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Food and Wine Club news

I HOPE this doesn't jinx future Safari Suppers, but once again we were blessed with a perfect evening on 20th June when we crossed paths to various club members' homes for this popular event. Three courses at three different homes, then finally all meeting together for coffee and liqueurs. Much fun was had by all, and it was a great way for new members to make new friends.

Many thanks to Rose Frost for her impressive pie, to all those who hosted and to Linda Chappel for mastering the complicated logistics.



As I write, 40 members are looking forward to an afternoon tea party at The Old Rectory.

Penny Pearce

Wednesday Club enjoy a cream tea

NON-MEMBERS missed a real summer treat at our last gathering of the Wednesday Club. We all met in Lin Chatfield's lovely garden for our annual cream tea. The scones, jam and cream were provided by members, the weather was just right and the conversation flowed. We not only had a lovely sunny afternoon, we were also able to provide a donation to the charity researching a cure for cancer, thanks to our generous members.



It is always an enjoyable afternoon, whether we gather in the hall, or go out. At our August meeting Pam Shults will be telling us about her recent cruise experience. New members are always welcome. Our meetings are on the first Wednesday of each month at 2.00pm.

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Making a Mark for the RSPCA

HELLO we are Esme and Phoenix, and we go to St Marys CE Middle School. We took part in our school's year 8 'Make Your Mark Project' where we had to help or fundraise for a local community or charity. We decided to help the RSPCA Taylor's Rehoming Centre who support many small animals such as:



rabbits, cats, guinea pigs, small birds (like canaries, love birds, cockatiels and budgies) and many other small animals. We decided to choose this charity to help because they are local to us and we like those animals. Esme has two rabbits at home called Nibbles and Oreo, and Phoenix has a cat called Cleo, a leopard gecko called Indigo and four quails, including the number one boss man, Derek! She also used to have two guinea pigs called Izzy and Pearl. We went to take a look around the



RSPCA charity, where we saw lots of lovely animals including a very friendly sphinx cat! These are some of our photos of them. The RSPCA Taylor's Rehoming Centre is always in need of donations so we decided to help them out. We planned to do a donation collection point at the Village Hall and that took place on Sunday 31st May. That went really well and we got a lot of donations both in money and requested items. We thank each and every one of you who donated and we are sure it will be greatly appreciated by everyone at the RSPCA. We raised a whopping £69 and a bunch of donations such as: lots and lots of cat food, towels/ bedding, toys, rabbit treats, this amazing cat drinking water fountain and so much more! Thank you so much for all of your lovely donations. The money we raised has been spent on a shopping spree for the animals. Everything will be taken to the RSPCA by us. Thank you to everyone who helped and donated!





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That's not Cabbage White

THOSE of us who spend time in the garden are lucky in seeing a whole range of insects from those annoying little ones that bite you, to a whole range of butterflies and some damselflies and occasional dragonflies.

Of course, the ones that concern gardeners most are those that have an effect on the plants that we grow. I have had repeated problems with the beautifully marked yellow and speckled caterpillar that enjoys my mullein plants and, occasionally, the large caterpillars of the hawkmoths that enjoy the fuchsias.

However, the ones that gardeners seem to like least are those that turn our cabbage family plants to lace. Early on this year I noticed a small white butterfly flitting round the garden way before there were any cabbages. On closer inspection I saw it was a female Orange tip butterfly (*Anthracis cardamines*). This is somewhat misleading as the female is white, with one spot on its forewing. It is the male that has the bright orange edge to the wing. They are no problem, as they eat Garlic Mustard and Cuckooflower, and only have one brood a year. The eggs are laid singly, (as the caterpillars are cannibalistic), on seedpods. The next to come to my attention was the Green veined White (*Peiris napi*), so called, as the underwing has greenish veins, and as they have two broods a year, the green is paler in the second brood. They also only eat Garlic Mustard and Cuckooflower, but will eat Oilseed rape. So, they are not a problem to my cabbages. There is also a Wood White (*Leptidae sinaeopsis*) which feeds on low growing flowering plants and as its name implies, is mainly restricted to woodland. One of the larger of this group is the Brimstone (*Gonepteryx rhamni*) which can appear throughout the year as it overwinters as a butterfly and will come out in periods of slight warm weather. It is a yellow green butterfly, although the female is paler. It too is no problem, as its foodplant is the leaves of the shrubby trees Buckthorn and Alder Buckthorn. Occasionally, one may see the Clouded Yellow (*Coleus croceus*), a migrating species seen often at the coast. If they breed, the caterpillars eat clover. Last of these innocuous white butterflies is the Cryptic wood White (*Leptidae juvernica*). Not a problem at all as it is only found in Ireland.

Of course, the real villains are the Large White (*Pieris*

brassicae), which may lay its first eggs in April and a second brood from late July. The caterpillars are speckled yellow and black. The other culprit for attacks on cabbages is the Small White (*Pieris rapae*) which can do similar amounts of damage but can be differentiated from the Large White as its caterpillars are plain green.

What can the gardener do?

- ◆ Don't grow cabbages.
- ◆ Squash the patches of eggs on the underside of the leaves.
- ◆ Squash the caterpillars as they feed.
- ◆ Put a net over the plants.
- ◆ Rely on the parasitic wasp (*Cotesia glomerata*) to lay its eggs on the caterpillars.
- ◆ Use a pheromone; females will not lay on plants that already have eggs on as an ovipositing-detering pheromone is left on each batch of eggs.

So, there are a lot of white or whitish butterflies for us to enjoy that need not be killed, just because some species eat your cabbages.

Pip Bowell



Photos: Clockwise from top left: Wood White, Green Veined White, Orange tip Female, Orange tip Male.



...We're all going on a Summer holiday...

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



LETTERS to the Reporter

Dear Editor,

Badminton Club

Following my letter to the Reporter published in the June edition, from which I have had no response, I have now discarded all the remaining paperwork and have sent a cheque for £93.23 to Cancer Research UK, which was Bruce Dyer's charity for his funeral.

