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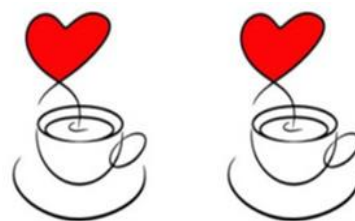
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# Crowds turn out to see new hedgehog centre



THE crowds came to Dorset Hedgehog Rescue's open day at Ashley Barn at the end of June, raising an extraordinary £8,244 for the charity. It was a rare opportunity for the public to see the work of the dedicated staff at the charity's recently relocated base to the south of Milborne. Dorset Hedgehog Rescue (DHR) had begun accepting injured hedgehogs and orphaned hoglets at Ashley Barn after the charity moved to the facility in April. The open day drew a huge number of interested visitors, which co-founder, Jim Dunne, said amounted to around 1,000 people coming through the doors of the hedgehog centre. Inside, the mainly open-plan ground floor has 100 or so plastic cages stacked three high, each with a clipboard attached with care and health notes for the poorly patient.

There are many reasons why hedgehogs find themselves at DHR, from victims of garden work (especially strimmers) and building work, to dog attacks and parasite infestation. Hoglets can become orphaned if mum has had an accident (road or otherwise) or been attacked, leaving the little ones on their own. The more fortunate hoglets will be spotted by members of the public and the team at Ashley Barn will be notified. The centre has a smaller room where some of the most vulnerable and sickly hoglets will be looked after in special incubators. This intensive care unit has babies that are from only a few days or weeks old and hedgehogs with more serious injuries. Some of the youngsters could be seen with punky blue or red highlights on the end of their spines – a dab of nail varnish so they can be clearly identified as male or female. The very young hoglets are being hand-reared and require bottle feeding every two hours. Jim says he and his wife and charity co-founder, Tracy, take hoglets home to be able to feed them through the night. He says it has been especially busy recently with the centre being inundated with new arrivals coming in all the time. The team aims to get their patients healthy and robust enough to release

them back into the wild.

How can you help? In your garden you can leave out clean water in shallow bowls for hedgehogs, especially in dry weather and 'meaty' cat food. Be careful when strimming, checking thoroughly that nests and hogs are not within the area. DHR says this is their most worrying call since most injuries caused this way mean the animal will have to be put

down, if not killed instantly, and may leave a nest of youngsters to be rescued. DHR suggests not to interfere with a nest – if a mother smells the scent of a human, she may abandon her hoglets. Any concerns of hedgehog welfare, get in touch with the experts at DHR.



The charity is looking to increase their volunteer numbers and Jim would welcome anyone interested to complete the form on the website. Shifts at the centre for care staff are 10.00am to 1.00pm with a commitment of one day per week for at least six months.

For more information, see [www.dorsethedgehogrescue.org](http://www.dorsethedgehogrescue.org) or follow them on Facebook.

*Ed Richards*

Photos clockwise: *The Open Day queue at Ashley Barn; Jim with Saturday volunteers; Three very inquisitive patients; One of the youngest hoglets.*






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## Wind turbine generates turnout at July Parish Council

A PLANNING application to replace the wind turbine at Roger's Hill Farm generated much discussion at July's Parish Council meeting. The plan to install a turbine with a maximum height of 125m – replacing the 59m high existing one – at the site between Weatherby Castle and Bere Regis drew residents eager to voice their objection, citing environmental and wildlife concerns, the visual impact and noise worries. A householder who lives close by listed a catalogue of concerns and also pointed out that the developer's noise assessment covered what it said were the five closest properties, but had in fact omitted their home, which was closer than some of the five. She compared the size of the planned turbine to the height of Salisbury Cathedral [123m] and said that the MoD would want a blinking light at the top for military aircraft safety, further increasing the nuisance of the turbine. The turbine is expected to produce four times as much power as the current one.

Although the turbine site is not within Milborne's parish boundary, the PC had been consulted for its opinion. [The current turbine is just within the Bere Regis parish and has produced tens of thousands of pounds to the community's benefit]. Councillors were concerned about the lack of detail within the application including lack of images from key viewpoints to portray the visual impact. The PC objected to the proposals on the adverse impact on the landscape, negative impact of likely increased noise, negative impact on wildlife, especially bat and raptors and the potential hit to the tourist economy.

Earlier the PC heard that the planning application for the 80-unit Camelco development on the old dairy car park will restart as soon as the developer and Dorset Council have agreed a financial arrangement to cover the nitrate flow into Poole Harbour.

A planning application to rebuild a brick and flint wall on Chapel Street that had been fenced was approved.

The bench that was installed by the PC on the corner of Snag Lane and Water Barn Lane had been vandalised, with one arm rest being hacked off and the top rail gouged. Councillors had temporarily repaired the bench. Subsequently, a Milborne resident crafted a more permanent arm.

On the financial admin front, councillors were instructed they were required to carry out a bank reconciliation every quarter in addition to Clerk Lewin's doing it every month. The independent audit of the PC books and procedures was returned with a 100% success rating.

Cllr Stephens passed on the news from a DC meeting that week about the new scheme for the county's recycling centres, requiring residents who use the tip to have to book their visit in advance, which had provoked much public annoyance. She said that DC had relented on the Blandford site, with the council saying people could use the recycling centre as normal – for the time being.

*Ed Richards*

## 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.

## '24 Peaks in 24 hours' at the July 2025 WI

IT was lovely to welcome so many to this month's open meeting, eager to hear Amy Stephens talking about her recent mountain challenge, '24 Peaks in 24 hours', all with the aim of raising money for Julia's House, our local children's hospice.

This two day trek in the heart of the Lake District was a fully supported challenge with mountain leaders encouraging every step of the way. The party of 29 ranged in age and experience, in Amy's words "*a motley crew*", but all were keen and eager to succeed for their chosen charity. Basic accommodation, provided by the YHA, included a packed lunch each day, breakfast and evening meal.



The 24 peaks included Scarfell Pike, the highest mountain in England, the weather was changeable, the climbs '*huge*', the views across the mountains and lakes simply stunning. The two days were inevitably long ones, but the rewards immense. Amy stressed the companionship; you may have been walking alone, but there was always someone there to help. And as the sun set on the evening of the second day, – '*wow, we did it*' . . .

In all, the group raised over £57,000 for Julia's House, with Amy's contribution being an amazing £2,757. And would Amy do it again? She didn't say no! Perhaps we should pencil in a date in the diary!

**Business:** We welcomed two new members, Sue and Jo, and hope they enjoyed their evening with us. Arrangements are in hand to host the Group meeting on 31st July, cakes and raffle prizes needed. Keith Hayman will talk about Medical Detection dogs at this extra meeting. Lin has offered to host our summer supper on 14th August, each to bring a sharing plate, cutlery, etc. Those taking part in the WI Quiz will meet on 7th August at Josie Wright's house.

Bookends members met to discuss '*Without Warning and Only Sometimes*' by Kit de Waal, widely enjoyed by members and a good read. We move on to '*Mothering Sunday*' by Graham Swift.

