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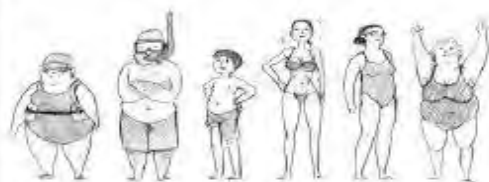
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A Good read by Shirley Dunkley 'Exposure' by Helen Dunmore



THE spy novel is almost exclusively an English literary form. Thanks to Ian Fleming, Len Deighton and John Le Carre we have revelled in the world of moles and double cross, of deceiving and watching and interpreting to the background of a fiercely contested Cold War. However, 'Exposure' is a novel about spies, not a spy novel.

Set in London in 1960 it tells the story of Simon Callington, arrested for spying because of his connection with Giles Holloway, an older and trusted friend and one time lover, who is, indeed, an agent. Helen Dunmore re-creates the nervousness of the times which uncovered the great betrayals of Burgess, Maclean and Philby (Giles was also recruited at Cambridge) and explores the effects of Simon's arrest on his wife, Lily, and their children. Lily has been brought from Germany as a refugee when she was only five, but has immersed herself into English culture so successfully she can no longer speak German, but to whom the suspicion and surveillance which arises from her situation brings back disturbing memories.

Helen Dunmore is a meticulous historian and the sense of time and place are expertly conveyed. Lily is a tender, courageous woman for whom the reader feels real empathy, and the narrative is taut and compelling and full of surprises.

I loved this book and found it totally convincing. I cared for Lily and Simon and wanted everything to turn out well for them, but there is a sense that after their 'exposure' to the authorities and the public, life can never be the same again.

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Milborne trumps other villages with Presidential visit

DONALD TRUMP, the President of the United States, is set to be dropping in to Milborne St. Andrew if he succeeds in getting the State visit he is demanding. He has been lobbying the British government for his stay in the UK to be formally approved by the Queen and for it to include a tour of Buckingham Palace as well as a visit to a "typical British village".

It's believed that the team of the golf-mad President has chosen Milborne, believing that it has a golf course since it is a 'St. Andrew',



like the famous Scottish location. It is hoped that Mr Trump will not be too disappointed as the village does have a sports field and pavilion – with a pitch that is renowned in Dorset for its excellence. The President can also take in the recreation ground next to the village hall, although the committee will ban him from swinging a club, since it is against the rules. It is likely that he will pronounce both to be "beautiful, beautiful".

There will obviously be huge media interest and Radio Solent will definitely broadcast live from the village hall car park for their breakfast programme. Spaces will also be reserved for the representatives from the *Reporter*, Blackmore Vale magazine and Dorset Echo. The Forum Focus team may have to park elsewhere if Wessex FM wants a slot.

Milborne's hardworking flood team and riparian owners (his team will explain the meaning of this word to him) will no doubt delight the President in that they have kept the waters moving – one of Mr Trump's campaign mantras was, 'drain the swamp', so he will undoubtedly love that our water course is not swamp-like in the least. He will be told by locals that the river has been well maintained with the utmost precaution for wildlife, especially the water vole. Mr Trump is well known for his love of nature and care for the environment. (*Ed. – is this an alternative fact?*)

Another of his slogans at campaign rallies was 'build the wall', with reference to the construction on the US border with Mexico. On his way to Milborne, Mr Trump will be driven past one of the manmade wonders of Dorset, the boundary wall of the Charborough Estate on the A31, which is one of the longest brick walls in England, containing over two million bricks. The President can only remark that it is indeed a "big, beautiful wall". It is hoped that any gaps in the wall – which frequently appear – can be patched up by standby bricklayers before his drive-by.

Once in the village, he will pass the part-finished development at Fox View. Mr Trump, a property magnate and owner of the 58 storey Trump Tower, will marvel at the site and see the two-high container stack that could well, in time, rival his own towers. He will be told the history of the village, and that it was once a divided place with St. Andrew and Deverel joining to become Milborne St. Andrew and then later, Stileham joining the parish. He will find that the village has an open door policy to newcomers – one perhaps that he would not approve of – with all people welcomed, whether from Poole, Weymouth, or even Yeovil.

The visit to Milborne was announced on April 1st. On this occasion at least, it may well be called 'fake news'.

A Fine Tudor Warship . . . at the March WI

WI members were delighted to welcome so many visitors to our open meeting and talk on the *Mary Rose*. Our speaker, David Childs, a previous director of the Mary Rose Trust where he was responsible for the new museum, is a lecturer on Tudor naval subjects and a recognised authority in the field. A warship of King Henry VIII's English Tudor navy, the *Mary Rose* served for 34 years in several wars. In her last action in 1545, whilst leading the attack against the galleys of a French invasion fleet, she sank in the straits north of the Isle of Wight. The exact cause of her sinking is unclear and it remains a sad end for this fine warship.



However, the wreck was raised in 1982 in what is considered to be a milestone in the field of maritime archaeology and an iconic moment. Secrets of Henry VIII's reconstructed flagship and collection of artefacts are revealed to the public at the *Mary Rose* Museum in Portsmouth. This talk was unusual in its depth of material and insight into naval warfare during the Tudor period and very much appreciated by our audience. Much informal discussion over delicious cakes and refreshment followed.

Limited items were discussed during a shortened business session. Camp Bestival at Lulworth Castle is on the horizon and we are asked to provide cakes for this important fund-raising event. Our pub lunch will be on Friday 7th April, which is also carvery day at The Royal Oak. Once again, Sheila Ryall has generously offered her garden and marquee for the summer supper, and it is proposed that we also hold a meal for members and partners in the autumn.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 13th April. This is also our Annual meeting, when we will be electing a new committee and President.

Pat Bull

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Milborne St. Andrew Annual Parish Meeting

**7.30pm 19th April 2017
at the Village Hall**

The Chairman and Members of Milborne St. Andrew Parish Council invite you to the above event which will open with a presentation from our guest speaker, Mr Jacob Dew from the Dorset Wildlife Trust, who will talk to us about how we as a community can best maintain the river running through our village for the benefit of residents, wildlife and the natural environment. On completion of the presentation there will be the opportunity for Q&As and for Parishioners to raise with the Parish Council any matter relating to the village. All are very welcome to attend.

Sweet scents and good food for the Gardening Club



OUR February talk, given by well - known nurseryman Marcus Dancer, was about using scented plants in every month of the year. It is easy to grow well known ones such as roses and lavender in summer, but with advice and knowledge it is possible to provide perfume in all seasons even in mid-winter. Marcus also explained that people have a very individual sense of smell, finding some scents strong and delightful whereas others perceive the opposite.

Big detailed coloured photographs were handed around as illustrations as of course flowers are not that plentiful in February, but Marcus also brought a large selection of plants which we could handle and sniff. These ranged from the Christmas box, in full and sweet bloom, to others which had scented foliage all year as well as flowers. Many members took the opportunity to buy plants which will surely give great pleasure in the years to come.

The next week saw our Annual Lunch, held at the Frampton Arms at Moreton, where 18 members enjoyed the social event and a very good meal organised by Val Andrews as seen in the photo.

The next meeting on 20th April will feature a presentation by The Watercress Company from Tincleton on their product, covering its cultivation and uses, where I am sure there will be a lot to learn.

As usual, all are welcome but in this case please let a committee member know you are coming as the company would like to know the numbers in advance.

Sally Dyer



Toy boys at Wednesday Club?

TAX, care and toy boys was the title of the talk that David Brenchley came along to speak about and I'm sure that at the beginning of the meeting probably most of us would only relate to two out of the three but all was explained.

The tax was inheritance tax which hopefully if carefully managed no more money would go to the Government. The allowances of £650,000 for a married couple and £325,000 for a single person, and will be increasing by £10,000 in April. He suggested ways of dispersing the money you may be leaving and therefore avoiding inheritance tax. Various options included leaving money in trust for children and grandchildren – and even giving to political parties!!

Care costs are escalating rapidly and at the present time the average weekly cost in an old peoples' home is £1,000 and this does not include the fee for nursing care, if needed. The upper care allowance at the moment is £23,500 and the lower limit is £14,250; again, if the money is in a trust fund it cannot be touched.

Finally toys boys, which was probably the most intriguing part. David gave an excellent example of how this would work and though it would probably not affect many of our members, it was very interesting to hear. David is married with a daughter and should he unfortunately not make it home his assets would go to his wife and daughter because this is what his will states. Should his wife then remarry again, to a man much younger than herself (i.e. toy boy) and she passes away, the assets would then pass to the toy boy, leaving his daughter without a penny. This cannot happen if you state in your will that you are leaving an amount in a trust fund. He strongly advised that everyone had a will in place.

Also as we get older it is a good idea to have a Power of Attorney in place, which if done before the last day of September 2007 should be looked at. It makes it much easier after a loved one dies as there is no probate and if there are mental problems.

He concluded by giving us several tips regarding funeral costs, how much we can give away each year and that putting your home in your children's name is not a good idea.

The afternoon concluded with the usual tea and biscuits during which time we presented Ann Guy with flowers and a card to thank her for being chairman and taking the club forward.

We also heard the sad news that Pearl Hallett had passed away peacefully on 23rd February in Dorset County Hospital aged 77 years. She had been a long serving member of the Wednesday Club and was in charge of tea and biscuits for a number of years.

Our next meeting on 5th April will be a visit to Holme Nursery near Wareham for tea. Anyone interested in going should be in the Village Hall car park at 1.30pm.

Jenny Balcon



Photograph by Carole Fornachon



THE BENEFICE OF PUDDLETOWN, TOLPUDDLE AND
MILBORNE WITH DEWLISH
PART OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN THE DIOCESE OF SALISBURY



Choosing life

Easter falls in the middle of this month.

For Christians, Easter is about life – the resurrection of Jesus which conquers death and brings hope. Many other people, however, celebrate with eggs and chocolate, a bank holiday and perhaps a family get-together, even if the religious aspects of the season pass them by.

Whatever their faith or lack of faith, most people want to live a good life, and Easter can be a time for us all to think about whether the way in which we live is life-enhancing or life-denying. Every day can be seen as a new chance to choose which of these two paths we are going to take.

