refreshments provided.

Wellbeing Activities

Just a reminder of some of the great groups run by our fantastic surgery Health Champions:

- ★ Beginners Line Dancing group is on a Monday 2.00–3.00pm at the Winterborne Whitechurch Village Hall
- ★ Walking group is on Wednesdays at 10.00am – please see our surgery Facebook page for the monthly walking schedule or collect a programme from Reception
- ★ Crafting group is on the first and third Wednesday of the month at 1.30pm at the Milborne St. Andrew Sports Club Pavilion (DT11 0JA).
- ★ Nurtured by Nature group is on a Thursday during term-time and weather permitting

No need to book a space, just turn up on the day. Our Wellbeing Team would love to see you! Further information can be found on our surgery website www.masurgery.co.uk/wellbeing-team

Tribune – The Bar Kokhba Revolt by Guy Aston

ISBN: 9798866986781 Published by Publishnation



THE book is the second in a trilogy set in Judaea in 132AD, as the Jews are rebelling against the Roman Occupiers of Judea. It continues the story of Optio Lucius Decimus Petronius and his friends whilst fighting against a well-organised guerrilla army run by an enigmatic leader. It covers the persecution of the Christian community and the splits between those who think this man is Messiah, and those who don't.

The various characters are developed further against this backdrop, and some new ones introduced. Being a story about bloody war, there are deaths too, as well as descriptions of raids, battles and training, training, training (a soldier's joy).

The love stories continue, but as a background thread, rather than the main story, and the book remains a compelling description of life in Judaea at the time, as well as Roman Society under Hadrian.

The major crime/corruption scandal continues as a thread too, weaving in and out of the military strategy, tactics, surprises, failures and successes. I hope the third book brings all these threads to a cracking conclusion.

However, yet again I finished the book wanting to know 'what happens next?', and look forward to reading the final volume when it is available.

Susan Wilson



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Friends of Milborne School News May Fair 2024

ON 25th May, it was a beautifully sunny day in Milborne St. Andrew. Perfect weather to hold the first Friends of Milborne School May Fair since 2019 at the Milborne St. Andrew Sports & Community Ground.

Upon spotting not one but three inflatables, the children erupted with squeals of delight – not dissimilar to the adults when they saw the bar!



It was lovely to watch the younger children listening intently to Milborne Ladybirds reading stories and singing songs. Mad4Animals had a selection of snakes and creepy crawlies to fascinate (or flee from) and the bungee trampolines proved very popular.



Xtreme Falconry's birds of prey captivated the audience, particularly when one of their falcons decided that they would make their own way home and was reported to be somewhere in the vicinity of Milton Abbey School by the end of the day! (We were assured that they were collected and got home safely.)



We are pleased to report that the event raised over £1,600 for our Charity. This has got the fundraising to regenerate the School's pond and nature area off to a fantastic start.

We have had some wonderful feedback, and we hope to repeat the successes of this event in two years' time.

This event was only made possible through the collaboration of many people and local community groups, and we would like to thank the school community (staff and families), The Trustees of the MSA Sports & Community Centre, the staff of Milborne



Ladybirds, The Milborne Players, The Gardening Club and all the other individuals who volunteered their time to the planning process or to helping on the day. We very much hope that more of you will come forward to offer your assistance when the appeals for help next go out.

Should you wish to get in contact with us about any of our projects, our email address is msa_fos_chair@outlook.com, or follow our Facebook page (Friends of Milborne St. Andrew First School) or Instagram account (@MilborneStAndrewFOS)

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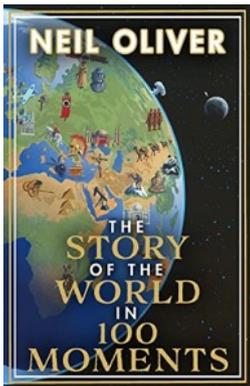
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The Story of the World in 100 Moments by Neil Oliver



A WHOLE new insight into our past, told through 100 remarkable, unforgettable stories.