After the summer break we will meet again on Thursday, 11th September, when Catherine Ramm will talk about Dorset Dried Flowers. Please join us; you will be very welcome.

*Pat Bull*

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## Milborne Players' Summer Mayhem

WE very much hope you enjoyed the Players' triple bill of half-hour plays last month: our Summer Mayhem. Our cast of Last



Respects, All by Myself and All by Ourselves comprised both familiar and new faces in the Players. Their enthusiasm for the writing and comedic elements shone through in their energy and commitment. We were so proud of our younger cast members on the desert island (or should I say peninsula?) who sent Larry the

Loner round the bend. Also, of our two newest cast members larking about in the funeral parlour of the not-so-dead Henry Throgmorton. Shout outs to our director, co-director, front of house staff, back-stage hands (one adult pair and four smaller pairs!) and studious prompt.

As we look forward to our pantomime in February 2026, please make a note of our two audition dates. The auditions will be held in the Village Hall on Sunday 31st August from 11.00am to 1.00pm, and on Monday 1st September from 7.30pm to



9:30pm. Our rehearsals are always the most fun thing about the winter months!

For any queries about the pantomime, please contact



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## Wednesday Club news

THE first Wednesday in July was scheduled as one of our outings. Our committee had difficulty deciding on a venue that was suitable and able to take our numbers, but eventually agreed on Dobbies, the garden centre. We gathered at the village hall car park to sort out car sharing and to tell everyone exactly where we were going.

So then fifteen stalwarts set off for Owermoigne.

The weather was sunny, but not too hot and the drive through the countryside was beautiful. As soon as we arrived we opted for a nice cup of tea and a piece of their lovely cake. Sitting outside at shaded tables we caught up with all the local news. Eventually we had a good look at the plants and wandered around the inside shopping area before another lovely drive home to finish the afternoon.

Our next meeting at 2.00pm on 6th August will be at 5 Brooklands, we will be having a cream tea in the garden.

If you would like to join us, we meet in the village hall on the first Wednesday of the month at 2.00pm. We sometimes have speakers, sometimes in-house games, sometimes local outings all in a very relaxed atmosphere.

*Josie Wright*

## The UK's Ban on Single-Use Vapes

A vape, also called an e-cigarette, is a handheld electronic device that heats a liquid which usually contains nicotine, flavourings, and other chemicals, into a vapour that users inhale. Vapes can be lightweight, colourful and are made in many different flavours. While originally introduced as a smoking cessation tool, vaping has become increasingly popular, especially among young people.

On 1st June 2025 the UK banned the sale of single-use vapes, which are disposable vapes that cannot be refilled or recharged. Designed for short-term use they are typically discarded after just a few days. As a result, they became a major source of waste and pollution.

Before the ban, nearly five million single-use vapes were thrown away in the UK each week. Most ended up in general waste or as litter, posing serious environmental and safety risks. Their lithium-ion batteries can cause fires in waste facilities, while their plastic casings and chemical residues can pollute land and water.

Importantly, the ban also addresses growing concerns about youth vaping. In the UK it is illegal to sell nicotine vaping products to under-18s, or for adults to buy them for under-18s. Despite this, disposable vapes were the most used product amongst underage users, with a quarter of 11 to 15-year-olds reportedly using them. Nicotine is highly addictive, and the long-term health effects of vaping remain unclear. Withdrawal symptoms can include anxiety, headaches, and difficulty concentrating.

Public support for the ban was strong, with nearly 70% of respondents in a 2024 consultation backing the proposal.

Following the ban on disposable, single-use vapes, a vape can now only be sold if it is refillable and rechargeable, so no longer just a single use product.

Please report anyone you see selling disposable vapes by visiting [www.citizensadvice.org.uk/](https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/) consumer or phoning the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 0808 223 1133. Your information will be passed to Trading Standards.



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Thank you for helping your community to reduce medicine waste.

## Annual Flu Vaccination Clinic

We will be running our annual flu vaccination clinic for our over 65 years old eligible patients on Saturday 4th October 2025 at the Winterborne Whitechurch Village Hall. Please save this date as we would like as many of our eligible patients to attend; further details including whether we will also be doing Covid vaccinations will follow closer to the time. Details of dates and locations for the flu vaccination clinic for our eligible patients under 64 years old will also follow.

## Community Coffee Morning

We would like to warmly invite all our carers and anyone who would like a cuppa and some company, to a coffee morning at Winterborne Whitechurch Village Hall on **Tuesday 12th August 10.30am till 12.30pm**.

Our surgery Health Champions will be available to chat about the different local groups they help to run. We are also pleased to have attending representatives from our Mid Dorset Primary Care Network Occupational Therapy Team and from Dorset Council Adult Care. Tea, coffee and cake will be available.

If you are planning to attend, please let us know either by calling the surgery or by sending an email to our surgery Wellbeing Team [mawellbeingteam@dorset.nhs.uk](mailto:mawellbeingteam@dorset.nhs.uk). Alternatively, please feel free to just turn up on the day. We would love to see you!

## Surgery Closures

The surgery will be closed on **Saturday 23rd August** and **Monday 25th August 2025** for the Summer Bank Holiday.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused. For out of hours care or advice during closures, please call 111. In the case of an emergency, call 999.

## Safari Supper Success for MSA Food and Wine Club!

What better way to celebrate Midsummer's Night than with delicious food, flowing wine, and wonderful company? That's exactly what the MSA Food and Wine Club did with our annual Safari Supper – and what a fantastic evening it was!



Villagers set off on foot in high spirits, criss-crossing our streets to enjoy a progressive dinner served in different homes around the village. Each course brought new flavours, new faces, and lots of laughter. It was a delightful culinary adventure, with hosts welcoming small groups into their homes to serve either starters, mains, or desserts – all paired with plenty of wine, of course!

The evening wrapped up with everyone gathering for coffee, drinks, and stories about where we'd been and what we'd eaten. Comparing menus, sharing recipes, and discovering which house had the best pudding (a hot topic!) made for a perfect end to a memorable night.



But the Safari Supper is just one of the many fabulous events organised by the MSA Food and Wine Club. Throughout the year we enjoy lunches, dinners, and afternoon teas at a range of local venues – from cosy pubs to elegant fine dining establishments. We host wine tastings, sociable get-togethers, and our sparkling Christmas Dinner is a highlight – a black-tie affair where we all dress to the nines and celebrate in true festive style.

Whether you're a seasoned foodie or just enjoy a good meal with good company, the MSA Food and Wine Club is a great way to meet new friends and explore the very best of local food and drink.

New members are always warmly welcomed – come along, join the fun, and see what delicious experiences await!