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Lost and found

WERE you living in Milborne in the early 1980's?

Every time I drive past the Old School opposite the Hambro Arms in Milton Abbas I remember when I spent an idyllic summer term in 1985 teaching the infant class there. The



juniors were taught by the headmaster in the main building and my classroom was a prefab in the garden. I only had about a dozen children in my class.

It's a very long time ago, but in 1983 I had just moved into army married quarters on Blandford Camp and after quite a lot of travelling around different schools for odd days of supply teaching I was very lucky to get a full term to cover for a maternity leave. I had never been to Dorset before and I was instantly charmed by the thatched cottages and beautiful setting in Milton Abbas.

For a couple of weeks in the summer holidays we had a house full of our Scottish relatives staying with us. It was a bit of a squeeze to have four extra adults and two extra children sharing our tiny three-bedroom terrace with the pair of us and our two small children of three and five years. We parked our four-berth caravan on the driveway which helped a bit.

We all went out doing the usual touristy things each day and one of the first places I took them to was Milton Abbas. I parked outside the Post Office and we explored the village, finishing up in the pub for lunch. When we went back to Blandford Camp via Winterborne Stickland everyone was enchanted by the scenery and it was a most enjoyable day out.

The next morning dawned bright and fair and we were planning a picnic, but our plans changed rather abruptly. I answered the telephone and a voice told me that yesterday afternoon my purse had been found in the gutter outside the Post Office in Milton Abbas and had been handed in. They found my telephone number from my organ donor card in the back of my purse.

I was astonished to hear this as I hadn't even been aware that my purse was missing. So, I jumped in the car and drove to Milton Abbas but when I enquired at the Post Office there I was met with bemused expressions. No purse had been handed in to them and they knew nothing about a phone call. After a few minutes thought the Postmaster suggested that the purse might have been handed in at Milborne St. Andrew Post Office. I'd never heard of it, but got directions to the village and was soon parked outside another thatched Post Office. Thankfully my purse was being kept safely and I was amazed to find that the cash and cards were all there.

I have often wondered who that kind and honest person was who retrieved my lost purse and handed it in. Whoever you were thank you!



I've chosen a typical Dorset recipe this month. Portland pudding was apparently a favourite of King George III. It was originally created by the landlady of the Royal Portland Arms in Fortuneswell and the king used to enjoy it during his visits to Weymouth between 1789 and 1805. He christened it "The Royal Pudding". It's a good one to serve as an alternative to apple cake on June 1st, Dorset Day. Steamed pudding has a reputation for being heavy and stodgy, but the citrus flavours in this recipe are light and summery. A very small portion is extremely satisfying.

Portland Pudding Ingredients

175g self-raising flour
1 rounded teaspoon baking powder
175g softened butter
3 large eggs
175g soft light brown sugar
Zest of one orange and one lemon
100g candied peel

Method

In a large bowl sift flour and baking powder.
Add softened butter, eggs, sugar, orange and lemon zest.
Beat with an electric whisk or in a mixer until thoroughly blended.
Stir in candied peel
Spoon into a well buttered 2pint (1.2 litre) pudding basin.
Cover with a double layer of foil
Steam for two hours
Serve with cream and custard



One of my favourite poems about losing things . . .

One Art

by Elizabeth Bishop

The art of losing isn't hard to master;
so many things seem filled with the intent
to be lost that their loss is no disaster.

Lose something every day. Accept the fluster
of lost door keys, the hour badly spent.
The art of losing isn't hard to master.

Then practice losing farther, losing faster:
places, and names, and where it was you meant
to travel. None of these will bring disaster.

I lost my mother's watch. And look! my last, or
next-to-last, of three loved houses went.
The art of losing isn't hard to master.

I lost two cities, lovely ones. And, vaster,
some realms I owned, two rivers, a continent.
I miss them, but it wasn't a disaster.

—Even losing you (the joking voice, a gesture
I love) I shan't have lied. It's evident
the art of losing's not too hard to master
though it may look like (*Write it!*) like disaster.

Rose Frost

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A Season's End

Seasons come and go, through the cycle of our lives. Some of you will already have heard that my time as Vicar of Puddletown, Tolpuddle and Milborne with Dewlish is coming to an end. In October I will be moving to take up a new post as Rector of Ledbury and Eastnor in Herefordshire. I do so with a whole mixture of emotions: joy and excitement for the future, but also with a deep sadness at leaving behind people and places that have been such an important part of my life over the past 15 years.

As I look back, I want to say thank you to everyone in Milborne St Andrew who has played a part in my time as your Vicar. I have watched your children grow from babies into teenagers, and from children into adults, through village life and the schools. I have shared in joyful beginnings as children were baptised and couples married. I have walked alongside you in the sadness of grieving and funerals. I have enjoyed village lunches and coffee mornings, many happy games of badminton in the first school, until an injury prevented me continuing. I have had many a meal in the wonderful pub. Alongside all of that have been numerous Sunday services, Christmases, Harvests, Remembrance Sundays and Easters, Lent and Advent study groups and other church activities. I can't count the number of meaningful conversations and happy encounters I have had with so many of you. Thank you for all that you have given me.

There will be a farewell church service at 11.00am on Sunday 11th October at St Mary's Church, Puddletown, to which everyone is warmly invited. Afterwards there will be a party in Puddletown Village Hall from about 12.30pm – a chance for anyone whose life has crossed mine over the past 15 years to come and say goodbye.

My fervent wish is that everyone who wants to come feels welcome, whether church has been a regular part of your life or not. I'd love to see you at the service, but, if church isn't really your thing, please don't let that stop you coming to the party afterwards. If you're able to bring a dish to share that would be wonderful, but please don't feel you have to. The important thing is your presence.