A life-enhancing approach is about making the most of every day. People who live this way are the ones who bring joy to others, who act out of love and service. They see the good things in life and revel at the beauty of creation. They live loving lives and look beyond their own needs and desires.

The life-denying people are only concerned for themselves. What they value tends to be the material – money, a fast car – and their time is usually taken up doing things for themselves. They pick holes in everything and always see the worst in people.

Of course, most of us fall into both of these categories at different times in our lives, even from day-to-day. Perhaps the message of new life at Easter can prompt us to look at our lives and reflect on whether we can be life-enhancers more of the time. Some people find this easier than others – sunny personalities and optimists tend to be better at enjoying life than pessimists – but all of us can make life better for others and ourselves by choosing where our priorities lie.

In the Old Testament (Deuteronomy 30.19) Moses urges the Israelites to choose life – for him that meant loving God and following God's ways, which includes, of course, caring for and serving others.

I have loved some of the suggestions that 40 acts has offered for generosity in Lent. For instance, keep a helpful thing on you at all times e.g. trolley coin, tissues, locker money and be prepared to give it away; swap some screen time for quality time with family or friends; live your day normally but look out in particular for those who need help, for instance carrying a heavy shopping bag; leave a chocolate bar as a gift for someone to find.

We all have a choice about how we live. People often give up things for Lent; perhaps this year we could think about taking something up for Easter. In fact, why wait till then? Every day can be a new beginning. And even small acts of kindness can make a huge difference to someone else's life.

With best wishes

Sarah Hillman

Notes from St. Andrew's Church

The next event in church will be a **Spanish Evening** on **Friday 7th April at 7.00pm** (see page 25) when we will be entertained by Mark Jennings on his guitar. Refreshments of sangria and tapas will be available, all for £12. Tickets are available from Eva on 01258 837468, Anne on 01258 837569, or at the door.

Later this month we will be holding our **'Easter Experience'** on **Good Friday**. This will start at 3.30pm and will include craft activities and the Easter story. Children at school will receive invitations to come and bring their parents, but everyone, young and old, will be most welcome. On Easter Day our service will be an Easter Communion when the church will once again be decorated with lilies and other flower arrangements. If anyone wants to give a donation towards the lilies in remembrance of a friend or family member it is not too late to tell us. Envelopes can be delivered to John Wright at 5 Brooklands or left in the church wall safe in the special blue envelopes provided by **Tuesday 4th April**.

On Sunday evenings during Lent this year the benefice has been watching and discussing three films that raise social issues. They have been fairly well attended and those taking part have found the meetings stimulating. The final film will be shown on **2nd April** at **Puddletown** and discussed on **9th April** at **Dewlish**. On Thursday evenings in Milborne at 6.00pm we have been holding the short evening service of Compline which is a wonderful opportunity to unwind after a busy day. The last Compline will be at 6.00pm on 6th April.

The churchyard is continuing to grow with primroses taking over from snowdrops. There's still a lot to be done to stop the ivy taking over the trees. We have a regular **Working Party** on the first **Saturday of each month** which anybody is welcome to join (just turn

CHURCH SERVICES April 2017

2nd April – Passion Sunday

9.30am	Parish Communion + APCM	Tolpuddle
9.30	Celebrate . . .	Milborne
11.00	Parish Communion	Puddletown
11.00	1662 Morning Prayer	Dewlish
6.00pm	United Benefice Lent film	Puddletown Church Room

9th April – Palm Sunday

8.15am	1662 Said Communion	Puddletown
9.30	Methodist United Service	Tolpuddle
9.30	Parish Communion	Milborne
11.00	Puddletown Praise	Puddletown Church Room
11.00	Parish Communion	Dewlish
6.00pm	United Benefice Lent Discussion	Dewlish

13th April – Maundy Thursday

7.00pm	Agape Supper	Dewlish
7.30	Holy Communion	Puddletown Church Room

14th April - Good Friday

10.00am	Reflective service	Tolpuddle
12 noon	Church open for Meditation	Puddletown + Milborne
(– 3.00pm)		
3.30 pm	Family Service with activities	Milborne
6.00 pm	Good Friday service	Dewlish

16th April – Easter Day

9.30am	Easter Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30	Easter Communion	Milborne
11.00	Easter Communion	Puddletown
11.00	Easter Communion	Dewlish

THURSDAY 20th April

12 noon	Lunch-time Communion	Puddletown Church Room
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23rd April – Easter 2

9.30am	Go Fourth	Tolpuddle
9.30	Parish Communion + APCM	Milborne
11.00	1662 Morning Prayer	Puddletown
11.00	Family Communion	Dewlish

30th April – Easter 3

10.00	United Benefice Holy Communion	Milborne
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LENT

During Lent there will also be Compline in Milborne at 6.00 pm on Thursdays

MORNING PRAYERS (Monday – Thursday 8.15am; Saturday 9.00am)

Monday – Puddletown	Tuesday – Milborne
Wednesday – Dewlish	Thursday – Tolpuddle
Saturday – Puddletown	

Spanish Evening

in Milborne St Andrew's Church
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up at 10.00am) but if you want to do something at a different time just phone me (839090).

A bigger job is the 'hedge' along our west boundary which has been left to grow to a height of about 50ft. We are still waiting for a faculty from the diocese to allow us to replace the trees with a new hedge.

We are hoping for a good turnout on **April 23rd** for our **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** immediately after our morning service. We will be reviewing the past year and electing, among other posts, Churchwardens, our Deanery Synod representative and members of the Parochial Church Council. I believe that there are many challenges in the months and years ahead and we are going to need all the help and support we can get.

John Wright

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Dewlish Church Notes

THIS year's round of **Lent Lunches** ends on Thursday 6th April with the final event being held in Dewlish Village Hall at 12.30pm. The proceeds from the lunches are being donated to Water Aid.

On Saturday 8th April we are holding our **Spring Sale and Coffee Morning** in the Village Hall, 10.30am-12 noon, in aid of church funds. We hope to have an Easter stall, new items, toys, cakes and produce, a raffle, and refreshments. Donations for the stalls will be most welcome. Sorry to say, we cannot take bric-a-brac. We look forward to seeing you there!

On Tuesday 18th April we shall be holding the **All Saints AGM** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. If you are a member on the church's electoral roll you are most welcome to attend. We are always looking for extra help in the running of our church.

At present we cannot be certain if Jim will be fit enough to take the **Agape Supper** but please ask us (Tel: 01258 837466), or a member of the Church Council, whether this will take place on Maundy Thursday.

Daphne Burg

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Hedgehogs in Milborne St Andrew

IT seems, following my acquisition of an underweight young hedgehog in October 2016, that I have been stimulated into hedgehog enthusiasm. It, of course, does not necessarily follow that I have an ability to pass this enthusiasm on to other people. I have, over the last few months, been working towards an improved understanding of these animals' habits, lives and problems and I went to a hedgehog awareness meeting in Dorchester where I met Susy and Colin Varndell of the Dorset Mammal Group. They asked if I would be prepared to head up a hedgehog interest group in Milborne St Andrew. I have put some articles in the *Reporter* that have been well received and after an advertising campaign I was able to arrange a meeting for interested people in the village hall on Wednesday 1st March. Not knowing what the response may be, I tried to be prepared for any numbers to attend. I was delighted that over 40 attended from all parts of the village and were also enthused by the need to help the declining population of hedgehogs.

During the evening, Susy and Colin spoke engagingly about hedgehogs and what is hoped to be achieved in Milborne St. Andrew, in common with other villages in Dorset. There are already active groups in Bridport, Dorchester and Blandford Forum as well as Piddletrenthide, Bere Regis, Halstock and others. Colin showed a wonderful series of photographs he had taken of many of the mammals that can be seen in Dorset. There were delightful photos of otters, foxes, stoat, weasel, the four species of deer to be found in the county striking poses and delightful photos of small mammals including dormice asleep (which they do for seventy five percent of their lives) and harvest mice that weigh the same as a two pence piece. Also, he showed a photo of two male dormice which, although looking charming, were actually setting up for a fight. There were a lot of items on display to encourage interest and some items about hedgehogs and mammals were for sale. A hedgehog home was one item for sale at a very competitive price. There was no charge for the evening which included delicious refreshments, but a donation box was placed near the door.

More than twenty households signed up to be included in future activities and hedgehog recording. A splendid map of the village was supplied to which small stickers were applied of where hedgehogs

had been seen. This map will be one of the more important results of the meeting and it will be added to as sightings are reported. A further meeting will be arranged in a few weeks' time, when it can be expected that hibernating hedgehogs will be on the move again.

There may be some who were unable to attend the meeting, but are interested in the project. I would be delighted to add names of any others who wish to be informed and involved in this. Please contact me on 01258 837329 or preferably by e-mail at pip.jackie@btinternet.com with your name, address, telephone number, e-mail address and whether you have seen hedgehogs and/or put food out for them.

Pip Bowell

Milton Abbas Street Fair AGM

THE second Annual General Meeting of Milton Abbas Street Fair Trust will take place on Wednesday 26th April 2017 at 7.30pm in the Reading Room, Milton Abbas.

The agenda and copies of all relevant AGM documents can be found on the Street Fair website at <http://miltonabbasstreetfair.co.uk/Trustee%20Information.html>.