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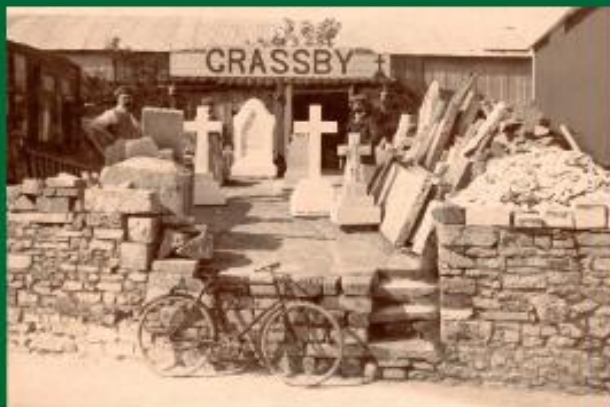
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## The power of small things

For many people August often brings a change of pace. No children to hustle out of the front door to school, perhaps some time away, fewer meetings and long, sunny evenings of relaxation. Many people take the opportunity to slow down a bit.

But not everyone has that luxury: farmers can't just abandon their animals or leave the crops unharvested, working parents still need to get the children out of the door to childminders or holiday clubs, employees in hospitality face one of their busiest times, and fortunately people who work in our essential services – medical, power, refuse collection and so on – carry on working, often even harder than usual because of colleagues who take a summer holiday. For some, August can be one of the busiest months of all. To all of you who keep things going while others pause: thank you.

This mixture of rest and activity, of stillness and service, reminds me of something deeply important: the value of small things. Often, it's the smallest gestures that stay with us. A friendly wave from a passing car. A neighbour who checks in. A kind word in the queue at the shop. These simple acts may not seem much in themselves, but they can quietly transform someone's day. And we can include them in our daily life regardless of how busy or not we are.

Three small examples from my recent experience show how easy it can be to make a powerful difference even with a small action.

I was with a group of young people who were given a choice between two activities. The sun-catcher option proved unexpectedly more popular than the other, but there weren't enough materials for everyone to participate. As the children eagerly rushed forward to grab their preferred craft, one thoughtful girl, who had managed to secure one, noticed the disappointment on another child's face. Although she had wanted that activity for herself, she generously gave it away. It was a lovely gesture. But the story didn't end there — the second child then offered to let the first join in with her, and they made the sun-catcher together. A small unselfish act led to partnership and friendship.

Not long ago I lost the white part from my Vicar's dog collar. I knew roughly where I'd been so I put a post with a photograph on the relevant village's Facebook page asking people to look out for it and to let me know if they found it, so I could go and collect it. A few hours later, two people turned up on my doorstep, collar in hand. I was so grateful.

There are lots of sweet peas around at present. These lovely flowers always remind me of my father, a particularly poignant memory since he died last year. I mentioned this to someone in passing; not long afterwards a small vase of that same flower was left on my doorstep but not, I discovered, by her; I don't know where it came from but it meant so much.

I believe God is often found in those small moments. Not just in grand cathedrals or dramatic events, but in the everyday exchanges that reveal care, compassion, and attention. Jesus himself so often noticed what others missed: the widow's coin, the child in the crowd, the tired fisherman. That's the kind of seeing we're invited to practise too.

So whether you are taking a break this summer or working flat out, I hope you find time to notice the little things — and perhaps to offer a few as well. A conversation, a gesture, a prayer. In God's eyes, no act of love is ever wasted.

With best wishes

*Sarah*

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

### 3rd August – Trinity 7

9.30am	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30	Milborne Praise	Milborne
11.00	Parish Communion	Puddletown
11.00	1662 Morning Prayer (traditional language)	Dewlish

### 10th August – Trinity 8

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

### SATURDAY 16th August

2.00pm	Marriage of Michael Clarke and Elsa Meadows	Dewlish
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### 17th August – Trinity 9

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

### 24th August – St. Bartholomew

9.30am	Parish Communion	Milborne
10.00	Go Fourth	Tolpuddle
11.00	1662 Morning Prayer (traditional language)	Puddletown
11.00	Parish Communion	Dewlish
3.00pm	Holy Baptism	Milborne

### 31st August – Trinity 11

11.00am	United Benefice Farm Service Parsonage Farm, Followed by a bring-and-share lunch	Dewlish
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## Dewlish Church Notes

OUR Pet Service was very well attended by adults and children – and dogs! Thanks to their owners, the dogs were well behaved throughout. Additionally, Sue brought some lovely small chicks. Thank you, Jim, for arranging, and leading, this most enjoyable service.

The following Sunday Christine and Ross opened their beautiful garden at Yarden Cottage to raise funds for Save the Children and Dewlish Church, both receiving £255 as a result. A huge thank-you for all the really delicious cakes and to the ladies for making countless cups of tea and coffee. Many thanks especially to Christine and Ross of course. We shall miss you so much when you move shortly and wholeheartedly wish you a good life in your new home.

### And now to August . . .

On August 25th (August Bank Holiday) we are holding a **Pop-up Market Stall** outside (weather permitting!) the Village Hall starting at 2.30pm. Tea and cakes will be available as usual while gifts of surplus produce would be much appreciated. The event is to raise money towards our Church Insurance. Hope to see you there!

On Sunday 31st August Sue will be hosting the **Annual Farm Service** at Parsonage Farm at 11.0am. We hope you can join us for this lovely service.

## Notes from St Andrew's

WE'VE now entered the long season of "Sundays after Trinity," when, in the Church Lectionary (List of Readings), we focus on what it means to put our faith into action. Recently, the Gospel reading was the story of the Good Samaritan. Sarah began her address that day by saying it was difficult to think of something new to say when the story is as well-known as that one. She then went on to preach an absolute tour-de-force of a sermon, jolting us out of our complacency and familiarity with the story. She certainly gave us plenty to think about!

Our Service pattern continues as usual. On the 31st of August, a fifth Sunday in the month, we hold the popular Farm Service at Parsonage Farm in Dewlish at 11.00a.m. The next *Reporter* after this one will arrive with you early in October, so an advance notice that our HARVEST THANKSGIVING will be held on Sunday, 5th October at 9.30am and will be led by Tony. We look forward to welcoming children, staff, parents, and friends to the First School Harvest celebration in the Church the following day. Harvest is now in full swing.

Among the days of celebration during August and September, Lammas Day (August 1st) was the day when the "First Loaf" was offered. August 15th is the major Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary; St. Bartholomew is celebrated on August 24th; September 8th is the Birthday of Our Lady (and the anniversary of my christening in Milborne Church, many years ago); September 14th is Holy Cross day; 21st September is the feast of St. Matthew, the writer of the Gospel, and September 29th is the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels.

We continue to pray for those we know who need or have asked for our prayers. If you would like to be included on our prayer list, please get in touch.

We send our congratulations to John Wright, one-time Churchwarden and Treasurer, as he celebrated a significant birthday in July. Congratulations, John; keep singing!

I close with words by the Reverend George Timms, one time Archdeacon of London, written for August 15th:

"Sing the greatest joy of Mary  
When on earth her work was done,  
And the Lord of all creation  
Brought her to His heavenly home:  
Virgin Mother, Mary Blessed,  
Raised on high and crowned with grace,  
May your Son, the world's redeemer,  
Grant us all to see His face."

I hope you can enjoy the rest of the summer.