Thank you for fifteen amazing years. It has been a privilege to serve as your Vicar, and I will take many happy memories of people and occasions from Milborne St Andrew with me as I leave. May God continue to bless the village and all who call it home.

With best wishes

Sarah

News and Notices from St Andrew's

THE main news from our churches this season is the announcement that Sarah will be leaving us in October, marking the end of her 15-year ministry within our community. Sarah has been appointed to serve in Ledbury and Eastnor, in the Diocese of Hereford. Over the next two months, there will be further opportunities to reflect on and celebrate her time with us. At present, we hold Sarah in our prayers as she prepares for this significant transition and express our heartfelt gratitude for all that she has contributed to the Benefice.

There have been questions about what happens in the church during the vacancy period. One person even wondered whether the church would close until a new appointment is made. This serves as a timely reminder that the life of the church is not dependent solely on the Vicar, nor indeed on any single individual. As someone who has known eight Vicars in Milborne, the church is, above all, Christ's Church. Our responsibility is to pray that His will continues to be done among us. Worship will go on, although there may be some necessary adjustments to the usual Service pattern.

Sarah's final Service in the Benefice will be a Benefice Eucharist held at Puddletown

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

August

2nd August – Trinity 9

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

9th August – Trinity 10

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

16th August – Trinity 11

9.30am	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30	Worship in Stillness	Milborne
11.00	Parish Communion	Puddletown
11.00	Family Service	Dewlish
2.00pm	Holy Baptism	Milborne
4.00	Holy Baptism	Puddletown

23rd August – Trinity 12

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

30th August – Trinity 13

11.00am	United Benefice Farm Service	Tolpuddle
	Followed by a bring-and-share lunch	
3.00pm	Holy Baptism	Puddletown

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on Sunday 11th October at 11.00am, to which everyone is warmly invited. Following the Service, from 12.30pm onwards, there will be a lunch and gathering at Puddletown Village Hall. All are encouraged to come and say "Goodbye" to Sarah at this event, regardless of whether they attend the Service beforehand or consider themselves regular members of the church. Sarah's positive influence has extended well beyond our congregations, and all who wish to show their appreciation are most welcome to join the gathering at the Village Hall.

As this edition covers both August and September, there are some advance notices to share. On Sunday, 30th August, which is a fifth Sunday, there will be a Benefice Eucharist at Tolpuddle at 11.00am, followed by a bring-and-share lunch. On Sunday, 4th October, our Harvest Thanksgiving Service will take place at 9.30am, led by Tony.

We extend our love and warm wishes to Veronica Herridge and Diane Brady, both of whom have recently celebrated their birthdays. In contrast, we also offer our deepest condolences to the family of Jonathan Redmill, who passed away recently after a relatively short illness at the age of 59. Many will remember Jonathan from his days living in Chapel Street with his parents, Julian and Margaret, and his brother Guy. Jonathan died in Slovenia, the home country of his wife. We send our love to Barbara and Timotej and assure them of our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

In closing, we reflect on the words from a modern hymn, which remind us that we are not called to have all the answers or to be perfect. Instead, we are called to place our trust in the One who knows the future and will guide us if we let Him:

*"Safe in the everlasting arms
And in our Father's care,
I trust in Him, I trust in Him,
Who hears and answers prayer."*

Tony (Churchwarden)

Dewlish Church Notes

ON A glorious Sunday morning we held our Annual Pet Service in the churchyard. It was lovely to see 14 people attending, with six really well-behaved dogs, and a mother hen with her delightful young chicks. Many thanks to Jim for arranging the service and especially to our lovely young people who read from the Bible so well. It was so good to see you all (including the pets!).

On 30th August (a fifth Sunday) the **Benefice Service** is at Tolpuddle, so there will be no service in Dewlish Church. Please join us there; it is always good to get together with our friends in the benefice.

The day after – Bank Holiday Monday – we are holding a **Pop-up Market Stall** outside the Village Hall (weather permitting) starting at 2.30pm. Tea and cakes will be served inside as well. We shall be very grateful for donations of any surplus garden produce, jams, chutneys, etc., and also for any cakes for tea sales. We have some wonderful cake-makers in Dewlish so we are hoping that they will be able to help us too. Many thanks!

Daphne Burg

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No prize, just a bit of fun.

Deadline for the next issue 14th September

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

6th September Trinity 14

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

SATURDAY 12th September

2.00pm	Marriage of Barry Gosney and Linda Wilcocks	Tolpuddle
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13th September Trinity 15

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

20th September

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

Trinity 16

SATURDAY 26th September

4.00pm	Holy Baptism	Puddletown
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27th September Trinity 17

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

High summer at Gardening Club

MSA Gardening Club will be having a High-Summer Social Bring Your Own Picnic on the afternoon of Thursday 20th August so there will not be an evening meeting.

Jobs for the garden:

- * Regularly snip off faded blooms on dahlias, roses and cosmos to encourage continuous flowering
- * Collect ripened seeds and store them for next year. Leaving some seed heads in place can be attractive and allows the plant to self seed in the surrounding soil
- * Ensure supply of fresh water in bird baths and shallow dishes for hedgehogs and other small mammals
- * Pick French and runner beans every 2-3 days to prevent them from going stringy.

The Players Give Us A Sign

A heartfelt thanks to everyone who braved the heatwave in July to watch the Milborne Players perform Give Us A Sign.

We cooled the village hall as much as possible; with ice lollies and Cornettos in the interval also taking the edge off the heat. The audience were entertained by the well-meaning antics of Ken “the Clairvoyant” Lockwood, Rachael his unfortunate wife and the hapless efforts of disgraced spies, Russian Nadia and American Chuck. The somewhat more sensible Mrs Pearson and the ghost of Professor Richards brought an intriguing element to the story - and our radio newsreader set the scene for everyone.

For Ashley Wiltshire, this was her debut directorship and she did fantastically well. Her vision was really inspiring and her comedy adaptations mean our younger cast were included; bringing a fresh element of delight to both the audience and older cast.

