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## What a Marvellous May Fair – and £2,150 raised!

OVER 300 people came through the school gates to enjoy a vibrant May Fair in glorious spring sunshine in mid-May. If you were one of those, we hope you had a marvellous time!

The games and activities were very popular, especially with the younger visitors who bounced and slid the afternoon away on the ever popular giant inflatable slide. Pony rides around the playing fields were on offer too, with Beani and Bailey (on cover) from Luccombe Riding Centre providing the horsey fun. Shooting accuracy was tested on the traditional coconut shy, as well as the Nerf Shootin' Gallery, the Ladybirds' beanbag game and Beat the Goalie football shootout. Most of the children (and a few adults) took spot kicks against our young goalkeepers – Toby B, Samuel, Toby & Oliver and Lewis. Hot shot Ted scored the most and, at the gallery, sharp shooter Ben hit top spot with the Nerf gun, tying with his Grandad! Penelope was the name of the giant, pink bunny, successfully guessed by Pippa. There was a wide variety of stalls to browse, including hand embossed gift cards, jewellery, handmade candles, Tropic skincare, perfumes, teapot bird feeders and Milborne's Roka Relaxation gave soothing Indian head massages. Up at the 'Castaway Camp', marshmallow toasting was very popular, with Jenna Wittman, Reception teacher, keeping the campfire burning all afternoon.

Later on, Dance Days Academy and Dorchester Ballet & Dance entertained spectators with their routines of modern dance and classical ballet and some Milborne children who attend the Dance Days club at school showed off their dance routine.

Friends of School would like to thank all the businesses and those that donated to the silent auction and raffle, which were both a huge success, with lots of great events, items and activities on offer. Big thanks are also extended to those that helped organise the fair and run stalls, school staff and all who came along – see you next time! *Photos by Caroline Richards*





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## Milborne St. Andrew Village History Group

AT our last meeting we read through a draft, written by José, of the opening chapter of the booklet that we hope to publish in the future. It was agreed that her contribution will be very appropriate to 'set the scene' for anyone who is not that familiar with the history of the village in general.

Linda has already written a chapter about public houses, pubs and inns and hopes to draft more sections including policing and occupations. It has been suggested that we include information or chapters about 'notable' buildings, such as the church, the dairy, health and Longmead. If anyone wants to help in writing a chapter or article for inclusion or has any relevant information do come along or get in touch.

Our next meeting is on the 12th June at 7.30pm in The Royal Oak when we will read through other 'papers' which can be included and discuss other interesting information that has been discovered.

We have invited Harry Beaves to give a presentation on the 10th July, a speaker who gave a talk about a boy who was from Longmead School for Boys and earned the DCM in the Great War. His theme in July will be about some of his ancestors who emigrated to New Zealand. Should be interesting.

Anyone is welcome to come to any of our meetings or talks.

*Pam Shults*

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Slime toys became one of the more recent crazes amongst children, but many tested contained boron levels which exceeded European Union safety limits and so breached toy safety laws. Recently soft toys designed to hold children's blankets were found in the Midlands. The toy was tested and failed the toy safety standards in three significant areas all of which posed a choking and strangulation hazard. Goods entering the UK by less formal routes pose one of the greatest risks to safety. Through online purchasing many goods can be bought and imported directly by any individual. You may have experienced yourself buying goods online only to find that they were dispatched directly from China for example.

Although illegal, unsafe toys can therefore still be found on sale so it is vital to shop with care. Look out for the CE mark on new toys and only buy from reputable suppliers.

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**Sunday 2nd June – 2.00pm**

**Southover Heath, near Affpuddle**

Meet at parking area on Waddock Drove (road from Affpuddle to Crossways) Grid reference: SY 804924 on OS Explorer Sheet OL15 (approx. 4.5 miles)

**Wednesday 19th June – 11.00am (coffee and cake served from 10.30am)**

**Hilton and surroundings**

Meet at the Old School, Hilton, DT11 0DB. Grid reference: ST 780031 on Explorer Sheet 117 (approx. 6.5 miles). Bring a packed lunch.