Tony (Churchwarden)

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

### 7th September Trinity 12

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

### SATURDAY 13th September

2.00pm	Marriage of Richard Pye and Molly Ryan	Milborne
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### 14th September Holy Cross Day

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

### 21st September St Matthew

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

### 28th September Trinity 15/Harvest

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

## Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club news



JULY'S meeting had speaker Martin Young, who talked us through how to attract butterflies and other beneficial insects to our gardens.

August is the members summer social so there will not be a meeting but we look forward to seeing everyone in September.

**Sunflower competition:** for all those who have taken part in the sunflower growing competition please be ready with your measurements; I will be in touch at the end of August. Winner will be confirmed in early September

### Jobs for the Garden

With the incredible heatwave we are keeping water bowls and bird baths topped up for all our wildlife friends.

Elaine Willcox

# Rosie's Travels: Cornish Coast Campsite, Penlean

BACK in sunny Cornwall, nice site, not far to the beach and handy for the big tin box on wheels stops. After lunch Mum encouraged Dad to go to the beach as it was such a hot day, he wasn't keen as beaches aren't his favourites but he likes to keep Mum happy (and he knew us pups needed to cool down too). What a lovely time we had, Mum was jumping in the waves and we had a lovely time cooling down in the water. Then it was back to the tin box for dinner and an early night, we're back on the path tomorrow.

## **Walking day 16 Bude to Widemouth Bay** (5 miles – 669ft ascent)

Caught the big tin box to Bude and then walked back to Widemouth Bay. A lovely sunny start, over a couple of bridges and then we were back on the Coast path and we were free to explore at our leisure (well at least until Dad shouts 'come on Rosie'). Nice easy walk and we were soon back in Widemouth Bay and it was time to stop for a coffee and a toasted tea cake, we only got a taster at the end but better than nothing.



Then it was off to the beach for a swim, Mum loves to swim in the sea (Dad doesn't). Mum was clever, she wore her swimsuit under her clothes so she could nip in for a dip, Katie and me just wore our fur coats as usual! Dad started waving at Mum which we thought was friendly but he was trying to tell her to move back along the beach, the lifeguard had gone in on his board to get her back between the safe flags

on the beach. Apparently the waves here are strong and you need to be careful, we're always careful, I don't even take my paws off the bottom, I am very careful!

After a nice stop for lunch (we had some yummy left over pasta) we carried on walking up the hill so Dad could have a nice cold beer before the big tin box took us home.

## **Walking day 17 Widemouth Bay to Crackington Haven** (6.86 miles – 1838' ascent)

We started today where we left off yesterday at Widemouth Bay, nice gentle start to the hike today but it soon changed into lots of ups and downs. The people that have said this is one of the toughest bits of the path didn't lie, phew, even with four legs it was tough! Lots and lots of steps, Dad counted one lot going up, the guide book said there was 200, but he only counted 195, result!

Then came the usual downs and ups, on one of the downs Mum burst into song singing 'On white horses let me ride away', there in the dip were two white horses, Dad was not amused at the horses (or Mums singing, only people of a certain age will remember the song). Anyway they took no notice of us and we got past safely.

We came over a hill to find a field full of cows, some of them even had the cheek to be standing on our path, me and Katie were ready to see them off but Mum bravely stepped in front held her arms out wide and asked them nicely to move and they did!

Finally got to Crackington Haven and found a nice sunny seat outside the Coombe Barton Inn, Dad got chatting to a nice walker called Richard (a bit odd, he put an umbrella up even though it wasn't raining). After a quick drink Mum shot across the road for a swim and left us with Dad, blooming cheek, dogs weren't allowed on this beach!

## **Walking day 18 Crackington Haven to Boscastle** (7.42 miles – 2402ft ascent)

Back to Crackington Haven to pick up the path again, a pleasant walk along the cliff top to begin with and we passed a nice bench where I had a roll about on the grass and Dad spotted that it said 'Poole 500 miles', we're making progress then.

The sun was shining and it was not too hot, we had our fur coats on but Mum didn't even take a jacket. The sun had brought out lots of butterflies or 'flutterbies' as Mum calls them, every time she goes to click them they just flutter by, she did eventually click at one resting on a rock which made her day.

We climbed over a very big hill, not surprisingly it was called High Cliff, and it was! Next came some of Katie's relatives, a herd of mountain goats, she would have loved to run over to see them but Dad had swiftly put us on our leads. Mum went over to explain that Katie can get a bit excited so it was best she stayed close to Dad, after a few clicks we were on our way again. Then I got in Dad's bad books, I jumped into a muddy puddle to cool off and looked like I was wearing muddy boots when I came out, oops! Katie got told off as well for growling at a nice dog called Dave, he looked harmless to me but she can be grumpy at times with dogs she doesn't know.

It was a gentle walk down into Boscastle, Dad walked quite fast as he knew the tin box on wheels was coming soon to take us home, sadly he rushed in vain, it was cancelled so he had to go for a pint (Mum had a cream tea and gave us some)!

## **Walking day 19 Boscastle to Tintagel/Tregatta** (6.6 miles – 1651ft ascent)

Yippee another walking day, we started in good old Boscastle just where we left off yesterday and headed west to Tintagel. Mum started clicking straight away as we walked up the hill, she







said the flowers looked so pretty, Dad was not so impressed. There was some interesting stiles on this walk, I've just got the hang of those tricky kissing gates and now I have to tackle steps going sideways over walls, still for an intrepid explorer like me it was no problem.

The next incident involved more cows on OUR path, Dad sent Mum in front to have a word with them and that worked, they headed off into the greenery. I then spotted a bench I thought Mum would like a rest on, it had a plaque on it saying 'In memory of 'Harry Hill MBE', Dad thought he was still alive but perhaps it's a different man. We soon got to a lovely stream for a paddle and for once Dad didn't shout at me to get out, maybe because there was no mud!

Rocky Valley, what can I say, it was stunning, flowers, rocks and sea, great place for a stop and lots of clicking. Dad said they had been here before with my predecessor Abbie and so Mum had to pose with me and Katie on the same rock and Dad did some clicking (very unusual)! We soon got to Tintagel and Mum had a bit of a moment, last time she walked here she had been looking up at the new bridge and tripped and hurt her hand and ended up at Bude A&E, she won't be doing that again!

We quickly walked on to Tregatta and away from the crowds of humans and I found Mum a nice bench to have lunch, a nosy seagull soon joined us but we are wise to their thieving ways and hung on to our food so he was unlucky! Back in the tin box Dad was treated to a nice Sunday roast, he soon forgave Mum for stopping to click everything all day.

#### **Walking day 20 Tregatta to Port Isaac** (8.61 miles, 2354ft ascent)

We started this walk where we stopped yesterday at Tregatta, lots more different stiles today, this time they had holes for us clever dogs to squeeze through. We trotted through Trebarwith in the blink of an eye, sadly we were too early for a pit stop at the Port William, maybe another time as we had heard good reports of it. A bit further on we spotted a signpost that told us we weren't even half way, none of us minded as we were having a great time.