As ever, our crew were more than invaluable. Scenery, lighting and sound effects brought the stage alive when Ken entered the spirits world!

These shared moments remind us why village productions matter: they strengthen our sense of belonging. We’ve packed up the stage now, but we carry forward the joy, camaraderie, and creativity as we prepare for our pantomime in February.

Thank you to everyone who took part, supported and came along to enjoy the show.

Kate Hawker





Dorset Police Launches 24/7 Fraud Advice Service “Ask Damian”



DORSET Police has launched a new 24/7 telephone fraud advice service called “Ask Damian”, giving residents instant access to support and guidance to help protect

themselves from fraud.

The new service is designed to be easy to use and available at any time. It offers advice on all types of fraud, aiming to spot scams early and encourage simple steps to prevent financial loss. It can also translate into different languages, making it accessible to a wide range of people across Dorset.

Working with Bridgit Care

Dorset Police has collaborated with Bridgit Care, a trusted organisation that provides resources to the NHS, charities and councils to support their communities. Using Bridgit Care’s platform and expertise, Ask Damian can provide tailored advice and clear guidance, helping residents better understand fraud risks and take practical steps to stay safe.

Strong results from trials

During testing, the service received very positive feedback:

- People said: “It was just like talking to a real person and it treated people with dignity and empathy.”
- 87% of users felt better prepared to recognise and avoid fraud
- 30% took proactive steps to protect themselves after the call

The system can also send a follow-up text message, giving callers a summary of the advice they received.

Raising awareness of fraud risks

Fraud Protect Officer Damian Cranny said: “In the last 13 months, Dorset residents have lost £24.5 million to fraud. Much of this could be avoided if people followed simple prevention advice. I encourage residents of Dorset to use their free call minutes to contact the service and take steps to protect themselves from fraud.”

How to access the service

Service name: Ask Damian

Available: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Phone: 01202 144688

If you have been a victim of fraud, contact the Report Fraud website or call **0300 123 2040**.



Can you identify where this is in Milborne?

Be the first to send your answer to msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk or give to any member of the Reporter team (Reporter team members can be found on page two).

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

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SPOTLIGHT . . .

This month the spotlight is...



HERE in the village every Tuesday morning a group of villagers meet in the hall to exercise.

Move it or Lose it is a specialist exercise programme designed for older adults, focusing on four key areas: flexibility, aerobic fitness, balance and strength (the FABS principle). The aim is to help people stay active, independent and mobile so they can continue doing the things they enjoy for as long as possible.

Classes are low impact, with no floor work, and can be done seated, supported standing or standing, making them suitable for a wide range of abilities. Everyone is encouraged to work at their own pace and within their own range of movement. They're ideal for people returning to exercise, those who have never exercised before, or anyone wanting to improve their strength, balance, mobility and confidence in a friendly, welcoming environment.

Pippa teaches community classes as well as sessions in care homes and retirement living communities. Although every class is different, they all have one thing in common: they're welcoming, sociable and fun. We exercise to familiar music, share plenty of laughs, and many friendships have been formed along the way.

The first class is free and then £6.00 per week. Tuesdays at 10.15am.

Linda Wright

The end of one chapter and the beginning of another

LADYBIRDS closed as a charity at the end of the academic year but we look forward to taking all of the children with us into the blended family we are about to become in the new Early Years unit under the management of Milborne St Andrew First School.

Staffing is now confirmed and we are pleased to confirm that the two new Keyworker roles have been filled by Liz and Jess from Ladybirds. Sam is moving into a new role as Childcare Leader at Damers First School.

Along with the children we have great excitement at the changes that are about to happen here. The existing classroom we rent from the school is being knocked into one with Buttercups class over the summer holidays.

It's not 'goodbye' but onwards to our next chapter!

Sam, Jess and Liz. The Ladybirds Team

Would you like to deliver the Reporter?
Contact the editor for information

What is missing



Here is a photo of a familiar local-ish landscape. What is missing? Clue: Weymouth is clearly visible, this photo was taken near Oasis Café.

Answer on page 25

Summer in bygone Milborne St Andrew

AS we bask in the summer sun reports of how the residents in Milborne spent their summers can be found in old newspapers and the school log book. Of course for the working men and women summer was a busy time with crops to be harvested and the main harvest to be done and with lighter evenings the working day could be long.

Afternoon teas were a common event either put on by the church, chapel or the Morton-Pleydells. Trips to the seaside were also organised by various groups. One Methodist Sunday School trip to Weymouth had them meeting at 6.45am.

Special events like the end of the Boer War, the King's recovery and his coronation were all celebrated as well as annual events like Whitsun, Harvest Festival and the Woodbury Fair in September. Fetes in the village and the surrounding areas were all attended, with the school being closed the for these occasions.

School treats were an annual event. In the 1870's all the schools in the area, a total of over 300 children, were entertained at Longthornes to tea and afterwards games. The Morton Pleydells continued giving teas to the children of Milborne for many years either in the village, with swings and roundabouts in the Grove or at Whatcombe.

However with the summer came health problems. In 1909 the Medical Health Officer reported that some cesspits were overflowing, that many villagers had difficulty disposing of privies and pail closets with some having to empty the matter into sump holes next to the cottage. He also commented on the state of the earth closets at the school. It was felt that it would be too expensive to install main drains to the village; luckily for us that they did eventually! From the school log it would seem that ringworm was very prevalent during the summer with outbreaks of measles closing the school. Although the log is full of

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St Mary's

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A Busy and Memorable End to the School Year

As another successful school year draws to a close, St Mary's has enjoyed an action-packed and exciting end to the summer term, full of memorable experiences, celebrations and outstanding student achievements.