**\* This is our last walk of the season; walks start again in early September.**

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- Wear** Suitable clothing for wet conditions and location, walking boots or Wellington boots.
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- Aim** Keep fit, enjoy the Dorset countryside and each other's company.
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## Wednesday Club visits the Etches Museum

ON Wednesday 1st May, twenty members of the Wednesday Club visited the lovely, modern, Etches Museum in Kimmeridge.

Steve Etches is the founder and it is based on his lifetime collection of fossils from the local area. Steve is a self taught palaeontologist who is now one of the world's top experts and has received many awards for his work including an MBE from the Queen in 2014. Steve housed his growing collection of fossils in his garage which then over spilled into the house and he began to worry as to what would happen to it after his death. He decided to try to establish a museum to house the collection so that it was available to be seen by everyone. The project was funded 50% by a Lottery grant and 50% by local contributions.

A few of us were lucky enough to meet Steve on the stairway as we were leaving; he is such a friendly, unassuming man, always ready to have a chat. Often when visiting the museum he can be seen working in the glass fronted, atmosphere-controlled workshop at one end of the museum.

We then crossed the road to Clavells, the lovely restaurant opposite where we indulged ourselves with tea and cakes or delicious cream teas.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday June 5th at 2.00pm in the Village Hall when Eve Hannah will be giving a talk on Kite Flying in China. Please come and join us then.

*Lis Watts*

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## THE VICAR'S LETTER

During Sarah's sabbatical we will be using the Vicar's letter which is provided by the Parish Pump editorial team. This company has a large resource of editorials and graphics that any Church Magazine production team can use. This month as Trinity Sunday falls on 16th June The Revd Paul Hardingham considers the mystery of a God which is Three in One.

### What's so important about the Trinity?

'We worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity; neither confounding the Persons, nor dividing the Essence.' (Athanasian Creed).

On Trinity Sunday we will celebrate God as one God in three Persons. This understanding is based on how we see God at work in the world. We trust in a God who is: *'God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist; God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again and God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world'* (Cofe Baptism Service).

The Trinity provides a model for **Christian community**. God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit relate together in a love relationship of mutual accountability with one another. They complement and build on the work of each other.

At His baptism, Jesus the Son is obedient to His Father, who declares His approval as the Spirit anoints Jesus for ministry. *'The Holy Spirit descended on Him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: 'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.'* (Luke 3:22). To what extent does the life of our church reflect this?

We also find our **mission** in the Trinity. Jesus said, *'As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.'* (John 20:21). As the Father sent His Son into the world, so Jesus sends us out to do the Father's work, equipped by the Spirit of God. How are we called to share in God's mission ourselves?

If we live with a renewed awareness of the Trinity, our spiritual lives will deepen, our vision of God's mission will expand and take on a new vitality.

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## From consternation to celebration

APRIL was a busy month for the church due to all the additional services during Lent and the Easter period. Milborne traditionally holds Compline service during Lent and this year was no different; however, due to the poor attendance we may not continue with them next year but hope to introduce another form of commitment.

There was the annual children's event on Good Friday which was supported by the Messy Church team, the Events Committee team and other volunteers. The children enjoyed a buffet type lunch followed by craft activities and the session concluded with a children's video 'Three Friends and the Miracle Man' which was about Jesus and the Easter story.



Following the sombre period of Lent, the church celebrates with joy the resurrection of Jesus when halleluiahs and colours abound. On Easter Day our church looked beautiful with artistic

## Church Services June 2019

### 2nd June – Easter 7

9.30am	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30	Celebrate	Milborne
11.00	Parish Communion + Baptism	Puddletown
11.00	1662 Morning Prayer	Dewlish
4.00 pm	Messy Church	Puddletown

### 9th June – Pentecost

8.15am	1662 Said Communion	Puddletown
9.30	United Methodist Service	Tolpuddle
9.30	Parish Communion	Milborne
11.00	Puddletown Praise	Puddletown Church Room
11.00	Parish Communion	Dewlish

### Saturday 15th June

1.00pm	Marriage of Richard Livingstone and Eleanor Prise	Dewlish
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### 16th June – Trinity Sunday

9.30am	Family Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30	1662 Said Morning Prayer	Milborne
11.00	Parish Communion	Puddletown
11.00	Family Service	Dewlish

### Thursday 21st June

12 noon	Holy Communion	Puddletown Church Room
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### 23rd June – Trinity 1

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

### 30th June – Trinity 2

11.00	United Benefice Farm Service	Parsonage Farm, Dewlish
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### Morning Prayers (Monday to Saturday)

There will be no morning prayers at Puddletown, Dewlish and Tolpuddle until 7th August. Prayers will continue at Milborne on Tuesdays at 8.15am

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floral displays including the Easter Lilies, in memory of loved ones. Thanks go to the flower arranging team. The Easter Garden was displayed at the entrance of the church.