Mum was getting peckish so we stopped at a lovely cove near Jacket's Point, Mum forgot she was hungry and was click, click, clicking away until Dad poured the coffee. Me and Katie had a good lunch, Dad had saved us one of his sausages, yummy, then we had a cooling paddle and a drink in the stream. It was a bit of a steepy climbing up out of the cove but Mum was still smiling at the top and still kept smiling when more cows were on OUR

path again, Dad let Mum overtake so she was in front and they moved away nicely for her.

After a few more downs and ups and downs we were soon at Port Gaverne which Mum remembers as a sleepy little place but when Dad suggested we stop for a drink she said 'No way' it was far too noisy with music blaring and it must have been bad for Mum to refuse a drink! We carried on around the bend to her favourite place, The Golden Lion in Port Isaac and were lucky to get a table on the tiny terrace overlooking the beach, perfect end to the day!

#### **Walking day 21 Polzeath to Rock via Pentire Head** (6.3 miles – 1019ft ascent)

Instead of a rest day today Mum said 'let's do this easy walk while the weather is good', huh, did she study the weather forecast, we eventually got Polzeath in the rain (the effing bus didn't turn up so Dad had to take us in his tin box). Mum dived into the National Trust coffee shop at Pentire Head and got her caffeine fix under shelter. It soon brightened up and me and Katie had a great time racing around the grassy headland, Katie was off like a mountain goat as usual and Dad had to keep using his silly whistle to try and get her back, some chance!

We headed back to the busy beach at Polzeath but quickly carried on past and stopped for lunch on a bench near Daymar Bay, I'm always on the lookout for good benches for Mum to stop at, I always stand next to the good ones so she doesn't miss them. We carried on then towards Rock along the path in the sand dunes which was a nice change. Dad was on a mission as usual so we marched up the hill to the bus stop only to find it was cancelled and we had a two hour wait, he had to buy mum an ice cream to cheer her up, she saved some for us pups and lucky for me Katie didn't want hers, yummy!

#### **Walking day 22 Port Isaac to Polzeath**

Bloomin' Go Cornwall bus let us down again, Dad had to drive from Wadebridge to Polzeath and park there, then we got a bus to Port Isaac so it was a late start. Mum wasn't happy as she couldn't pop in her favourite shop as Dad wanted to get on with the walk!

We marched past where Doc Martin lives and looked out for Buddy but sadly no sign of him. As usual it was up and down a few big hills to Port Quin. That Katie kept getting told off for going exploring but we were good when we got near to Port Quin because it was lunch time and we always get treats.

Lots of clicking by Mum today but no ice cream at the end of the walk just a drive back to the caravan for a siesta, (us pups like siestas).

Bye for now, love Rosie





# St. Mary's CE Middle School, Puddletown

## *Inspire today to shape tomorrow*

THE latter stages of the summer term are traditionally enlivened by trips and residential experiences for the children, and this year has been no different! Year 6 recently returned from a four day stay at New Barn Field Centre, located in the beautiful countryside above Bradford Peverell. The children spent the week enjoying an incredible range of fabulous activities, from sports to working with clay, and from learning about the history and geography of Bradford Peverell to making fire, churning butter, grinding wheat to make flour, making Viking Savlon



cream, shelter building, analysing Viking tools and artifacts, orienteering, and, last but not least, they got to meet a wide range of animals from tortoises to turkeys! Needless to say, the children loved every minute of the trip and soon overcame any feelings of homesickness.

No sooner had Year 6 returned to school than our Year 8 students departed for their residential break at Budden's Activity Centre in Poole. It's true to say that the trip has left the students with some very special memories as

they approach the finale of their final term at St Mary's. What an active few days it was with the students enjoying the high life on the high ropes and climbing wall, getting drenched during the raft-building and feeling the satisfaction of hitting the bullseye on the archery field. We are massively grateful to our wonderful staff for



giving up so much of their own time to provide such fabulous experiences for the children.

Our summer concerts and performances are always guaranteed to pack the school hall. This year, Year 5 rose to the ambitious challenge of performing a play with a Greek theme, that drew inspiration from Jason and the Golden Fleece. The children were fabulous; all that time practicing lines, dance routines and lyrics, certainly paid off!

And to finish the year in style we celebrated our 60th anniversary with a

summer festival of music and the arts, an impressive event when those pupils who have a passion for the arts had the chance to show off their talents. Well over thirty different acts, including rock bands, vocalists, instrumentalists and dancers enthralled the audience in a packed, and very hot, sports hall! At the same time visitors enjoyed the opportunity to view a wide range of art work that our students had created during the year, from ceramics to drawings and paintings. To see more of the terrific art that our students create, why not follow @stmarysschoolart on Instagram? We guarantee you will be impressed by our students' work!



Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in our community for their valued support, and to wish you all a wonderful summer from all the staff and students of St Mary's.

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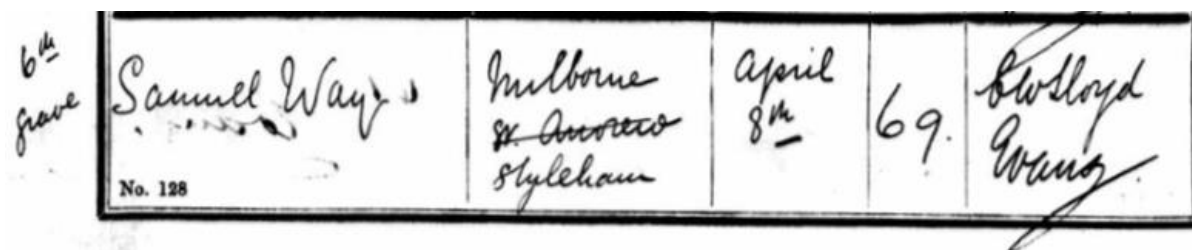
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# Fanning the Flames by Andy Way. Episode 3

OVER the last couple of months, I've been featuring blacksmiths from MSA from my new book called *"Fanning the Flames for over 200 years in Dorset and Beyond: The Way Family Blacksmiths, and their related blacksmithing families the Bligdens, Maltons, Roberts & Tizard's"*.

I've shown that the Ways took over from the Maltons as the village blacksmiths in the 1860s. Samuel Way, my second cousin five times removed, was born in Tolpuddle in 1839, and dies in MSA on April 8th 1908 aged 69. He is buried in St. Andrew's; the vicar's annotation to the left says '6th grave'; the preceding entries have 'right hand corner', indicating the precise location of Samuel's final resting place. Note that the vicar has also seen fit to cross out 'St. Andrew' and insert 'Styleham' as Samuel's address.



As we've seen, blacksmithing skills were often passed from one generation to the next, so it is not too surprising that Samuel's son Ernest takes over as the village smith. Indeed, in last month's article, I showed that already in 1891 Ernest was working with his father. His acquisition of his father's skills became more crucial as the 1901 census showed Samuel to be blind.