One of the highlights of the term was the fantastic Year 8 residential trip to Buddens Activity Centre in Wareham. Students



enjoyed a fun-filled few days packed with adventure and challenge. Activities included raft building, kayaking, archery, climbing, high ropes and

many more exciting outdoor pursuits. The trip provided opportunities for students to develop teamwork, resilience and confidence whilst creating wonderful memories with friends before they move on to the next stage of their education.

Another special occasion was the celebration assembly for our Year 8 Make Your Mark programme. This important initiative encourages students to make a positive difference in their local communities through a wide range of projects and activities. It was a pleasure to welcome our local MP, Simon Hoare, who joined us to present awards and certificates to students in recognition of their achievements. Parents were also invited to attend and hear about the many terrific community projects that



our students have been involved in throughout the year. The assembly was a fitting celebration of the commitment, compassion and community spirit shown by our young people. The summer term also featured our much-anticipated Annual Summer Concert, which once again proved to be an outstanding showcase of the incredible musical

talent at St Mary's. A packed school hall enjoyed an evening of high-quality performances from instrumentalists, brass bands, vocalists and rock bands. Students



performed with confidence and enthusiasm, entertaining parents, families and friends throughout the evening. We are fortunate to have so much musical talent within our school community, and the concert was a wonderful celebration of all the hard work and dedication that has gone into music-making this year.

Finally, one of the most eagerly awaited events of the year arrived – the Year 5 Summer Play! This year's production, "Troy Story", delighted audiences with its humour, energy and creativity. The students were outstanding, bringing the story to life with impressive performances that reflected weeks of hard work and preparation. The production was thoroughly enjoyed by



families and staff alike and provided a perfect way to round off a busy term.

The sheer variety of events and opportunities that have taken place during the summer has been

phenomenal. From outdoor

adventures and community projects to musical performances and theatrical productions, there has truly been something for everyone. These experiences are a testament to the dedication, enthusiasm and commitment of the fabulous St Mary's staff team, whose hard work helps make so many opportunities possible for our students.

As we reach the end of another successful year, we would like to thank all our students, families and supporters for their continued encouragement and involvement. We wish everyone a restful and relaxing summer break and look forward to welcoming students back for the start of another exciting school year in September. Happy summer!



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PC WLTM new councillors – but only meet every other month

JULY'S Parish Council meeting saw a healthy turnout of residents despite (or perhaps because of) England's first knock-out match in the World Cup ending just minutes before. One villager had questions on the council's decision to reduce the number of public meetings from every month to alternate months. The questioner asked about the rationale behind the change, whether there would be cash savings and if it meant a democratic loss to the community. Whilst there was not an overriding reason put forward by the PC – councillors said that the previous chairman had suggested the move – it was said that it is common practice in smaller villages and that the PC could be contacted by email or phone at any time between meetings, so residents would not lose out. Other than savings on hall fees, the clerk's fees would stay the same as he would continue working eight hours per week. Cllr Stephens, who chaired the meeting, said that the new arrangement would be trialled for a year. Due to the small number of councillors – four active members with three seats vacant – the chair role would be shared between the four of them for the time being since the loss of the previous chairman, Cllr Greening.

The response to Milborne's recent flooding was addressed by both the PC and Cllr Emma Parker for Dorset Council (DC). Cllr Parker gave an update from DC regarding the flood meeting. Gullies had been cleared in The Square and on Dorchester Hill but DC acknowledged that they were problem gullies, prone to becoming blocked. DC's Asset team have been asked to consider and implement longer term solutions. The Environment Agency (EA) has given DC reports of their extensive investigation into flood alleviation, with a focus on increasing the capacity of the culvert under the A354. DC's Asset team again will consider this but they will need the involvement of EA to ascertain that properties downstream would not be affected, and also with the four householders that are thought to host the culvert on their land. Agreement, access and possibly funding may be required of them. DC's drainage team has undertaken jetting and camera surveys of pipes to outfalls and no blockages or damage was found. From this finding, DC believes the overriding cause of the flooding was purely groundwater levels with river levels not allowing highway drainage to flow into the watercourse.

Cllr Parker had been in touch with Simon Hoare MP's office for an update regarding outcomes of the flood meeting. She was advised that things are progressing although Cllr Parker was unsure what those things are.

She had feedback about the traffic calming by the pub; the consultation had gone well with finer details now being discussed. Completion is hoped for by early next year.

For the PC, sandbags have been agreed but the new store to house them has not been bought yet; this was the remit of Cllr Greening but Cllr Claxton agreed to take it on instead. When purchased, the 1,200 litre box will be sited on the verge adjacent the pavement between Huntley Down and Coles Lane to enable residents north of floodwater to be able to access sandbags. Cllr Macnair reported that he had attended the first meeting of the MSA flood group comprising a number of residents, but he had not received any update as yet.

The PC had discussed previously buying signage to advise drivers of road diversions in the event of another flood. Highways at DC has now intimated that they may provide them for the village. The signs would give road users information of alternative routes when Milton Road is flooded rather than only state that the road is closed. DC have said they are happy with

Flashback to February this year



sensible use of signs in flood conditions, although the PC does not have the authority to close a road.

There was discussion about riparian responsibility – the duty of residents whose property has a riverbank to maintain it and the watercourse – between the PC and public present, with one recounting an issue she had had with hemlock growing in the river. She had contacted DC Environmental Health who passed her on to EA. The Environment Agency suggested she call Dorset Council . . . So, to halt the merry-go-round, she bought the PPE required and cleared it herself. However, further downstream in other properties there is similar growth of vegetation that needs to be cleared. Councillors expressed frustration with the EA in that it did not press riparian owners to do what is necessary. They asked the clerk to write to Simon Hoare to see if he could apply any pressure on the EA to enforce the works needed.

A resident of The Causeway commented that he believed that since the reduction to 20mph, speeds on the road had actually increased and that view was shared by other residents present. Councillors disagreed with this but suggested it would contact the project officer for a formal review, and also community speed watch to see if The Causeway could be considered for a monitoring location.