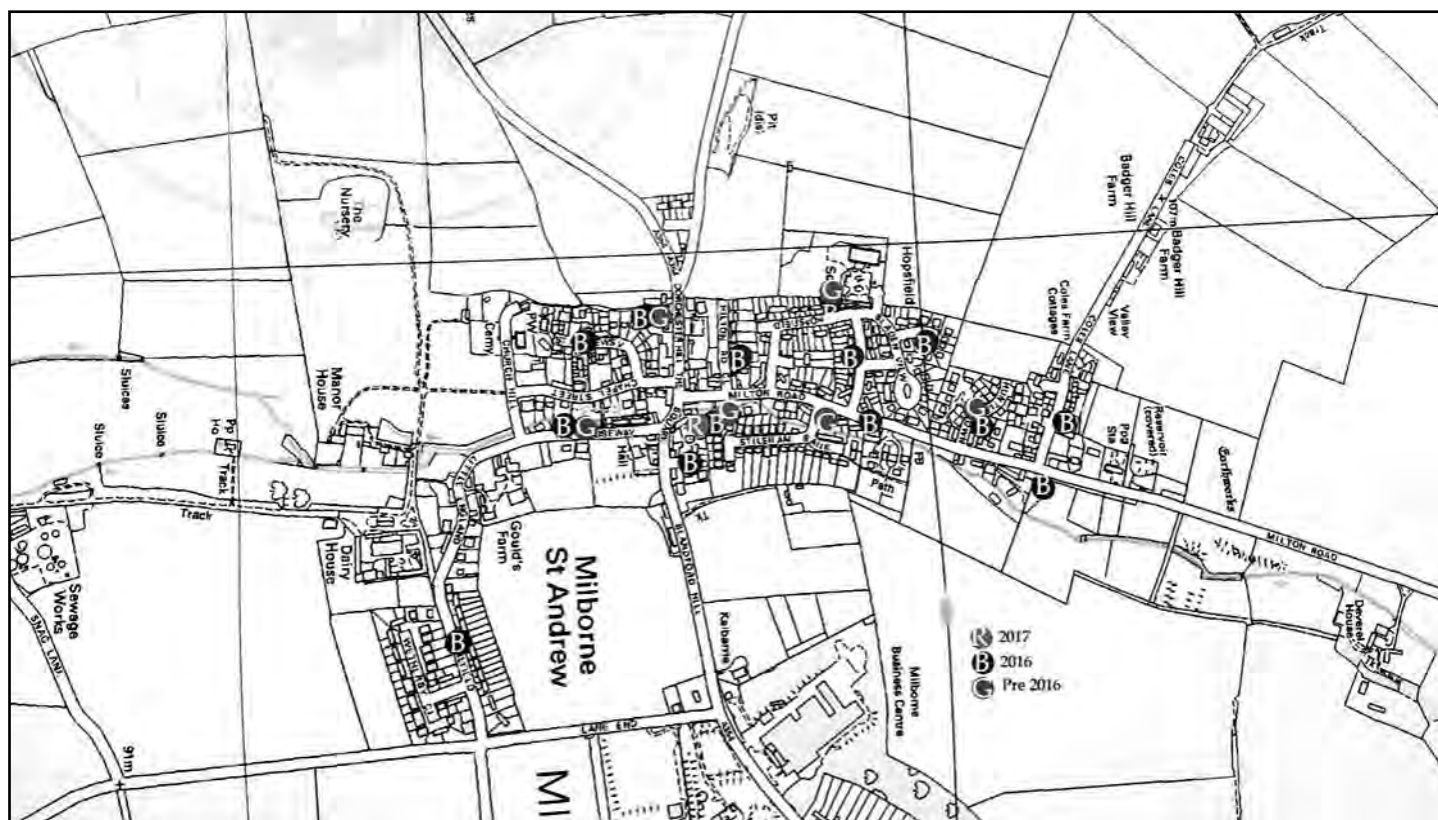
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There are still two trustee vacancies so anyone seeking to become one can obtain a nomination form via the website. Nominations need to be received by the Secretary no later than Monday 24th April for inclusion as part of the election process at this forthcoming AGM.

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Starters

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cucumber & carrots

Confit Gressingham duck leg served with red wine jus
and parsnip crisps

Eggs Florentine served with spinach and a mustard hollandaise sauce
on a toasted muffin

Pan-fried scallops, crispy roe crumb and scallop & courgette puree

Homemade soup of the day served with crusty baguette

Oven baked camembert served with spiced baguette and mixed leaves

Main Courses

Dorset Pork loin & black pudding wrapped in Parma ham served
with mashed potato, roasted shallots and an apple cream sauce

Pan fried lamb rump served with dauphinoise potatoes, honey roasted
carrots and a red wine jus

Vegetable, soy and black chilli stir-fry with egg noodles, bean sprouts,
carrots, green beans and chestnut mushrooms (v)

Roasted skate wing served with crushed new potatoes with a prawn
& butter sauce.

Dorset tomato risotto with basil crisps and a watercress puree (v)

'Jurassic Coast' sirloin steak with a tower of twice cooked chips,
confit tomato, flat cap mushroom and a peppercorn sauce

Homemade chicken and mushroom pie served with mashed potatoes
and vegetables

Beer battered cod fillet with, homemade tartare sauce and pea puree

Hambro beef burger served with crispy bacon, smoked cheddar and
twice-cooked chips

Desserts

Dark chocolate & orange posset served with shortbread

Treacle tart served with clotted cream ice-cream and honeycomb

Deconstructed crème brûlée served with a tuile biscuit and
raspberry crème patisserie

'Trio of Strawberry'

Strawberry jelly, chocolate coated strawberries and a strawberry
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Oh Cat

Oh Cat, why must you be so aloof?
Why must you give me further proof
That within your cunning feline brain
Lies a scheme to keep me well-trained.

I thought I had won, when our wits were
pitted
and I had that brand new cat-flap fitted.
But now I see it was just a game,
As I open the door for you . . . again.

I sought professional and scientific advice
To buy the food you would find nice.
It told me on the packet so
But you just look at it – then go.

And where is it you go, I wonder?
What other humans are there under
Your feline spell, so that they too must
Keep you well fed, loved and fussed.

For despite an apparent lack of eating,
You take up more space on our seating
And though you're a lovely ball of fluff
Soon that cat-flap won't be big enough.

And whilst you often seek attention
You barely tolerate affection.
Around my ankles yourself you'll wrap
But you'll never sit upon my lap.

I talk to you in a stupid voice
But to interact – that is your choice.
My motives are always well-meant
But you look at me with sheer contempt.

You always want to go out late
and by the locked door you will wait.
You've learnt a pretty good pathetic mewing
But I know what it is you're doing.

I tell you that it's time for bed
But my words bounce off your furry head.
While the rest of us are upstairs snoring,
At the door you sit there, sadly pawing.

Sometimes you'll bring a gift or two
A mangled bird; half-eaten shrew
You kindly leave a bit for me
But I don't want to spoil my tea.

And so this is the life we're sharing:
Me loving you, you barely caring.
It isn't you that I am blaming
It just means I need further training.

By Larry Lagrue

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April's recipe – Jersey Royal and Avocado Salad

NOWADAYS we can eat imported food from all over the world all the year round. If you want to eat asparagus with your Christmas dinner or strawberries in February, they are on the shelves of all the supermarkets. Jersey Royal potatoes are one of only a very few truly seasonal foods, they are only sold in the shops between the end of March and July and are not available anywhere else in the world. The height of the season is usually in April although the unpredictable spring weather means there are no guarantees of availability.

In 1878 Hugh de la Haye, a Jersey farmer, spotted two unusually large potatoes on the counter of his local grocery store. One of them had 15 eyes. He bought the potatoes, cut the 15-eyed monster into 16 pieces, and planted them. The following spring, one of the resultant plants produced a potato that was not just different, but special: flaky-skinned, shaped like a kidney and tasting of heaven. The Jersey Royal Fluke was born.

When they first appear they are always very expensive. The earliest crops are grown on steep slopes and so have to be lifted by hand, which drives up costs a lot. Later crops are grown on flatter fields which make the use of mechanical harvesters possible. Seaweed is traditionally used as fertiliser and the mild climate of Jersey means that the crop is produced earlier than the rest of mainland Britain.

New potatoes used to have their skins scraped off before being cooked, but thankfully it is now acceptable to serve them with their skins on. It was my task as a girl to peel or scrape the potatoes for tea when I came home from school. My brother would have to fetch up the coal from the coal cellar and light the fire. I felt that I had the worst deal, standing in a cold kitchen with hands in a bowl of cold water. There was little respite from the job, rice, pasta, noodles, cous-cous, quinoa, spiralised courgettes or cauliflower rice was not an option then. Peeling old potatoes wasn't too bad but scraping was tedious and some new potatoes were downright impossible to scrape. How I welcomed the start of the Jersey Royal season – they were a joy, the peel just rubbed off!

This month's recipe can, of course, be



made with any variety of potato but the buttery flavour of Jersey Royals goes particularly well with the oily richness of ripe avocados. Avocados were first introduced to this country by Sainsbury's in the late 1950s and early 1960s when they were called avocado pears. This name caused some confusion and some people served them with custard

Ingredients

750g (1.5lbs) Jersey Royals
1 chopped avocado
2-3 spring onions
120g (4oz) fromage frais
30ml (2tbs) mayonnaise
15ml (1tbs) lemon juice
Chopped fresh parsley, mint and chives to taste
Salt and pepper

To make

Cook the potatoes until tender.
While they are cooking mix together the fromage frais, mayonnaise and herbs.
Cut the potatoes in half, then toss in the dressing while still warm and leave to cool.
Just before serving, cut up the avocado, toss in the lemon juice and gently stir it into the potato mixture.
Garnish with a few snipped chives.
You can also add pieces of cooked chicken or prawns to make a change.

In Praise of the Potato

We praise all the flowers that we fancy
Sip the nectar of fruit ere they're peeled,
Ignoring the common old tater
When, in fact, he's King of the Field.
Let us show the old boy we esteem him,
Sort of dig him up out of the mud;
Let us show him he shares our affections
And crown him with glory — The Daily Spud

Over the years, my business needs have changed and the contract that I offer new employees states that they may be required to work longer than 9-5. Can I change the existing contracts?



Edward O'Brien
Solicitor

It is quite common for businesses' needs to change over time and for new employees to be employed under different contractual terms. In these circumstances, employers will often seek to harmonise contracts across their workforce.

You can reach agreement in writing with existing employees to change the terms of their employment contract. Where the change doesn't put them at a disadvantage, it is likely that they will readily agree to this. However, they may not agree if they are unhappy with the change or it is unfavourable to them.

An alternative is to issue them with a new contract and seek to impose the change upon them. If they carry on working without objecting

to the new terms, they can be deemed to have accepted the new terms by conduct. However, there is a risk that the employee may reject the change and work under protest, or resign and try to claim constructive dismissal.