In the 1911 census Ernest Henry is now the Head, aged 44, while his widowed mother Jane is 74. They are living on Blandford Hill in MSA. Ernest is a 'Shoeing & General Smith' and an employer. He is shown to be a blacksmith in MSA in the 1911 *Kelly's Directory* (the equivalent of the 'Yellow Pages' of the time), but no other is given for the village; searching Ancestry draws a blank, too. Perhaps in filling in the census form himself (1911 was the first census where individuals compiled their own returns), Ernest Henry meant that he is working for himself.



His mother Jane dies nine years later and is buried in MSA on 7th April 1920. Ernest is still there as blacksmith in MSA in the 1915 and 1920 versions of *Kelly's Directory*. In the 1921 census, he is still living at Crown House, Milborne Stileham, and once more describes himself as a 'Shoeing & General Smith'. Again, he says he is an employer, but as above, this may mean that he works for himself.

Ernest is still named as blacksmith in MSA in the 1927 *Kelly's Directory*, but in 1939, aged 72, he is a 'Blacksmith Retired', although still living at Crown House. Eventually he dies in MSA on 30th May 1955, and is buried there on June 2nd. My photo of the very nice headstone in St. Andrew's graveyard appears here, where the engraving states "In loving memory of Ernest Henry Way died 30th May 1955 aged 88 and his sister (Hilda) Ida

Christina Way died 20th June 1968 aged 95 years". Anyone interested in a copy of either the new 'Blacksmiths' book or the previous

'Ways from MSA' book can contact me at [andy.way@adaptcentre.ie](mailto:andy.way@adaptcentre.ie).

Andy Way

## Bookends' Good Read: "Without Warning and Only Sometimes" by Kit de Waal



THIS simply written, but painfully honest memoir was a great success with the Bookends' members. Kit de Waal was one of five siblings in an Irish/Caribbean family brought up in 1960's Moseley, a Bohemian suburb of Birmingham. In many ways they were deprived; of food, respect, freedom of movement but in others lived in an atmosphere which fed their musical and theatrical senses. Kit was a dreamer and has transposed that deprivation and rich inner life into her writing. She is well known for being an eloquent advocate for marginalised peoples. (Her first book "My name is Leon" was highly praised and is now a film). It is about love, security and haphazard parenting. The children went hungry whilst their father bought lengths of expensive mohair to have his suits handmade; silken shirts and handmade shoes. Their mother often worked three or more jobs at a time to put food on the table. Above and beyond these issues she became a Jehovah's Witness and the children were also brought up in that faith deprived of Christmas and birthday celebrations and attending many meetings during the week. This is a wry, funny book without any hint of bitterness or blame. As the group felt, it was a social history, an examination of multicultural Britain in the 1960's. There were many insights gained from its reading and everyone felt they wanted more of the same 'What came next' but we understood from one member that was not to be. It is a page turner and a gentle exploration of a life lived differently overshadowed by zealotry.

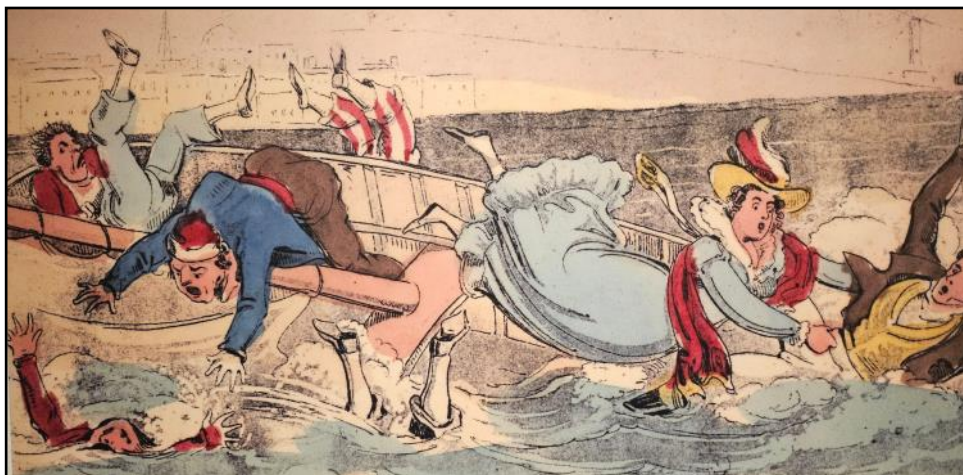
Carole Fornachon



# Jane Austen: Down to the Sea. An Exhibition at Dorset Museum and Art Gallery, Dorchester 14th June to 14th September 2025

"A little sea-bathing would set me up for ever" Jane Austen – *Pride and Prejudice*

THIS exhibition celebrates the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Jane Austen's birth and a celebration of her writing and love of the sea. She loved a dip in the sea, often went there on holiday and had two brothers in the navy. It tells the story of the sea in Jane's fiction and letters, brings objects out from the museum's own collections and borrows significant loans from organisations including the Bodleian Fashion Museum, Bath,



Blandford Fashion Museum and Jane Austen's House at Chawton. It is generously funded by the National Heritage Lottery Fund which is enabling them to borrow these important objects and produce exciting engagement opportunities in Partnership with Arts University Bournemouth. Many of the Regency themes explored in this exhibition – cold water bathing, leisure pursuits, walking along the sea front, eating ice cream, dancing,

holiday romance are still relevant today.

The section on the sea, Jane's love of it and the rise of some of the fashionable resorts she visited, are explored. Also focussing on Weymouth, popularised by King George III who recuperated and holidayed there at the end of the 18th century.



Fashionable dress on display shows typical fashions for promenading along the Regency seafront. Sea bathing/hot and cold salt water baths were popular as a form of entertainment and for health. Jane's novels *Persuasion*, *Pride and Prejudice*, *Mansfield Park*, *Emma* and *Sanditon* all contain references to the sea. Romances often blossom, secret bonds are formed and dramas

arise against the backdrop of the sea. Her brothers Francis and Charles had successful careers in the Royal Navy and sailors are often written into the cast of characters.

There is much to interest and enjoy in this exhibition which also contains interactive sections where visitors can experience a bathing machine and dressing room with costumes to try on. The latter even has rudimentary dance steps to music. The soldiers and sailors section explores the impact of the threat of invasion from France on coastal towns. In 1793 war broke out between France and the rest of Europe, which lasted until Napoleon was finally defeated at the battle of Waterloo in 1815. The threat of invasion was therefore taken very seriously including in Dorset where there was a large military presence in towns like Weymouth. Public fascination with the military provided rich content for Jane's writing, particularly the glamour and allure of 'redcoats' who captured Lydia Bennett's imagination in *Pride and Prejudice*. There is a section on writing by the sea which particularly mentions Lyme Regis. Also an opportunity to dress up in front of The Cobb where Louisa Musgrove famously jumps and falls.

For those who are captivated by this writer and her inspirations this will provide pleasure and for those new to her work a fascinating background in this special year.