Thanks to Paul and our volunteers the churchyard is starting to come under control and this year there were many beautiful spring plants. The volunteers have been working hard to clear the north west corner of the old churchyard so that it can develop as a wildflower meadow. Weather permitting, the group meet on the first Saturday of the month at 10.00am and work for a couple of hours. If anyone would like to help do get in touch, the more people who help the better the churchyard will look.

Our congregation members are becoming more aware of how they can help St. Andrew's to be an 'Eco Church'. During Lent they were given a pamphlet which gave a great deal of information about Plastic Free Lent, thanks to Carole Fornachon, our Eco Champion, who wrote it. It brought peoples' attention to how they can reduce plastic pollution.

Our Events Committee, who fundraise for the maintenance and running of the church and churchyard, have organised a Cream Tea at Heathcote House on the 30th May between 3.30 and 5.30 pm. Do think about coming along to support the event.

*Words and photographs by Pam Shults*

## Dewlish Church Notes

OUR Spring Sale was a great success, raising £476.69 for church funds. A big thank-you to all who helped and to those who gave and supported the event. Also, we have to thank Carol and her helpers who provided delicious refreshments, and then gave a £100 donation. We are so grateful. Thank you!

The Lent Lunches were most enjoyable. Thanks to all those who supported them. Jim led the worship at the Agape Supper which 13 people attended. The proceeds from the Lent Lunches and Agape Supper, amounting to the very good sum of £305, were sent to WaterAid.

On Sunday 30th June we are holding a **Benefice Farm Service** at Parsonage Farm, Dewlish, the home of Mrs Sue Britton. This will be at our normal time of 11.00am.

Please come and support our **Open Gardens Weekend** on 22nd and 23rd June, 2.00–6.00pm each day. Entry will cost £5 (children free) payable at the Village Hall. Cream teas will be available there too.

On the Saturday evening there is a concert at the church with music played by the **Dorset String Quartet**, starting at 7.30pm. Tickets are £10 each and are available from Aidan Fisher at aidan@whatfish.plus.com or telephone 01258 837 775 or mobile 07985313553. The ticket includes a drink and light refreshments. All proceeds from the weekend will be used to pay for repairs to the church window.

*Daphne Burg*



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## Going Bananas! At Ladybirds

BANANAS the Gorilla has joined Ladybirds and is enjoying having sleepovers with the children. Here he is hiding in the bananas in a supermarket on a shopping trip. So far he has been to the park, had a go on the slide, been shopping, been to school, helped pick vegetables in a greenhouse and even had a tractor ride at Farmer Palmers. Bananas is great at helping children to talk and remember and share with us what they do at home.

Now we are in the summer term, Ladybirds' older children have been spending Thursday mornings in the wood. Although the weather has been rather cloudy and windy a great time has been had and the experiences are great for teambuilding, social and physical development. This year there are additional animals to see on the farm, four pigs who are next to the farm track we walk along. Their names are Norman, Bacon, Pork and Chop! Hopefully Norman has done the deed and we will see piglets in the future. The



children, helped by an adult, made a great den, which had a chalked sign written by one of the children. Making the den was great fun, with the children collecting sticks – not always the appropriate size so we learnt about cutting sticks with loppers and secateurs. Some of the children sat in here and made a little ladybird house to hang up for the insects to live in. When going home for the day a little girl said she hoped the Big Bad Wolf doesn't blow the house down.

Thank you again for supporting our fundraising events; Easter fayre made £190 and £215 came from Waitrose from the green token collection.