There is also the option of dismissing an employee and offering re-engagement on the new terms. If you do this, you will need to have a sound business reason for the change of the contractual terms and follow a fair procedure in initially dismissing the employee. Failing to do so runs the risk of a wrongful dismissal or unfair dismissal claim.

Due to the potentially serious outcomes, changing an employee's contractual terms is not an action to be taken lightly. We are

experts in advising businesses on how to facilitate changes in their workforce and avoid Employment Tribunal claims. If you are thinking about changing the contractual terms of existing employees, or have any other employment related queries, please do give us a call for a no obligation consultation.

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A Penance or a Privilege – The Parish Council

SO, is it a penance or a privilege to go to a Parish Council Meeting, as I've not attended one for a very long time? To be honest, as all but one at the 'head table' are volunteers, do a lot of work between meetings, and have to make some unpopular decisions, we owe it to them to try and get there occasionally.

It seemed to me to be a bit more open and accepting, on both sides, of people's opinion, there are always exceptions, but on the whole, accepting.

Hedgehogs, Murals, and Black Holes.

As is usual, there is an open time for the public to comment on items in the Agenda. Items included a reminder of the Hedgehog meeting (hopefully there will be an item elsewhere in the *Reporter*), the proposed community art idea of painting a mural of coloured Lego bricks on the outside of Village Hall (no cost to VH), and the concern about further grants being sought by the Sports Field, called a 'black hole' by the concerned resident (see below).

Look out for MUD – Lagoon 'go ahead'

The PC have been informed that the lagoon, by the A354 west of the village, has been given permission to commence use. Jenny Balcon urged all road users to keep an eye out for mud on the road, and report if this appears, as the proposed wheel wash was not constructed. The Parish Council were not happy with the construction of this lagoon, but it has been passed on appeal further up the chain.

Money at the Parish Council

Where does the money go? Well, soon we will all be able to see, as the Annual Budget is published in the Reporter, a decision made after discussion at this meeting.

The river – 'be damned if we do and damned if we don't'

A comment made by one of the landowners, who have been told they have a responsibility to clear the stream, but also told they will

be prosecuted if they disturb the water voles. This is the last year that the EA will be clearing the land below March Bridge (we call it 'pooh sticks bridge')! Volunteers are sought to try and keep the water running – Contact Steve Lord.

A354 Basan Hill closure

The maximum amount of time is 9.00am to 4.00pm between 8th and 28th June, smack bang in the middle of GCSE's for our village children. It may be that there will be controlled traffic lights some of the time, and the length is the maximum duration. The PC acknowledged it had to be done, but will be asking if they can open early enough to get Puddletown School Buses through. The buses are making a lengthy detour, as they have to travel on 'like for like' roads, so not skipping through past Ashley Barn on the single-track road.

Holes up at the Sports Field

Actually, the potholes in the road are the subjects of the conversation. Are they deep enough to be a dangerous hazard, needing to be repaired immediately? They are not harbouring wild life yet, but are interesting to negotiate with a vehicle. The PC are not in the position to assist with repairs, but will investigate what will happen with all the scalplings gathered from the road closure (above), maybe they'd like to donate them!

This is not a full analysis of the meeting, but a brief, slightly tongue in cheek, but accurate, version – hoping it will encourage others to take the giant leap and attend!

Sue Gould

MILBORNE ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL					
BUDGET 2017-18 - Precept increased by rate of CPI + 12% i.e. 14.5%					
	ITEM	BUDGET 2016/17	ACTUAL 31/12/16	FORECAST 2016/17	DRAFT BUDGET 2017-18
RECEIPTS					
	Precept	£8,534.00	£8,534.00	£8,534.00	£9,771.00
	Sports Club Rent & Loan Contribution	£525.00	£262.50	£262.50	£525.00
	Environment Agency Licence	£100.00	£100.00	£100.00	£100.00
	MSA Allotment Society Licence	£25.00	£25.00	£25.00	£25.00
	VAT Repayments	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	TOTAL	£9,184.00	£8,921.50	£8,921.50	£10,421.00
PAYMENTS					
Administration	Clerk's Salary & Expenses	£2,849.00	£2,188.97	£2,849.00	£2,972.00
	Administration	£50.00	£68.66	£68.66	£85.00
	Insurance	£303.00	£291.39	£291.39	£300.00
	Publications and Books	£50.00	£17.00	£50.00	£50.00
	DAPTC Subscription	£344.68	£299.35	£299.35	£305.00
	Audit Fees	£255.00	£330.00	£330.00	£300.00
	Office Equipment Replacement / Repair	£100.00	£0.00	£100.00	£0.00
Council	Meeting Venue Hire	£185.00	£0.00	£188.00	£192.00
	Chairman's Allowance	£50.00	£0.00	£50.00	£50.00
	Councillor's Expenses	£50.00	£0.00	£50.00	£50.00
	Training	£150.00	£40.00	£150.00	£150.00
	Sports Field Loan payments	£1,440.00	£1,440.38	£1,440.00	£1,440.00
Grants	Village Hall	£500.00	£500.00	£500.00	£500.00
	Churchyard	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
	S137	£750.00	£900.00	£900.00	£750.00
Maintenance	Grass Cutting / Tree Pruning	£404.00	£204.00	£404.00	£414.00
	Public Seating / Noticeboards	£100.00	£0.00	£100.00	£100.00
	Grit bins	£185.00	£0.00	£185.00	£170.00
	Contingencies	£400.00	£0.00	£400.00	£400.00
VAT	VAT		£76.18	£76.18	£0.00
Reserved Funds (New)	Miscellaneous Environmental Works				£500.00
	Office Equipment Replacement / Repair				£100.00
	TOTAL	£9,165.68	£7,355.93	£9,431.58	£9,828.00
	RECEIPTS - PAYMENTS	£18.32	£1,565.57	£510.08	£593.00

* Increase in line with forecast CPI @ 2.5%

Notes:-

1. No payment holiday granted for FY 2017-18
2. Gross Pay + Employer Pension Contribution + Mileage + Home Working Allowance @ £10/month
3. 3% index linked increase
4. 2% increase determined by DAPTC
5. New Internal Auditor @ £200 + possible External Auditor charge of £100
6. New budget line advised by DAPTC as a result of cutbacks in services provided by Dorset Highways
7. Suggest changing this budget line to Reserved Funds to build up reserves for IT repair / replacement
8. 5 grit bins in total, 3 of which are Community that PC has to pay to refill after initial winter fill by DCC

Band D Parish Precept 2016-17 = £21.07

Band D Parish Precept 2017-18 = £23.46 an increase over the year of £2.39 or 11.34%

Come to
Easter Experience 2017

in
St. Andrew's church
on

Good Friday
from 8.30 to 5.00pm

There will be activities and crafts, the Easter Bible story, and reflections for all children and adults

Animals and Rainbows at Ladybirds

WE'RE not even half way through March and we seem to have learnt and enjoyed so many things already.



Heather from Zoolab brought along some of her animals and talked to us about animals in springtime. Not your usual animals. There was Alan the Giant Snail who just didn't want to wake up and say hello, too cold for him even though he'd travelled from Portsmouth with a hot water bottle. Stanley the giant millipede was much more awake and moved across the floor before being held by the children.

Satin the corn snake was really awake and wriggled and curled himself into knots. The children sat in a circle on the floor and waited patiently for their turn to hold, touch or just look at each animal. They answered questions about the feel and colour of each animal and tried to move like them.

Another topic we have covered is Rainbows as one little girl is fascinated with them – they have to be in every picture she draws or paints – so we decided to make rainbow cakes. Using the bright

rainbow colouring gels we mixed up the cake mix in the electric mixer and separated it out into six bowls. Then gave six of the children a teaspoon with a tiny amount of gel and watched as the children were amazed at the bright colour their mixture became. Each child then had to put a spoonful from their bowl into each cake case so each cake contained all the colours. The results were some amazingly vivid coloured cakes. Several children were impatient to try and kept coming to the hatch to ask if they were cooked. We shared some at snack time and sent some home to enjoy with the family.

Liz Dyer



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SCHOOL NEWS

Spring is on the way at long last and in May, our Friends of School will be holding another May Fair. The previous May Fair in 2015 was very popular and helped to raise considerable funds for the school. We have decided to do this again and set a date for Saturday 20th May. Please do keep the date free and let your family and friends know. There will be more details to follow but expect lots of fun and games for everyone to get involved with including a giant inflatable slide, a performance by Dorchester Ballet and Dance, pony rides, Boutique in a Bus, nerf gun alley, face painting, teddy tombola, local craft stalls, Pimms bar, tea and cakes and a burger bar. The silent auction is not to be missed as we have already received donations of some fabulous prizes from generous local businesses. If you would like to have a stall or help on the day then please do get in touch with the school.

Another date for your diary is our Easter Service. This will be held at the church on Thursday 6th April at 9.00am. Everybody welcome.

Unfortunately, the Reporter has not been supplied with any copy from the school for the past two issues – we hope to resume the 'School News' page in future editions

Editor

The poster is for the 'Friends of Milborne First School Marvellous MAY FAIR'. It features a yellow background with a large green banner at the top that reads 'Friends of Milborne First School'. Below this, the word 'Marvellous' is written in large, red, stylized letters. Underneath 'Marvellous', the words 'MAY FAIR' are written in large, white, block letters with black outlines. A green banner below 'MAY FAIR' reads 'SATURDAY 20th MAY 2017'. Below this, an orange banner reads '11am - 3pm'. The bottom section of the poster has a blue background with white text that reads: 'If you would like a stall or if you have a raffle prize to donate or promises to auction, please contact Joanne Miller: joanne.miller2009@gmail.com'.

CONTACTS

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

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- Guests drawing room with big comfy sofas and log fires in the winter.
- A secluded garden with delightful seating areas.
- The perfect place from which to explore Dorset's unspoilt countryside and famous Jurassic coast a few miles away.



Heathcote House, Milborne St Andrew, Dorset DT11 0JG. Website: www.heathcotehouse.co.uk

Round Robin Ramblers

The local villages walking group

WALKS are normally held on the first Sunday and the third Wednesday of each month. Please join us as we enjoy exercise, good company and the wonderful Dorset countryside. **Any questions, please feel free to contact: Ian Bromilow, 01258 880044.**

Sunday 2nd April – 2.00pm

Tarrant Monkton and Chetterwood

Meet at the church car park in Tarrant Monkton (shared with Langton Arms) off A354 after Pimperne.