***This exhibition runs from 10.00am to 5.00pm every day (last entry 4.00pm; free with Museum entry fee).***

*A rather apt quotation from Graham Swift (Mothering Sunday 2016) I feel puts this exhibition in context. "... we are all, surely, drawn to the seaside. It's a deeply compelling – and paradoxical place. We go there for enjoyment, yet at the same time it is an elemental zone where land and water meet and thus, with or without the presence of cliffs, it is implicitly precarious"*

*Carole Fornachon*





## Our School Values

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**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**

What a term this has been! Our children have worked super hard and have now well and truly earned their summer break! The run up to the end of the school year is always a busy old



time for us. Our families have been treated to so many events. Sports day, leavers assembly, celebration assembly, our Milborne breakfast, tennis coaching, football

tournament, sports festival and we've done all of this during a heatwave!

Last week, we were treated to the Honeysuckle Class Summer Show, where the years 3C4 performed their version of 'Wonka'. Each and every child, from the stage crew to the



chorus line, to the actors, were absolutely brilliant. We are so incredibly proud of our children. They all shone like total stars.

Our Summer Fayre was another highlight. Held during the school day so that everyone could attend, we invited our families in and enjoyed an afternoon of fun. There were smiles all round and we can't wait for next year already.

We raised a whopping £812. A big, big thank you to our children, families, our wonderful Friends of School team and our dedicated staff for helping to make the day so special.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a wonderful summer. We will, of course, be sending our year 4's the biggest luck and love as they embark on their new adventure at middle school, whilst sending a big hello to our new little Buttercups starting in September.

Enjoy the sunshine everyone.



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*Kate Hawker*





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## Reporter - September 2009

### Village pub reopens as Milborne welcomes the Fox Family. And a village baby boom!

THE doors of the rejuvenated Royal Oak pub will be thrown open to the public by new landlords Andy and Sarah Fox on Friday 4th September at 5.00pm.

The building has undergone an overhaul and the couple's vision for a community-focused pub, serving good food, within an informal ambience looks set to ensure the Royal Oak's future. This follows a highly-publicised saga with former owners Hall & Woodhouse. The Blandford brewery removed the Royal Oak from the market just hours before the Fox's were due to sign on the dotted line, causing outrage amongst Milborne residents. Only weeks following this, Mr and Mrs Fox are now the licensees with a 'tenancy-protected' lease. This means, Andy Fox says, "that we can stay as long as we want to stay. They can't throw us out - ever". The couple say that relations are "fine" with Hall & Woodhouse now - following the initial setback, Andy and Sarah have respect for the brewery in the way that they have compromised with them. Hall & Woodhouse have invested money in the redevelopments, yet the Fox's retain control over the pub's destiny. Their only tie is to have three Badger ales, "everything else is free trade", Sarah says, "that gives us the chance to have autonomy to do what we want to here".

They hope to provide a service that makes people want to return. Andy says, "I think if people try it, they'll like it. It's completely different to what it has been like". But he is under no illusion. "It's down to us to make people want to come back - hopefully, we'll be able to do that".



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## Welcome to . . .

... The Fox family, Andy, Sarah, Lily and Ronnie from the Royal Oak

... Anne Purdy, the new Headteacher at Milborne St. Andrew First School

... Seven babies born this year in the village see page 12

Win £50 see page 7

Milborne St. Andrew



ph by Heather V. Hogg

## Baby Boom in Milborne St. Andrew

Babies born in the last five months: *Left to right:* Brooke Savannah Howells; Finley Alexander Carpenter; Samuel John Richards; Elizabeth Emmie Mellor; Myles Henry Stewart; Brooke Louise Young. *Inset:* Born in January; Connor McLaren Young.

# “Touch Wood!”

AS a child growing up in Yorkshire in the 1950's we were visited every Spring by what my mum referred to as 'The Gypsies'. The older women would go from house to house in our neighbourhood selling clothes pegs and also what they described as 'roses' which were sprigs of privet hedge with tissue paper homemade flowers twisted round the tops. My mother was cautiously welcoming to them when they appeared at our back door and always bought a few of these roses.

Even as a small child I could see that the roses were rubbish and I wondered why my normally canny and frugal mum would waste her money. When I questioned her about it, she was quite evasive and would only say that the roses would bring good luck to us. She felt that if she sent the “gypsies” away without buying anything then we ran the risk of being ‘ill-wished’ in some way.

This, of course, intrigued me and opened my eyes to one of the many reasons why people give their money to charities. Giving as a sort of insurance against bad luck, a bit like touching wood.

## Why give to charity?

There are numerous reasons why people give to charities:

**Karma** is a concept found in several Eastern religions and philosophies – especially Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, and Sikhism – that refers to the idea that a person's actions have consequences.

It can be summarised as “what goes around comes around” also often used casually: “*That's karma!*” when someone gets what they deserve.

**Duty.** Many people feel a sense of duty – religious, ethical, or philosophical – to share their resources when they have more than they need, especially when others are suffering. When individuals give, it can inspire others to do the same – creating a ripple effect of generosity and compassion.

**Personal Fulfilment.** Helping others can provide a deep sense of satisfaction and purpose. Studies show that giving activates reward centres in the brain and is linked to increased happiness.

**Building Community and Solidarity.** Charitable-giving fosters a sense of connection and shared responsibility. It can strengthen community ties and show solidarity with people facing hardship.

## Is there a downside to giving to charity?

**Donor Fatigue.** Constant appeals can leave people feeling overwhelmed or guilty, which may lead to resentment or withdrawal from giving altogether.

**Misuse of Funds/Inefficient Charities.** Some charities have high administrative costs, poor transparency, or questionable impact. Money may not go where you intended, or it may do little real good.

**Unintended Harm.** Well-meaning donations can create dependency rather than sustainable solutions. Local economies can become undermined (e.g., donating goods that compete with local businesses), distort priorities in crisis zones if funding floods one area and neglects others.

**Emotional Toll.** People can feel guilty for not giving enough, or helpless in the face of so many causes, then giving can become an obligation, rather than a meaningful choice.

**Overextending Yourself.** Giving too much – especially when you're not in a financial position to do so – can cause personal stress or hardship.

**Feel-Good vs. Real Good.** Some donations make the donor feel better without doing much to address root problems.

Example: buying a symbolic gift (like a goat), when the money could be better used on systemic solutions.

## How to Avoid the Downsides:

- Research charities (look for impact, transparency).
- Set a budget for giving – like any other expense.
- Focus your efforts on a few causes you really care about.
- Balance emotion with reason: give with your heart, but also with your head.

## Which charity should I support?

This, of course, is very much a personal choice. Thank you to those who have emailed [good.deeds.MSA@gmail.com](mailto:good.deeds.MSA@gmail.com) and made me aware that, although many people in our village support a wide range of charities, only one charity has its head office in our village. Perhaps it is because it is ‘ours’ that many of us support ‘Mosaic’ with either donations or in other ways. So, this month I would like to feature our special Milborne St. Andrew charity.

## Mosaic Family Support

### Mosaic's Vision

Our vision is for no child or young person in Dorset to face bereavement alone.

### Mosaic's Mission

Mosaic provides specialist support for bereaved children, young people, and families through counselling, advice, and resources. With us, they have a voice.