Two planning applications were discussed, both concerning Listed properties. Since the works would ordinarily be permitted development if not listed buildings, the clerk suggested that the PC offer no comment and defer to the greater knowledge of the conservation officer at DC.

A training session for the use of the defibrillators in the village is to be set for the near future with an evening slot preferred to be accessible for most.

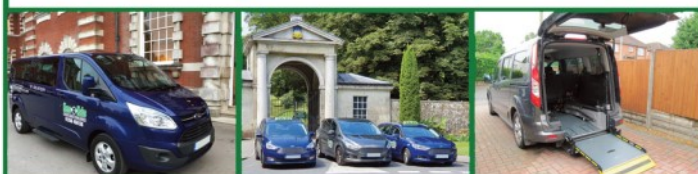
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The next Parish Council meeting is set for Wednesday 2nd September at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

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Milton Abbas Surgery

Annual Flu Vaccination Clinic

WE will be running our annual flu vaccination clinic for our over 65 years old eligible patients on **Saturday 3rd October** at the Winterborne Whitechurch Village Hall. Please save this date as we would like as many as possible 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.

Patient Voice

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 22nd September at 7.00pm** in The Reading Rooms, Milton Abbas.

All patients over 18 years old are welcome. We would really appreciate support in how we can improve our service provision and would love to hear what patients of all ages and backgrounds have to say. Why not come along to our next meeting?

To view minutes of the last meeting in June, please see our surgery website www.masurgery.co.uk/patient-participation-group-1

Communication Support Needs

Everyone deserves to be seen, heard and supported to live a full and meaningful life.

We want everyone to feel comfortable accessing our surgery. If you have any communication or support needs related to a learning disability, autism, ADHD, or your mental health, please let our Social Prescribers Anna or Kelly know.

They'll be happy to help and support you in finding the best way for us to meet your needs.

Volunteers Needed

Could you spare a little time to make a big difference?

We're looking for volunteer befrienders to support people who live alone, spend a lot of time on their own, or who are housebound. Just a 15-minute phone call every few days – or even once a week – can brighten someone's day and help them feel less alone.

If you can spare a little time each week, we'd love to hear from you! Contact Anna or Kelly on 01258 880210 or send an email to mawellbeingteam@dorsetgp.nhs.uk

Please share to help us find more volunteer befrienders.

Winterborne Whitechurch Village Hall Open Day

Our surgery Wellbeing Team will have a table at the Winterborne Whitechurch Village Hall Open Day on **Saturday 22 August**, from **11.30am to 3.30pm**.

Come along to find out more about the groups and support our Wellbeing Team offers, as well as the other activities taking place at the village hall.

The Age UK LifeBook

We all have lots of things to remember – and it can sometimes feel overwhelming trying to stay on top of it all.

The Age UK LifeBook is a way to keep all your important information in one place. So, when you need to dig out some details about a pet, an energy supplier or a savings account, you know exactly where to look.

It also ensures that your loved ones have the details they require if they ever need to sort something out on your behalf. If you know anyone who would benefit from the Age UK LifeBook please call them on 0800 169 65 65 for a free copy.

'Look Up – but be quick!' at the WI

HAVING completed 39 years in professional aviation, latterly as Flying Display Director to the Red Arrows, Phil Holt is well placed to talk about our famous flying acrobatic team. To quote his words, '*the Red Arrows are an incredible lot*'. Over 65 years of precision teamwork aerobatics, learning to use the plane to its full potential, their popularity grows from strength to strength and the public loves it.

There are three types of display: full looping, rolling or flat, each depending on cloud conditions. Backed by a strong engineering team, they have also developed their trademark coloured smoke trails of red, white and blue. The optimum display number of nine jets is used for selected flypasts, including national and state occasions, otherwise seven are used. There are usually over 300 annual requests for a display, notably this year the team have been in the USA to commemorate the 250th anniversary of American Independence.

Training for the pilots is lengthy and necessarily strict, and it was 2010 before a woman joined the team. This year, for the first time ever, a woman will take over as Commanding Officer of the Red Arrows. *And what of the future?* Our aircraft are ageing, new ones are hugely expensive, and it is unlikely they will be replaced. We have 4/5 years before the Red Arrows disappear. So '*look up*' – if you are lucky, the Red Arrows may be about to pass over! A credit to the expertise, determination and courage of our wonderful pilots.

Linda thanked Phil for his colourful and informative talk. Despite the very hot evening, he donned his Red Arrows jacket before leaving!

Business Jenny thanked all our visitors for coming along, it was lovely to see them at our Open meeting. Also, thanks to Heather Hogg for her inspired cover in last month's *Reporter* – did everyone see the flypast? Next month Lin Chatfield will host our Summer Supper on 27th August and those taking part in the Quiz will meet at Josie Wright's house on 25th August.

We meet again on Thursday 10th September, when Hilary Green will talk about '*A Year in a Beehive*' – the competition will be 'Flower of the month'. Do come along and join us, we would love to see you.

Pat Bull

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The Silver Line Helpline

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Dorset Council Trading Standards work with people locally to help reduce scams. We often recommend The Silver Line, run by Age UK for people aged 55 and over. It was founded in 2013 by Dame Esther Rantzen DBE to help tackle the feelings of loneliness and isolation that many older people experience.



Many people choose to use The Silver Line because it provides immediate comfort. Whether it's a quiet evening that feels a little too silent, a difficult moment, or simply the desire to have a chat, the service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It is a free, confidential telephone service.

The Silver Line is especially valuable for those who may not feel confident using digital technology or who cannot easily leave their home. A simple phone call remains one of the most familiar and accessible ways to reach out, and The Silver Line ensures that support is always within easy reach.

The kind of call offered depends very much on what you might want or need when you pick up the phone to talk to them. Some people call to say good morning or good night to a person, or to have a chat about how their day has been. Other people call to get help with accessing support, information about local services, advice, or reassurance.