Grid reference: ST 944088 on OS Explorer Sheet 118 (approx. 4.5 miles)

Wednesday 19th April – 11.00am

Bovington Forest and Lawrence's Grave

Meet near the church in Moreton

Grid reference: SY 805894 on Explorer Sheet OL15 (approx. 6 miles)

Bring a packed lunch.

Sunday 7th May – 2.00pm

Nether Cerne and Bramble Bottom

Meet outside St Mary's Church, Cerne Abbas

Grid reference: ST 666013 on OS Explorer Sheet 117 (approx. 4.5 miles)

Please note:

Who All welcome including well-behaved dogs and their responsible owners. No pre-booking required just turn up.

Wear Suitable clothing for wet conditions and location, walking boots or Wellington boots.

Bring Waterproofs and refreshments (packed lunch on Wednesdays).

Pace We go at the pace of the slowest.

Terrain Expect mud, inclines and stiles.

Aim Keep fit, enjoy the Dorset countryside and each other's company.

Legal We look after one another but in the end you are responsible for yourself.

Scam Telephone Calls

SOME of the most common scam telephone calls Dorset Trading Standards get complaints about involve cold callers supposedly offering relief from nuisance phone calls! The caller will try to persuade you to buy costly call blocking or telephone preference services, sometimes for a one-off fee, or sometimes for a monthly fee and ask you to set up a direct debit.

However, the scam services offered will not block any unwanted calls, and could place your personal information in the hands of criminals.

Sometimes these fraudsters even pretend to be calling from the Telephone Preference Service and ask for a card payment in order to block nuisance calls. The TPS is a genuine organisation set up to help people stop getting annoying marketing calls from businesses such as personal injury or PPI claims firms, and its service is free. Visit www.tpsonline.org.uk or call 0345 070 0707 to register.

Another really common scam is the Computer Software Service Fraud or 'Microsoft' Scam. Callers pretend to be from a variety of organisations such as Microsoft, TalkTalk, BT or the 'Windows Technical Department'. They'll tell you that your computer needs fixing and will ask for remote access, whereby they can then access your personal information, or infect your computer with a virus which they will then charge you to remove.

Never respond to an unsolicited phone call from someone claiming that they can stop unwanted calls, or saying that your computer has a virus. If you receive a call like this, hang up straight away, and do not give or confirm to the caller any information at all, not even your name or address and report it to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040.

If you have given any personal information in response to calls like this, contact the Police and also your bank as promptly as possible.

Pearl Geraldine Hallett 1939–2017



Pearl Geraldine Hallett was born in 1939 the eldest of three daughters. She left school at 14 to work in the Huntley and Palmers biscuit factory, but her true destiny lay in the career of her choice, nursing.

She trained at the Lord Mayor Treloar hospital before moving to Dorchester and was extremely proud to be the sister in charge on the ward when Prince Charles visited. She was married to Brian and, although they were not blessed with children, they enjoyed many hours on their boat and Pearl also set up a pottery business. But . She had an enquiring mind and learned French and German and later Italian so she could speak the language when she visited her sister Linda who lived in Italy.

Her sister Christine recalled that she was very stubborn and single minded and there were three speeds: slow, very slow and Pearl! She also had a fondness for cats.

She had been a long standing member of the Lubbecke Society and really looked forward to their visits and could be relied on as a kind and determined committee member and the raffle queen.

Pearl was also a regular member of the Milborne St. Andrew Wednesday Club in charge of the teas and cakes for a few years. She also enjoyed her visit to the village lunch once a month, but always worried the organisers because of her late arrival.

Swallows and Amazons (2016) (PG)

shown by 'Milborne Movies'

at Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall

on Friday 21st April 2017 at 7.30pm

THIS new film is adapted from the book of 'Swallows and Amazons' by Arthur Ransome and is about two different groups of children who encounter one another on a small piece of land in the Lake District. The Walker family children, John (Dane Hughes), Susan (Orla Hill), Tatty (Teddie Malleson-Allen) and Roger (Bobby McCulloch) calling themselves the Swallows have been allowed to take their dinghy to the waters by themselves and even camp overnight on the island at its middle. They gut fish for dinner, navigate their way round the shores, and even find themselves in a territorial dispute with the Blackett sisters (Seren Hawkes and Hannah Jayne Thorp) who are the Amazons.

Both groups try to claim the land as theirs and do so role playing as two sets of enemy pirates. Whilst this happens they encounter another boat and a stranger, they must now work together to work out who he is and why he is there, but have they got themselves involved in something much bigger? In the original novel, Turner was living in seclusion because he was writing his memoirs: here, the story's a little more complicated, and largely inspired by Ransome's own past as a spy for the British during the Russian Revolutions and Civil War. The scenery is breath taking and for the children the sense of a REAL adventure must be inspiring. The four Walker children – are nicely cast, and share a sparky sibling chemistry. Despite the plot adjustments, Swallows and Amazons reproduces the potted world Ransome wrote about with diligence and sincerity: it's very English, very interwar.

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

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April 2017

Saturday 1st

Teed Up Blues Evening Village Hall 7.30pm – see below.

Sunday 2nd

Film 'Risen' Puddletown Church Room 6.00pm.

Wednesday 5th

Wednesday Club Holme Nursery Wareham 1.30pm. Village Hall car park

Thursday 6th

Milborne First School Easter Service St. Andrews Church 9.30am. *Everyone welcome*

Friday 7th

St. Andrews Church Spanish Evening guitar recital with Sangria 7.00pm tickets £12.

Friday 7th

WI Lunch Carvery at The Royal Oak 12.30–1.00pm

Saturday 8th

Spring Sale and Coffee Morning Dewlish Village Hall 10.30–12noon.

Wednesday 12th

Milborne History Group 7.30pm The Royal Oak.

Thursday 13th

WI Meeting AGM Village Hall 7.30pm.

Friday 14th

Good Friday Easter Experience, craft activities 3.30–5.00pm St. Andrews Church.

Tuesday 18th

Walking Football Village Hall Recreation Ground 11.00am – see page 34.

Wednesday 19th

Parish Council AGM 7.30pm Village Hall. Talk from Jacob Dew Dorset Wildlife Trust.

Thursday 20th

Gardening Club presentation from Watercress Company, Tincleton – see page 29.

Thursday 20th

Annual Parochial Church Meeting St. Andrews Church after Morning Service.

Friday 21st

Milborne Movies 'Swallows and Amazons' Tickets £3.50 7.30pm Village Hall.

Saturday 29th

Village Lunch £6.50 per head 12.15–2.00pm Village Hall – see page 2 for menu.

Regular Bookings at the Village Hall

Ladybirds Playgroup Monday–Friday 8.30am–1.00pm MH (term time only)

Beavers Monday 5.00–6.30pm MH (term time only)

Scouts Monday 6.00–8.00pm CR/MH

Players Monday 8.00–10.00pm MH

ABC Line Dancers Tuesday 7.30–10.00pm MH

Cub Scouts Tuesday 5.45–7.15pm MH (term time only)

Wednesday Club first Wednesday 2.00–4.00pm MH

Yoga Thursday 1.30–2.45pm MH

Gardening Club third Thursday 7.30–10.00pm MH

Karate Thursday 5.10–6.40pm MH

Village Hall Committee third Thursday every two months 7.30–10.00pm

Women's Institute second Thursday 7.30–10.00pm

Youth Club 8–13 years every other Friday MH (term time only)

Village Lunch last Saturday of the month 12.15–2.30pm MH

Artsreach Events – look out for the posters.

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

Regular Bookings at the First School

Pilates Monday 7.00–8.00pm (term time only)

Yoga Tuesday 6.30–8.00pm (term time only)

Badminton Wednesday 6.30–8.30pm (term time only)

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April at the Sports Club

Football Saturday 3.00pm.

Table Tennis Monday 7.00–9.00pm. Information from Pauline Pitfield 01258 839123

The Busy Bees Under 5 Group from 9.30am to 11.30am on Thursday term time only. Contact Leanne Brown on 07899808185.

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Singapore – History and a modern Business hub

I HOPE you enjoyed last month's article about Singapore – sorry the pictures were a touch dark – they looked better online apparently, and I hope the printer will improve things this month.

Singapore is an island roughly the size of the Isle of Wight, and is an independent nation, negotiating its own trade deals. In fifty years it has become a powerhouse of trade, finance and shipping, a hub of movement of goods around the world and a successful, peaceful society with minimal unemployment, an excellent education system, and housing for everyone. It has also extended its land area by reclaiming land to build a new airport and provide much-needed housing for working people. Truly a role model for island nations making their way in the world!



The swift establishment of the new nation leads to some interesting scenery with buildings erected after the discovery and early development of the island in the

18th century contrasting with those built more recently. There was a surge of building in the 1960s and 1970s, which seem to be modern without being ugly, and another surge since the start of the new millennium, when China opened up for more trade resulting in a boom in business.



Many of the early buildings such as the Police Barracks and Post Office have become tourist hostels or hotels and there is active conservation alongside the steel and glass developments. The quaysides along the Singapore River where small boats used to trans-ship goods from the big ships in the harbour have now been redeveloped as tourist areas and buzz with cafes, shops and hotels. We stayed at Clarke Quay, which is now a quay only for river tour boats, but has many reminders of its busy history. The harbour itself has been redeveloped and now is fully mechanised, covers 56 acres and



shifted 2.6 million containers in 2016, and 2.4 million already in 2017.

Amongst all this commerce, elements of traditional life continue. Chinatown still bustles with interesting food shops, tailors, restaurants and cafes. Tourists throng to all the new and old attractions, although we did hear that the new 'Flowers by the Bay' biomes are causing far



fewer people to visit the Victorian Botanical Gardens, which is a shame as they were beautiful last time I visited. As public money was used to build these new attractions, local people benefit

from lower entrance fees (or in the case of the 'Original Singaporeans' mentioned last month, free entrance). Pensioner discounts apply only to local pensioners, tourists being asked to pay full price – a good way to keep local people interested in the attractions built with their money.