“As a small charity, Mosaic relies greatly on funding from charitable trusts, foundations and local authorities, alongside the hard work and support of the local community. Local groups,



individuals, schools and clubs offer support by hosting fundraising events and sponsored challenges to raise vital funds. Without this support, Mosaic would not be able to offer this service, which is free of charge to Dorset families.

Our Milborne St. Andrew based charity is lucky to have the continued support of local businesses and groups, with Glenn and team at the Londis helping us to provide refreshments for





our family events and raffle prizes for fundraising. The wonderful team at The Royal Oak, Milborne held a successful quiz night for us recently and the children at Milborne St. Andrew First School were brilliant participants in last year's Miles for Mosaic! Local Ducks & Drakes Cancer Trust have helped to fund counselling for supported families and also training for school professionals over the years.

Mosaic were also fortunate to have been beneficiary of the 2023 Milton Abbas Street Fair.

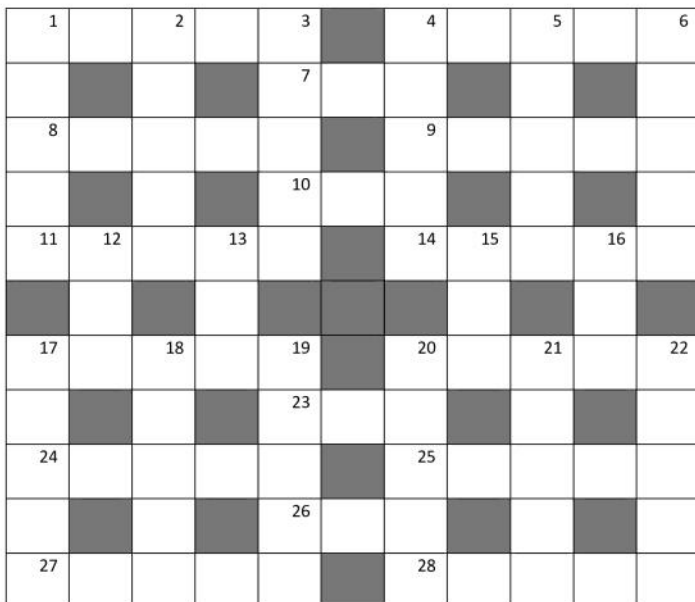
Fundraising for Mosaic not only raises money, but awareness of the vital work we do – we are always keen to visit community groups, to talk about the work we do and to offer support and encouragement to those who would like to fundraise for us. Every penny raised goes directly towards counselling and activities for our supported families. Thank you to everyone who supports Mosaic."

*Jenny Diffey, Fundraising & Volunteer Coordinator*

Mosaic will be attending the Milton Abbas Street Fair on 26th July and then the Dorchester Christmas Cracker on 14th December – pop along and say hello! They are also hosting a Christmas Wreath Workshop on 29th November.

Please keep an eye out for more information or contact [jenny@mosaicfamilysupport.org](mailto:jenny@mosaicfamilysupport.org)

*Rose Frost*



## Junior corner

No prize just a bit of fun. Answers on page 25.

Where in Milborne is this?



### Junior Quiz

1. How many "Rings" are there in the Audi Logo?
2. Which Mammals are also found in "Schools"?
3. Between 1840 and 1857, Queen Victoria had how many children?
4. Which magician flew in every Spitfire fighter plane?
5. Which two girls names are put together to form the name of the bone in the leg which I have just broken?

### Junior Sudoku

Put each Dorset River in each row, column, lined box and diagonal

Trent			Tarrant
	Stour	Frome	

### Crossword

#### Across

1. Undressed Singer
4. Donna \_\_\_\_\_
7. Utilise
8. Book of Maps
9. Type of 1 down
10. Scottish River
11. \_\_\_\_\_ Rogers, Country Singer
14. Included
17. Capital of Ecuador
20. TV Programme, Blue \_\_\_\_\_
23. \_\_\_\_\_ de Janeiro
24. African Antelope
25. Army uniform colour
26. Mineral
27. Scottish town and home of "Royal" Golf Club
28. Circles

#### Down

1. Sea Predator
2. Inter or AC
3. Describing Old Iron?
4. East African Country
5. Fed Up
6. Mix
12. Flightless Bird
13. Crosses a tennis court?
15. Owing
16. Female Sheep
17. Rope Ring used in game
18. US State
19. Constellation of the Hunter
20. Card Game
21. Prepare for sport
22. Remains of old buildings etc

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## Junior corner answers From page 23

**Where is it?** On a Gatepost in Little England

### Quiz

- Four – one for each company in the original merger
- Dolphins and Porpoises
- Nine – Victoria, Albert, Alice, Albert, Helena, Arthur, Louise, Leopold and Beatrice
- The Rolls Royce “Merlin” engine powered the Spitfire
- Pat and Ella = Patella – the medical name for the Kneecap and yes it hurt!

### Sudoku

Trent	Frome	Stour	Tarrant
Stour	Tarrant	Trent	Frome
Tarrant	Stour	Frome	Trent
Frome	Trent	Tarrant	Stour

### Crossword

S	O	M	B	R		K	E	B	A	B
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## What's on in August

**Tuesday 5th** **Move it or Lose it!** Village Hall 10.15am.  
**Wednesday 6th** **Wednesday Club** Cream Tea at 5 Brooklands 2.00pm.  
**Friday 8th** **Bridge** The Royal Oak 2.30pm.  
**Saturday 9th** **Community Café** Village Hall 10.00am to midday.  
**Thursday 14th** **WI** Summer supper 6.30pm.  
**Thursday 21st** **Gardening Club** picnic, 1.00–4.00pm.  
**Monday 25th** **Dewlish Pop-up Market Stall** outside (weather permitting!) the Dewlish Village Hall 2.30pm.  
**Tuesday 26th** **Move it or Lose it!** Village Hall 10.15am.

## What's on in September

**Wednesday 3rd** **Wednesday Club** Village Hall 2.00pm.  
**Wednesday 3rd** **Parish Council** Village Hall 7.00pm.  
**Tuesday 9th** **Move it or Lose it!** Village Hall 10.15am.  
**Thursday 11th** **WI** Catherine Ramm will talk about Dorset Dried Flowers Village Hall 7.30pm.  
**Saturday 13th** **Community Café** Village Hall 10.00am to midday.  
**Sunday 14th** **Deadline** for the October *Reporter*. Send your articles and photographs via email to msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk or give to a member of the Team. Team members can be found on page 2.  
**Friday 19th** **Bridge** The Royal Oak 2.30pm.  
**Tuesday 23rd** **Move it or Lose it!** Village Hall 10.15am.

## Regular Bookings at the Village Hall

**Players** Monday 7.00pm weekly.  
**Move It Or Lose It** Tuesday 10.15am.  
**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** (Iyengar) 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  
**Yoga** (Mellulah) Friday mornings.  
**Beavers** Friday 5.30–6.45pm.  
**Football** Saturdays and Sundays.  
**Private parties, birthdays, wedding receptions** check online calendar.  
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