Getting in touch is straightforward. Anyone can call The Silver Line free on 0800 4 70 80 90, at any time of day or night. You can also find more information or request support through the Age UK website, or ask someone you trust to help you make that first call.

**Deadline for the next issue
14th September**



MUSIC AT ST PETER'S
Dorchester

AS the musicians at St Peter's Church Dorchester take their annual break during August, we are pleased to announce our Autumn Programme of choral services, recitals and concerts. It is a packed programme with something for everyone!

The new season launches on Friday 4th September with a concert given by the outstanding, London vocal ensemble Siglo di Oro and their conductor Patrick Allies. With a recent Wigmore Hall residency and tours across the US and Europe, Siglo di Oro are rising stars of the choral world. Their programme, 'Stargazing',



includes ethereal choral works from across the ages and you can find more details on the Music at St Peter's website. Tickets are £20 and available to buy online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-peters-church-dorchester Don't leave it too long!

Other concert highlights include a free lunchtime organ recital by the sub organist of Winchester Cathedral Oliver Morrell on 17th October, a candlelit performance of Bach's Goldberg Variations given by Royal College of Music harpsichord scholar Markus Sadler on 13th November (tickets £15) and a performance of Handel's 'Messiah' on Saturday 12th December, 5.30pm given by the choir and orchestra of Music at St Peter's and University Music Chamber Choir (Tickets £15). You can book your seats for all ticketed events online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-peters-church-dorchester

As always, there are regular services of Choral Eucharist and Choral Evensong each month. All Souls' Day on 31st October is commemorated with our annual musical meditation which, this year, includes John Tavener's 'Song for Athene', Vaughan Williams's 'The Lark Ascending' (performed with organ) and Morten Lauridsen's 'Lux Aeterna'. Bob Chilcott's 'Little Jazz Mass' is the setting for Choral Eucharist on Sunday 1st November, which will feature a small jazz ensemble! We mark remembrance weekend with a service of Choral Matins.

(Whisper it . . .) Christmas will soon come around and you can look forward to the usual round of concerts, carol services and choral services that take us from Advent through to the big day!

You can take a look at the complete programme by downloading the new brochure from our website or picking up a printed copy from the back of the church.

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More Than a Movie Presents . . .

Apocalypse Now

By Popular Demand – Our September Film Night

FOLLOWING requests from our regular filmgoers, we're delighted to bring one of cinema's true classics to the big screen this September – Francis Ford Coppola's legendary war epic, *Apocalypse Now*.

Widely regarded as one of the greatest films ever made, *Apocalypse Now* follows Captain Benjamin Willard on a dangerous mission deep into the Vietnamese jungle to find the mysterious Colonel Kurtz. Featuring unforgettable performances from Martin Sheen, Marlon Brando and Robert Duvall, it's an extraordinary journey that blends action, suspense and psychological drama into an unforgettable cinematic experience.

As an added bonus, we're thrilled to announce a special guest appearance from "Captain Willard" himself! Our own Captain Willard will be joining us on the night to help set the scene, pose for photos and add a little extra fun before the film begins. Whether you're a long-time fan or discovering this masterpiece for the first time, it's sure to be a memorable evening.

As always, your ticket includes the film plus your choice of an ice cream or a drink for our great-value all-inclusive price of just £6.50. The bar will be open from 7.00pm, with the film starting at 7.30pm, giving everyone plenty of time to meet friends and enjoy a pre-film drink.

Come along and enjoy another fantastic community cinema evening at Milborne St Andrew Village Hall. Great films are even better when they're shared with friends and neighbours, and we look forward to welcoming you for another "More Than a Movie" night.

Friday 18th September

Doors and Bar: 7.00pm

Film Starts: 7.30pm

Tickets: £6.50 (includes an ice cream or drink)

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"I love the smell of popcorn in the evening . . ." Well, almost! We hope you'll join us for what promises to be another unforgettable night at the movies.

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In ancient times people would gather at nights, perhaps get a little rowdy and tell stories . . . Mixing audience participation with carnivalesque revelry it will be an evening of myth, mirth and magic presided over by the Lord of Unreason himself George Atwill. There will be stories of gods and goddesses, witches and wizards, wise men and fools, great giants, precious treasures and forbidden knowledge. Feel free to take part or sit back and enjoy the show!

Friday 2nd October at the village hall (doors open at 7.00pm) suitable for all aged 7+ . Tickets (available nearer the day) will cost £6 for children £13 for adults..



"Fun in the sun" at HubFest

ON a very warm Sunday, 5th July, The Luccombe Hub, our local Special Educational Needs school, opened its doors to the public for our annual fundraising event – HubFest. This was the third year of HubFest, and it proved to be the best attended ever.

Over £4,000 was raised which even after expenses for refreshments, etc. will mean a well needed boost of £3,000 into the charity's bank account. Our thanks go to all who took the time to attend, and we hope to see you again (and more) next year.

Supported by staff and trustees of the fundraising charity, Friends of Luccombe Hub, HubFest provided stalls selling a variety of products – some of which were created by our own learners. A continuous programme of music was offered by our own learners "The Hubsters" (Ollie A, Ollie W, Tom W and Riley C) and local bands including Echohead and Long Dog.

The day included a dog show (picture shows the "best in show" class), a falconry display, alpaca walking and several fun activities for adults and children alike. The highlight of the day was the opportunity to make a wish with one of the stars of the show – the "unicorn" ridden by staff member Imogen Brewer. Children who touched the unicorn were allowed to make a wish and we hope they all came true!



If you would like to donate to Friends of Luccombe Hub to support the activities of the school (which now includes a new facility at The Granary, Manor Farm) please contact the Treasurer at nigelh@luccombehub.com who can help to arrange a transfer of funds and Gift Aid.

Nigel Hodder



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problems with the cold in the school in three years at the beginning of the 20th century the temperature in the classroom reached 79°F (26°C) and that ventilation was poor.