Finally I must mention Kranji. This is the beautiful Commonwealth War Graves cemetery where all service personnel who died during the invasion of Singapore in 1942, as prisoners during the Japanese occupation, and in the 'Hell Ships' which sank nearby were re-buried after the war ended. It's a beautiful and peaceful place, with lovely flowers and an imposing memorial to thousands of Indian, ANZAC and British Forces with no known graves. We took time out to leave RBL Crosses on behalf of two former POWs, one of whom we met in 2015 when attending the VJ day commemorations in London. A former Royal Engineer, at his request we left his cross on the grave of another RE who had died in a 'Hell Ship'. This was a very moving experience for us, and made us thankful that so many men from so many nations and faiths were prepared to give everything so that humankind could live in peace.

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Mozart the man revealed by John Suchet

MANY people will remember John Suchet as a newsreader and his brother David as the actor who made the role of Poirot his own. I was interested to learn that John now has a career in the world of classical music beyond his spells as a disc jockey on Classic FM. He has previously published a book about Beethoven, another musical child prodigy and this is his latest effort within the genre of composer biographies.

The book is a large hardback (awkward for bedtime reading), printed on good quality paper, and with many illustration. These take the form of pictures of paintings, photographs of places as they are now, and pictures of scores written by Mozart and now held in various collections.

Mr. Suchet uses as his source material mostly the letters exchanged between Mozart, his father, sister, and other friends and family. Because he and his father travelled so much there are many letters, often very detailed, explaining feelings, business adventures, crowd reactions, travel plans, feuds and arguments. There is a good reference section at the end showing the breadth and depth of research undertaken to produce this book. Despite the weight of research, the book is clearly-written and readable, with a chronological narrative starting before Mozart was born, and ending with the death of his wife many years after his own.

Mozart's father seems to have been a very controlling man, and his wife's life is omitted from a great deal of the correspondence, meaning that the reader concludes that father was the greater influence on the young composer

I really enjoyed the book, having started with knowledge of the basic details of Mozart's life, and a slight girly grudge at how history has ignored his sister who was an extremely gifted musician. I learned a lot about social mores of the time, the circumstances when various works were composed, and the sad fact that from six pregnancies, Mozart and his wife raised only two children to adulthood, the others dying within hours or weeks of birth. It was probably common for the time but must have been heart-wrenching for the parents and contributed to the atmosphere of some of Mozart's works.

I liked the description of the young Beethoven (another prodigy) visiting Mozart who was by then an established musician and composer, and also the timing of Mozart's colleague and librettist Lorenzo da Ponte who accepted a job at the French court but was informed on his journey to take up the post that the King and Queen had been arrested. As an interesting side note this man ended up in the USA and formed a company that became the New York Metropolitan Opera.

I read this book because I think Mozart is the best composer the world has ever seen. He wrote so much in so little time, and there is something for everyone in his work. This book was a great read for me, and will be for others with either a passing or greater interest in the man, the music and the times they inhabited.

Susan Wilson

Milton Abbas and Milborne St. Andrew Surgery News

WITH the weather getting (slightly) warmer and the evenings lighter, it must mean that the run of Spring Public Holidays is heading our way. Please note that we will be closed on the following dates:

Friday 14th April (Good Friday)
Saturday 15th April (Easter Saturday)
Monday 17th April (Easter Monday)
Saturday 29th April (May Day Saturday)
Monday 1st May (May Day)
Saturday 27th May (Spring holiday Saturday)
Monday 29th May (Spring holiday)

For out of hours care or advice during closures, please call 111. In the case of an emergency, call 999.

I also wanted to reiterate what patients should do if they have chest pain: some patients are coming to the surgery, and because they are then classified as being in a 'place of safety' ambulances take longer to arrive, potentially causing delays in accessing essential urgent care.

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Gillian Brindle Practice Business Manager

Cutlers Row and Amen Gardens

THESE were just two of the places mentioned in the 1911 census that had the Local History Group stumped when we looked at maps of the village this month. If anyone has any ideas where in the village they might be then please let us know. As a guess as a Mr Cutler lived in Milton Road could these cottages belong to him and is that where they were? We attempted to date the various developments of the village, learnt about places that have changed names and why places have the names that they do. This will be an on-going topic so if you have information of your house or road or anything about the village then come along and share it.

At next month's meeting, as well as having the maps and hopefully adding more details, we will talk about an old photograph (either of a place or person) that we have. Meeting on Wednesday 12th April at 7.30 in The Royal Oak.

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Friends of School Marvellous May Fair!

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Attractions and activities will include a giant inflatable slide, performance by Dorchester Ballet and Dance, pony rides, nerf gun alley, face painting, local craft stalls, burger bar, cakes and other refreshments including a Pimms bar along with other traditional summer fair attractions. The silent auction is not to be missed as several generous local businesses have already donated some fabulous prizes.

So please do come along and have fun on the day and support the village school. There will be more information in the next Reporter but also look out for the posters and further information on social media.

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We asked local landowners within the parish boundary if they would ever want to develop their land – nine landowners have offered a total of 42 hectares, which is just over 100 acres, or the equivalent of a 100 football pitches.

If all this land were developed, it would more than double the size of the village – at least 700 homes or even twice that (1,260 homes) if typical modern housing estates are built. What a nightmare scenario!

But the village only needs to accommodate a maximum of 60 new builds up to 2031 (the life of any neighbourhood plan). So how do we work out where is best after being offered so much land?

We have looked at each site, and used a fact sheet – with statements like: is it flat? is it visible? is it close to the shop and other amenities? Are there any interesting features that we need to protect? What is its existing use? We've taken loads of photos and also advice from highways experts on access, and thought about what is important in deciding how to rank sites based on the feedback you have given us so far.

From this we hope to be able to narrow down the available land to those plots that are best for the village.

This is where you come in!

We will be having an Open Day, with a map of the sites, the photos, the advice and any other relevant information for you to view. We will be showing the results from the questionnaire, our research, and the conclusions that were formed from this. With all this information, we will be giving you the opportunity to decide where we could build the homes we think are needed.

Put this date in your diary

Saturday 10th June 2017 10.00am to 3.00pm, in the Village Hall.

We have to allow the village to grow a little, so let us decide where is best and what it should be, not North Dorset or a Planning Inspector.

MSA Neighbourhood Plan Working Group

Spanish Evening - Art of the Guitar

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Degustazione Di Vino E Formaggio

ON 4th March the Food and Wine Club wished its members 'Benvenuto' as they arrived to sample Italian wines specially selected by The Dorset Wine Company and Italian meats and cheeses matched to the wine by The Cheesemonger (Turnbolls Delicatessen).

A glass of prosecco opened the proceedings and then we all sat down to the first selection. Ciabbata, focaccia, pane carasau, grissini, olive oil, accompanied by olives, fresh raw broad beans and mostarda di frutta (fruit preserved in a mustard syrup) were already on the tables, as well as water melon and grapes for cleansing our palates. One of our committee members, Laurie Benn, introduced each selection as they were served. The 'cavallo di battaglia' (piece de resistance) of the evening was probably the gorgonzola dolce which was beautifully creamy and quite delicious and though usually not a blue cheese lover but I am converted to this one! The mostarda was a great hit too.

To sum up, one word will do . . . Bravo!

Susie Edwards



Milborne St. Andrew now has its first defibrillator

I AM pleased to announce that Milborne St. Andrew now has its first defibrillator. It has been installed on the front of the Village Hall, all entirely funded by the grant we received from Scottish and Southern Energy, including the installation costs.

Now **we must** raise funds for more.

I am also pleased to announce that a company whose Head Office is based in the village, has already donated £1,000 to our account.

So if there are any other companies or couples or even singles out there and reading this, are you able and willing to give that bit extra to save lives – after all, it could save yours, what price is life?

I am hopeful that everyone will contribute, no sum is too small and any of us may need a defibrillator to be nearby, whatever our age.

Again, here are the details you will need to donate.

Cheques should be made payable to The Community Heartbeat Trust or CHT, **Ref BLA 007**, the reference code is our MSA account so must be used. Addressed to The Community Heartbeat Trust, PO Box 168, Haverhill, CB9 1AX.

If anyone banks online or by telephone, the details are: Account name – The Community Heartbeat Trust, Sort Code – 20-63-66, Account No – 33949745, **Ref BLA 007**, again the reference is to our MSA account.

It is now fully registered with the Ambulance service and can be used in an emergency, not instead of, but as well as ringing 999.

I have commenced the weekly checks which are required and these are documented online but I would also like everyone's help to keep an eye on our valuable resource. At the bottom of the box is a red security tag, this should always be visibly in place. If anyone notices that this is not the case, can they contact me immediately.

I am now in the process of organising the 'Awareness' course, which will be open to all interested villagers and will take place in the Village Hall.

In the meantime, if anyone needs or wants to contact me, please call 01258 837661.

Joy Robinson

Busy time at Bus2Go



Although we had not really started fully into our spring schedule, numbers of passengers have increased. Since our first outing of the New Year up to the middle of March we have welcomed 160 passengers on board.

Total raised for Dementia UK from the Craft Fair and coffee morning at Sandringham Court, Dorchester was £300. Well done everyone that supported this event.

We have welcomed five new volunteers to assist us with our on board duties and of course we continue to recruit to meet the requirements of our increased passenger numbers and size of bus that we frequently use.

Our outing to The Exchange in Sturminster to see Anita Harris was a great afternoon out and was enjoyed by everyone. After the show we all had an opportunity to meet with Anita and have photographs taken with her. The buses were just about to leave, when Anita came dashing out to wave us farewell.

We are back at The Exchange this month to see the ever popular Neil Sands in his show, Music and Memories, an afternoon of music from the 40's to the 60's. Please see advertisement for further details.



Bookings are now being taken for the Horse Drawn Barge outing on Thursday, June 1st, ticket price £45 to include return bus fare, cruise on the barge and light lunch on board.

We wish you all a very Happy Easter and look forward to welcoming you on board very soon.

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The delightful Anita Harris waves us off as we leave The Exchange, Sturminster.

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It's just a stage we're going through . . .