This book, written to keep himself occupied during Lockdown, is a serious attempt by Neil Oliver to piece human history together. We all learned about, say, Roman, Greek, African, American, Chinese or European History. This book weaves them all together and makes a sequence which traces the world's human history through over 4,000 years.

Each 'moment' forms a chapter of the book. They are all short (ideal for bedtime reading) and full of information. The span of research undertaken and reference material studies is enormous, and it's pulled together into simple language. I certainly learned a lot about the history of mankind. He uses examples from literature, battles, politics and trade, covering a vast range of subjects along the way.

I did get the impression that the last few chapters were rushed. After the hundreds of pages it took to reach the twentieth century, it seemed that many chapters were written together to get the book finished. Sadly this was reinforced by his chapter on the first day of the Battle of the Somme. This talks about the Pals Battalions, saying that they were mostly formed in 1915 and after brief training they were in Northern France by the middle of 1915. He then states that for many, their first day of action would be the 1st July 1916, which somewhat reduces the sacrifice of those who died at Neuve Chapelle, Ypres and Arras (who happen to include my Grandfather's cousin) as well as in small skirmishes and battles which went on every single day. I do hope this was a result of rushing, rather than a reflection on the level of his research.

Overall this is a good book. Few historians have managed to cover such a broad sweep of world history in such an accessible way. Hopefully those who read it will read further to find a deeper understanding based on the start points he offers here.

Susan Wilson

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 July

Wednesday 3rd	Wednesday Club Outing for tea and cakes.
Wednesday 3rd	PC Meeting Village Hall 7.00pm.
Friday 5th	Bridge The Royal Oak 2.30pm.
Wednesday 10th	History Group The Royal Oak 7.30pm.
Thursday 11th	WI. Lesley Paddy will tell us about "Will Does" Village Hall 7.30pm.
	Bridge The Royal Oak 2.30pm.
Friday 12th	Community Café Village Hall 10.00am–12 noon see page 2.
Saturday 13th	Reporter deadline for copy for the August/September <i>issue</i> – send copy and photographs by mid-day via msa.reporter@yahoo.co or give to a member of the Team.
Friday 14th	Gardening Club talk by Martin Young on how to attract butterflies to our garden. Village Hall 7.30pm.
Thursday 18th	Bridge The Royal Oak 2.30pm.
Friday 19th	Milborne Movies <i>Bob Marley: One Love</i> Village Hall 7.30pm.
Friday 19th	

Regular Bookings at the Village Hall

Players Monday 7.00pm weekly.
Line Dancing Tuesday 7.30pm weekly.
Wednesday Club 2.00pm 1st Wednesday monthly.
Yoga Thursday 3.30pm weekly (term time only)
Karate Thursday 5.10pm weekly.
Women's Institute 7.30pm 2nd Thursday monthly.
Gardening Club 7.30pm 3rd Thursday monthly.
Artsreach Events – look out for the posters.
 Check the Village Hall Notice Board for any other events that are one off for you to join in with.

Regular Bookings at the Sports & Social Club

Pilates Monday 6.30–7.30pm.
Yoga Tuesday 6.15–7.45pm.
Stitchcraft (kids) Wednesday 4.15–5.15pm and 5.30–6.30pm, Thursday 4.00–5.00pm
Surgery Wellbeing Papercraft Group 1st and 3rd Wednesdays 1.30–3.30pm.
Sewcial Crafters (adults) Thursday 1.00–3.00pm and 5.30–7.30pm
Busy Bees baby and toddler group from 9.30–11.30am on Thursday term time only. Contact Claire Tudge on 07970 734162.
Kickboxercise Thursday 7.00–8.00pm (school holidays only).
Yoga (Mellulah) 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

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GENERAL — YOUTH

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	Louise Emily	07944 875337
Milborne Ladybirds	Samantha Mercer	07767 450967

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Milborne Players	Gren Davis	07876 793319
Village History Group	Pam Shults	01258 837203

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