Summer also brought a drop in attendees at school. Children were needed for hay making, planting and lifting potatoes, sheep washing, currant picking and also taking food and drink to their parents in the fields. If the harvest was late then many were absent when school reopened in September.

Although as typical for English summers there are reports of flooding in June and having to light the fires in the school in late May we hope that our former residents were able to enjoy some aspects of the summer months.

Linda Wright



Photo Answer from page 17



The Isle of Portland

Quite where it disappeared to I'm not sure but maybe readers can hazard a guess? 'It went on it's holidays', we hear you cry. Well maybe. Or, could it be something to do with a thick (and somewhat strange) bank of cloud that suddenly rolled in along the harbour from west to east, obliterating the Isle?

These photos were taken on different days at about the same time of day. The harbour wall is still visible in both photos.

Jo-Anne Wagner

What's on in August and September

Wednesday 5th

Wednesday Club Pam Schults talking about her cruise. Village Hall 2.00pm

Saturday 8th

Community Café Village Hall 10am until midday.

Thursday 20th

Gardening Club summer picnic at the Village Hall 12.30pm

Thursday 27th

WI Lin Chatfield will host an evening Summer Party 6.30pm

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 1st

Move It or Lose It Village Hall 10.15am.

Wednesday 2nd

Wednesday Club Petanque demonstration Village Hall 2.00pm

Wednesday 2nd

Parish Council meeting Village Hall 7.00pm.

Thursday 10th

WI Talk by Hilary Green *A Year in a Beehive* Village Hall 7.30pm

Saturday 12th

Community Café Village Hall 10am until midday.

Monday 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

Thursday 17th

Gardening Club North Dorset Beekeepers Village Hall 7.30pm

Friday 18th

Film Night *Apocalypse Now* Village Hall doors open 7.00pm.

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.

Petanque Thursday 2.00pm weather permitting.

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.

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



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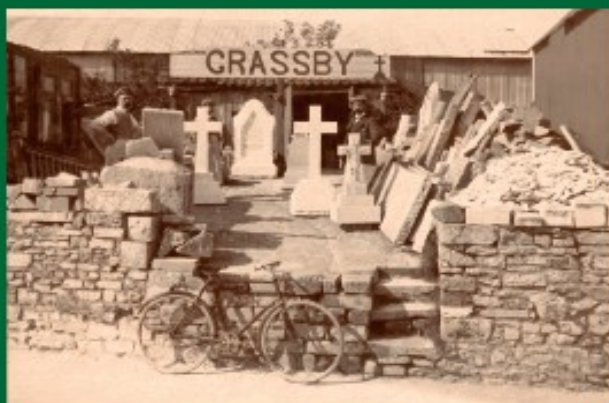
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Please let the *Reporter* know if any of these details change

COMMUNITY CENTRES

Dewlish Village Hall		
Chair:	Andrew Barnett	07511 663096
Booking Secretary:	Margaret Groves	07796 456959
Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall		
Chairman:	Linsey O'Neill	07798 720812
Booking Secretary:	Susan Poet	07866 313999
MSA Sports & Social Club	Bookings: Philip Smith	07776 561105

COUNCILS

Dorset Councillor	Emma Parker	07411 149997
Parish Council Dewlish	Clerk: Amanda Crocker	
	clerk@dewlishparishcouncil.gov.uk	
	Chair: Mike Fell	07963 194109

Parish Council		
Milborne St. Andrew	Clerk: Wayne Lewin	07419 136735
	clerk@milbornestandrewparishcouncil.gov.uk	
	Chair: position shared	

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Wessex Water Sewerage Floodline 03458 505959

GENERAL — YOUTH

Scouts, Cubs and Beavers	Denise Saunders	07483 857613
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POLICE

Police – Non-emergency contact (North Rural team) 101
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SCHOOL

Milborne First School		
Head of School	Rachael Brown	01258 837362
Chair Governors:	Paul Tasker	
Friends of School Chair:	Kelly Gale	
Milborne Ladybirds	TBA	
St. Mary's Puddletown	Tim Ennion	01305 848293

SPECIAL INTEREST

Bellringers	Robin Mears	01305 848021
Bridge Group	Laurie Benn	01258 837720
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Dog Training Behaviour	Natasja Lewis	07896 275357
Food and Wine Club	Penny Pearce	07887 877016
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MSA Allotment Society	Joy Robinson	07969 677870
MSA Gardening Club	Dawne Pearson	07950 540235
Milborne Players	Gren Davis	07876 793319
Moonlight Swing Band	Kevin Morgan	07902 615307
Petanque	Penny Pearce	07887 877016
Village History Group	Pam Shults	01258 837203
Wednesday Social Club	Josie Wright	01258 839090
Women's Institute	Lesley Clarke	01929 471732

SPORT

Hardy Country Bowmen	Mike Healy	07748 440000
Cricket – Dewlish	Elaine Kellaway	01258 837696
Karate	Peter Thompson	07873 116118
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Move it or lose it	Pippa Thurgood	07545 241291
Pilates (at Sports & Social Club)	Claire Barratt	07703 648869
Football – Milborne Sports	Kelvin Dormer-Woolley	07544 725855
Skittles – Dewlish	Simon Ross	01258 837606
Tap Dancing for Adults	Kevin Selby	01305 250386
Tennis	Rich Hawker	07393 309037
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Are you a riparian owner?

If your land boundary is next to the river, you have responsibility to look after it - up to the centre of the watercourse - as you are legally a riparian owner.

We all remember the floods in the village earlier this year. It is vital that riverside owners play their part in maintaining the flow, clearing any vegetation or other obstructions from the riverbed and banks. Flooding in Milborne is not due to a single factor but looking after your patch is an important part for the benefit of the whole village.

Maintaining your watercourse is a legal responsibility and helps reduce flood risk for everyone.

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