STILL on a high from our Panto success, and we're straight into preparing for our next production. We've decided to change things around a bit this year, and are putting on a play in June, instead of September.

Dangerous Corner is by renowned writer J.B. Priestley, and is set in the turbulent 1930s. The action starts in the drawing room at Robert and Freda Caplan's house, where the hosts are entertaining her brother and sister-in-law. Because Robert insists on uncovering the truth about his brother Martin's suicide, many unpalatable revelations ensue which cause Robert to take drastic action!

The roles have been cast, and we'll be putting in lots of rehearsals so we can give you a truly 'thrilling' performance. Why not make a note on your calendar now – 23rd/24th June?

If you'd like to broaden your circle of friends and try something new, we're a welcoming bunch and you don't have to be an actor – or even want to act – to join. There's so much involved in putting on a production, from direction, production, sound and lighting, stage-management, prop-making, set-making, costume-making, wardrobe care, dresser, hair, makeup, not to mention artwork for the posters, promotions and marketing, ticket sales, interval refreshments, and much more. There really is loads to do, and it's a great way to broaden your horizons, or maybe dust off some long-forgotten skills.

Meetings/rehearsals are on Mondays in the Village Hall at 8.00pm. We'd love to see you!

Adrienne Rogers, Milborne Players

Artist at work in Milborne

AROUND late April or the beginning of May, Emma Douglas is going to be creating an artwork on the front wall of the Village Hall. As a memorial to her late son, she is doing twenty one of these in different locations – one for each year of his life, and all in places that were important to him. (He stayed here sometimes with relatives.) It will take the form of different coloured brick-shaped and brick-sized blocks of colour, one for each day of a particular year of his life, the colours representing what kind of day it was.

As with most art, this intensely personal memorial speaks to many who have undergone similar experiences. Emma has already done several and she has found that people stop, watch and share their own stories with her, and that this has become a very important part of the work.

If you go to www.emmadouglas.com/murals.php you can see an example.

Sarah Ryan

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 May *Reporter*.

Last month's answer can be found on page 30.

This Month

at the MILBORNE ST ANDREW
GARDENING CLUB



ACTIVITY—a talk on *Life with Watercress*

Watercress Company speaker

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**Thursday
20th April**



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VENUE

**The Village Hall
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in

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on

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Did you identify this?



The photograph in the March Reporter was taken from The Drawn (the footpath between The Causeway and Chapel Street). Robin Keller again came up with the correct answer.

Try your luck this month on page 29.



In your Garden

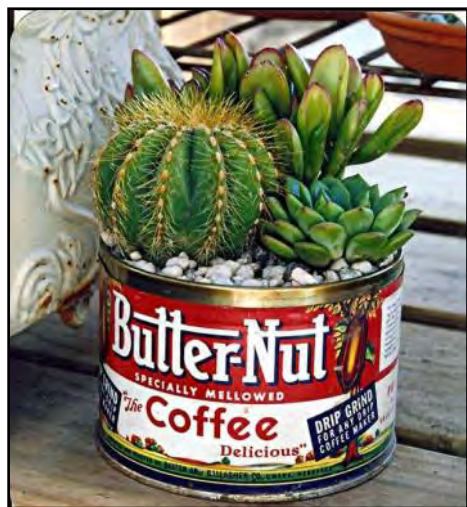
Seasonal notes and tips from Maureen Lock of *designerGardens*

Pots Galore

GROWING plants in pots is a good way to start gardening and is a great way to get children interested in gardening too.

Containers can be used to brighten up a dull area, or fill a gap in the border where a plant has already flowered. You may want to put pots of spring bulbs in the borders so that you don't have to contend with all those straggly leaves that have to be left for six weeks – and they really do get in the way!

You also have the opportunity to grow plants that don't like our chalky soil – camellias, rhododendrons, acers, and pieris can be successfully grown in pots using ericaceous compost. If you see the leaves turning a little yellow, it is a sign that they need feeding and you should use something like sequestered iron (Sequestrene) to revive the plant.



liquid form for a faster response.

Don't forget to water your containers – even in the winter, or after a downpour as most of the water will have run off the leaves and will not have reached the soil.

Think about the type of containers you could use. Anything can be used from an old boot, a wooden tub or barrel, an ornamental wire basket, a wicker basket, terracotta, cast iron urns to old food cans and so on. You can often find interesting and unusual containers at architectural salvage yards – these are great places to wander around and find all sorts of things for the home or the garden. If you find it hard to lift heavy containers, there are lighter pots made from materials such as glass fibre, resin, plastic or wood composite.



DISPLAYING YOUR CONTAINERS:

There are many ways to display your plants – either by combining separate plants in their own pots, or bringing together a range in larger containers. Display them as if you were planting in the border, put the tallest at the back and the shortest at the front – this will also serve to hide the sometimes less attractive stems of the taller plants. Limit the use of dramatic plants – ie tall plants and those with large leaves as it can overpower your display. Pack in lots of seasonal plantings such as annuals – make them look exuberant and stunning. Take care not to overshadow the smaller plants at the front with the larger plants

unless they prefer a shady position.

You can create height within your display by standing your potted

plant upon an overturned pot – so you could even have the same type of plant but at different heights. Container grown plants will need feeding as the nutrients in the compost are soon washed out by regular watering and need to be replaced. You can choose from slow release fertilisers or those that are applied in a

An example of tall plants might be the castor oil plant *Ricinis communis*, tall dahlias, Verbena bonariensis or



Canna lilies and tall grasses. Your middle layer might be Heucheras, Fuchsias, Euphorbia, Geraniums or Petunias and your lower level could be small spreading plants such as sedums, trailing petunias and geraniums or Bacopa,

One of the beauties of this type of gardening is that you can change the display throughout the year to highlight plants that are in bloom so that your garden always looks colourful and 'in season'.

April in Milborne – 143 years ago



It was not until 1872 that agricultural workers formed a national union – almost 40 years after the Tolpuddle Martyrs were banished to Australia – when Joseph Arch brought together a number of localised groups into one union. At this time, Dorset was notorious for low pay of farm labourers and Arch's union fought for higher wages. The life of a farmworker was hard, here as described in Joseph Arch's autobiography:

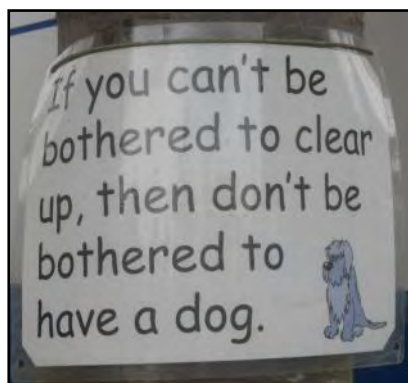
Bread was dear and wages down to starvation point; the labourers were uneducated, underfed, underpaid; their cottages were often unfit for human habitation, the sleeping and sanitary arrangements were appalling . . . In many a country village the condition of the labourer and his family was but little removed from that of the cattle they tended.

In 1872, the union secured better pay, but after the harvest, many pro-union workers were dismissed. The following year saw similar strife between union and farmers and then in 1874 a strike was called in the spring, again for a wage increase and shorter working week. Farmers countered this by 'lockouts' and evicting farm workers, and this well-known photo from that year documents the result of an eviction of members of the National Agricultural Labourers Union in Milborne.

Ed Richards

Shimmy along to salsa dance evening

IN June you will have the chance to show off your Latin moves at our salsa dance evening to be held at the Village Hall in Milborne on Saturday 10th June; doors open at 7.30pm with dancing starting at 8.00pm. Tickets will be available to purchase soon for £15 which will include a drink on arrival, two hours of instruction with a salsa dance tutor and food. Partners are welcome but not essential and no experience of salsa dancing is required!



SUDOKU

Fill in all the squares in the grid so that each row, each column and each of the 3x3 squares contains all the digits from 1 to 9.
No prize, just a bit of fun.

Fox View development due to start soon



Ankers & Rawlings, the developers of the remaining land at Fox View, tell the *Reporter* that they hope to start development of four terraced properties and one detached house in the next couple of months or so. The work is expected to take a year. Completion was originally planned for September 2016, but other overrunning projects caused a delay with the start of the Fox View development.

Pete Constant

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Sports Club News

THE Sports Club committee was heartened to receive the following message as a direct response to the rather negative letter in the January Reporter: *"Rise above . . . great minds focus on visions, the average on stuff. Small minds worry about other people!"* So much so that we decided to dip our toes in the water of public opinion with a couple of FACEBOOK polls and were pleasantly surprised with the outcomes. If you too have a positive vision on the provision of local, affordable and accessible 'ALL-AGE Fitness and Wellbeing' then come and join our committee. We are here for you!

Clearly, these two polls were very limited in the number of people that were able to participate and were conducted over a very short period of time. Nonetheless we did obtain some significant pointers and will shortly be circulating a more in depth questionnaire/survey to every household in the village.

There certainly appears to be the evidence to support the development of the Sports Club facilities into an "All Age Fitness and Wellbeing Centre". This is something that the Doctors Practice is watching with keen interest.

Surprisingly, this is exactly what the original objectives of the Sports Club Constitution sets out in its Governing document. Namely: *"The objectives of the Club are to provided sports facilities for recreational and leisure time occupation in the interests of social welfare with the object of improving the conditions of life of the inhabitants of Milborne St Andrew and surrounding area".*

NOTE: There is no mention of Football!

The first poll established some of the activities people would like to see, the second concentrated solely on fitness and gym stuff which generated the most interest in the first poll.

We have identified three potential Grant Funding Organisations

and have presented an "Expression of Interest" for funding to one, Viridor.

We have been advised that our project may be eligible for Funding and have been given the go ahead to make a full application for consideration by their Steering Group. It must be submitted by the 25th April so we are up against a tight deadline. There are a number of elements that may or may not make it to the final submission, they include:

Provision of a range of fitness/gym equipment, inside and out.

Encasement of the veranda with double glazed screen along with modifications to changing room for fitness equipment.

Modifications for one officials changing room into a wet room as part of the access for disabled to the facilities.

Solar Panels, increased insulation and an enhanced heating control system to reduce our energy and running costs.


Rebound netting and replacement of storm damaged 'dug-outs'.

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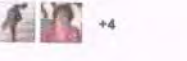


With a total cost (subject to quotes) in the order of £48k + we are likely to be organizing a CROWDFUNDING event as part of our local contribution toward the costs and have been advised to obtain as many letters/emails of support as we can so if you are minded please do so. Our email is milbornesportsacademy@gmail.com


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Join our Committee – make a difference - have some fun





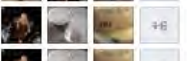



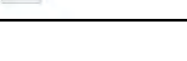

 **Richard Lock** created a poll.
23 February at 19:32

MILBORNE ACTIVE. We are just trying to drill down a bit further a find out how you (those that expressed an interest in our previous poll and maybe others) would like to see more fitness and 'gym' type activities provided and moved forward at the Sports Club Pavilion.
Please tick the box if you would you like to see or be prepared to support any of the following:
Remember, this is for all ages and not just those who think that their body is a temple!

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initially would you be prepared to pay £10 per month for the unlimited use of any equipment provided.		+34
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interested in unsupervised 24/7 use of the facilities following an induction training session (controlled entry via a keypad)		+33
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a cross trainer or two		+22
<input type="checkbox"/> tread mill		+19
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resistance training such as: Power Bags, kettle balls etc		+18
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> spinning bikes		+15
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Concept 2 rower (model C or above)		+15
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepared to offer assistance and guidance setting up the activities and the control measures		+4
<input type="checkbox"/> Only want to attend supervised fitness & wellbeing activities at set times		+4
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> power mills		+4
Add an option...		

 **Richard Lock** created a poll.
7 February at 19:48

If you are unable to attend OPEN SESSION 10.30am at the Sports Pavilion on Saturday 11th February. Now is the time to have your say.
Would you like to see the Sports Club develop into an "All Age Fitness and Wellbeing centre."
a simple yes or no will do
If you have any ideas on what you would like to have then please jot them down.
Remember, this is a Community resource that should be available for all ages and abilities
NB: if you do intend to to attend then you can have your say here too!

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes		+58
<input type="checkbox"/> Pilates/ yoga		+44
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> gym		+37
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Zumba		+25
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Running Track		+18
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gym		+14
<input type="checkbox"/> Tai Chi		+13
<input type="checkbox"/> Burlesque Fitness Group		+10
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> boxing club		+9
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drop in cafe/craft group		+6
<input type="checkbox"/> Tennis		+6
<input type="checkbox"/> Rugby		+5
<input type="checkbox"/> Cricket		+5
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Family friendly events		+3
<input type="checkbox"/> Sports massage		+4
<input type="checkbox"/> Cycling/spinning club		+1
<input type="checkbox"/> Walking football		+1
<input type="checkbox"/> Out of term school club		
<input type="checkbox"/> Social group observing burlesque		
<input type="checkbox"/> Bo Taoshi		+1

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Each parent must earn a minimum of £115 and a maximum of £100,000 a year. Lone parents and the self-employed may also be eligible. For more details visit www.dorsetforyou.com/30hours or contact Dorset County Council's Family Information Service on 01305 221066.



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Walk this way for over 50's footie

YOU may remember an advert a few years ago for a High Street bank that featured a more sedate version of football for an older generation. Back in 2011, this would have been most people's first exposure to walking football. Since then, the game has grown exponentially with over 800 clubs playing the low-impact version of the sport. And now, villager Clive Rawlings is hoping to bring it to Milborne with a date set in April for the first meeting of interested players.

Although the typical participant of walking football is a person of retirement age, Clive says that there are no age restrictions and both male and female players are welcome. Players may well be in their late forties and – possibly due to health reasons – feel that walking football is for them. The main rule of the game is, unsurprisingly, that players must walk when on the pitch, whether on or off the ball – that is, one foot must be on the ground at all times. Throw-ins become a less exertive roll-in, the ball remains under head height at all times, rolling substitutions and time-outs are other rules, though there is flexibility to the finer details. Teams are generally between five and seven aside.

Clive had the idea during a conversation with the 'press gang' – the early morning gaggle of gents who meet at the Londis to pick up their newspapers. Clive had had involvement with coaching an Under 18 football team in his native Sussex to the early 1990s, who were very successful, he says, so he knows a thing or two about the game. For the slightly older generation, joining in a physical activity with people your own age "can be a breath of fresh air. You can have a laugh and a good time." He goes on, "It's sometimes easy to get stuck in a rut in retirement, a new activity is a great way to try something new and get something out of life." Taking part can have a positive effect on health – walking football can help to build strength and core stability, improve muscle, help balance and lose weight.



The first meeting and training session is on **Tuesday 18th April at 11.00am**. Interested players are welcomed along to the Recreation Ground on The Causeway and, Clive says, they should wear whatever they feel comfortable in. He's aware that many will not have kicked a ball in years and may not have kit, so suggests to wear something that they would be happy to do a physical activity in. In time, he hopes that the sponsorship that he is in the process of securing will fund the cost of other equipment – bibs, balls and so on. It's intended that the walking footballers would meet on a weekly basis for an hour or so, which would probably be on a weekday morning.

Although there are other teams in the area, Clive says that he initially wants to keep it as purely recreational and see how it develops – applying for league membership could be possible in the future, but the main aim is to get active and have fun.

Everyone taking an active part will be asked to complete a medical form, confirming they are fit and healthy to take part in physical exercise. It is the player's responsibility to seek the advice or approval of their GP before taking part in regular exercise.

Ed Richards

Small Businesses in MSA. Number 5: The B&B

TO step into Heathcote House from the busy A354 is to enter a tranquil, pastel space carefully arranged with thought for comfort and peace. The architect and owner of this hidden gem is Sue Dawson. She has transferred her professional, caring skills, honed during 37 years of nursing to this highly successful venture over the short period of two



years. The welcome is warm and genuine. The responses are sincere. Sue impresses as less a 'landlady' – more a hostess whose every thought and action is generated by her guests' needs, expressed or intuited. Her future plans are all aimed to further enhance their stay: cosy wraps for chilly evenings, more garden seating, an asparagus bed, books of daily poems, British toiletry essences from Noble Isle, flasks and picnics for the summer months, scented candles for their relaxation. In her view the new website heathcotehouse.co.uk (designed by Rachel at Dorchester Web Design) reflects the house as a home rather than a business.

She offers home prepared, Aga cooked food from local producers such as Steve at Steeptonbill Farm Shop (the spelling varies for this their own website uses this one), Milton Abbas bringing vegetables and fruit, eggs from Sue at Parsonage Farm, Dewlish, breads, cakes, brioche from My Little Dorset Kitchen in Winterbourne Whitechurch, Heathcote Tea blended at the Gilded Teapot, Dorchester and Dorset Coffee. Also a great deal of produce from her own extensive kitchen garden. I understand that she works in the garden alongside Rob Pauley,



decorates, cooks, cleans and maintains the house herself (with some recent help from a cleaner). Her close ties forged from the beginning of her stay with The Royal Oak and the Londis shop have sustained all concerned. Sue is also well embedded in the

community. She serves on the Village Hall committee, attends yoga classes, has hosted cream teas for the Church, served behind the bar at movie evenings and offered cleaning advice to the village hall from her Infection Control background in the NHS. Many of her visitors are related to or friendly with villagers. Others have made friends with those met in the local pub or at Heathcote House and return again and again. There are three rooms, all beautifully decorated and furnished with ensuite facilities. Only one is suitable for small children but all are for older teenagers. The exception to this is, for example, a whole family with children booked for Easter who will occupy all three rooms. There is a very comfortable guest sitting room, a light and airy

conservatory for breakfasts and patios for outside seating. She proudly displays her Trip Advisor Certificate of Excellence. On Expedia Booking she is considered one of Britain's finest and would, if she were allowed, fly her well-earned Green Flag! Some of her guests have referred her to Alastair Sawday's Special Places to Stay and she awaits their visit. Since

January this year she has received 195 confirmed bookings and expects this to increase rapidly as it has on previous years. Sue believes she has benefitted from the growth of 'staycations' the house's proximity to the Jurassic Coast, to Milton Abbey School and, modestly from her own 'relaxed' style of management. Guests are left to make their own decisions about meal times depending on their and the weather's mood! So Sue can take six guests at the maximum and regards what she does as a "lifestyle rather than a job". Rooms are cleaned and refreshed every day; breakfast is at 8.30am–10.30am, cooked to order with local cereals, breads

and home made preserves to 'nibble' on whilst they wait. Her rates are as follows: winter (November to March): £85 per room (single occupancy £70); summer; £105 per room (single occupancy £85). All include breakfast.

The known history of the Grade II listed house is sparse. Apparently the poet, Theophilus Marzials, lived there for three years (and wrote 'The Tragedy' known as 'the worst poem ever' about whom a couple from Beirut are writing a book). On the 1841 Tithe map the owner/occupier is named as Charles Warren. Sybil Fox remembered a family called Pride living there who also owned The Royal Oak. There is a gate through the wall into what was a 'stable' or, possibly, brewing yard when the house next door was a public house called the Cardinal's Cap (named after Cardinal Moreton). There was once a separate cottage (again, possibly, 18th century) in the grounds of Heathcote House. The date 1824 appears over the porch. The citation when it was listed notes that it 'was early 19th century with earlier buildings at the rear'. Rumour has it that it was once a nunnery . . . or . . . two cottages or both? More to come from the Local History Group.



Sue Dawson was born and raised in Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, one of two children having an older brother, coming to live in Bournemouth with her husband aged 24 years. They have three daughters. One aged 28 years is studying for her PhD at the London School of Economics and about to go to Ghana for a year as part of her studies, one in her last year studying Law at Exeter University, one married with two children aged three years and one year living in Poole. Sue recalls her last action as a full time nurse was learning to put on and take off an Ebola suit without getting infected. She had nursed in Bournemouth Hospital, worked in Occupational Health at Southampton Hospital, Southampton Airport, in schools and surgeries. Her enthusiasm for the village, its friendly inhabitants and local business is indicative of her warm outgoing personality. It is no wonder that she is so popular and busy. If you don't have access to the Internet do ring her on 01258 837219.

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