Liz Dyer



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## The Shambles under wraps

THE last, distinguished and multi talented inhabitant of The Shambles was Dr Maggie Redmill who died in January 2014. A paediatric specialist, a trained operatic singer who took part in both Weatherbury Singers' and Milborne Players' productions, and was highly competitive during local quizzes. Everyone who passed her house would look for her family of cats stretching, curling and waiting with their eyes fixed on the toppling piles of dishes in her kitchen window.

At the time of the Tithe Apportionment in 1840, the house was divided into three (two of which are now The Shambles). They were part of the Milborne Estate and owned by Margaretta Michel, of Whatcombe House. The occupants of the two cottages were James Gaulton, a tailor, and James Malton (confusing!!), a blacksmith. The estate was sold off circa 1926, (it is possible the house belonged to the Pleydell-Railston family until then). Through most of the later 19th century and certainly to within living memory the house was occupied by various generations of the Dicker family – a family which first appears in the Parish Registers circa 1675. A colourful character was Gussy Dicker who also had many cats. At one time there was a sweet shop in the house.

The fact that a "Shambles" was an old name for a butchers/abattoir seems odd, but in 1851 there is a mention of a Louisa Ridout, a butcher's wife, living in one of the three cottages. Prior to the Redmills living in the house, was the Keen family; (one of the sons made quite a name for himself at Hardye's School on the sports field) who had an agricultural workshop. The 18th century house was once one of three situated in a conservation area of the village. A hurdle maker lived in one, a Miss Ashton in another. Following its sale in December 2017 (for £310,000) it stood derelict and empty. The house was situated on Church Lane, then School Lane and finally Chapel Street at various



stages in its history. Now there is a tower of scaffolding and plastic and the inside is gutted. Planning permission has been agreed for the removal of the side lean-to extension making more room for off-road parking; the erection of a single storey rear extension and dormer; a slight enlargement of the front dormer windows and installation of solar panels to the rear south facing roof

slope. The windows will be repaired and replaced with timber framed windows. The existing pebble dash to the front elevation will be replaced and re-rendered with a lime mortar mix. The proposed extensions are of modern design, the rear extension is single storey with a flat cedar roof with three roof lights. St. Andrew's church, a listed building, will have no 'visual relationship' due to the presence of the Old Rectory in between.

The Planning permission has the following conditions attached: that work is begun within three years of the permission (25th July 2018). All materials to be used in the construction and finish of the extension's walls (local stone and metal cladding) must be available for inspection and approval before any development above foundation level commences. The new/replacement rooflights shall be top hung and fitted flush to the roof plane to safeguard the character of the locality and in the interests of the appearance of the development.

It will be interesting to see the emergence of the house like a butterfly from a chrysalis when all work has been completed and I wonder what all the previous occupants would have made of it!

*Carole Fornachon*

### Sources:

Planning document 2/2018/0745/house  
History group walk around the village led by Liz Mott 1st August 2017  
Obituary for Maggie Redmill written by Bill Preston February 2014  
Antony Fox

## The Reporter's bin there, done that!

THE question that had been asked time and again at the end of Parish Council meetings, "When are we getting a new dog bin", can now be answered: "Four weeks ago!" The dog waste bin that was slowly rusting away has finally been replaced by Dorset Waste Partnership (DWP), 18 months since the PC first informed them that it was in a state of disrepair. Other residents had also told DWP of the dangerous state of the bin. The Reporter contacted DWP to ask why it was taking so long to install a new bin, especially since the existing one had rough metal edges after the lid had broken off. As if by magic, coincidence or divine intervention (it is, after all, at the bottom of Church Hill), a new bin arrived a day after the



second phone call to DWP from the Reporter –accompanied by apologies from Ian Brewer, Operations Manager, for the delay in installing it. We are thankful that it has now been done and its multi-waste function may help to keep The Grove and surrounding streets a little tidier. But of course there is every likelihood that a new refrain will loudly come from the floor at the next PC meeting on a different issue.

*The Reporter*



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## Low turnout for Annual Parish Meeting


MAY'S Parish Council (PC) meeting was preceded by the Annual Parish meeting, which is a forum for residents to air thoughts, and a review of the year. Chairman Joy Robinson told the few villagers present of the year's progress, including a near-complete village plan, with thanks to the Neighbourhood Plan Group (NPG); the set up of a community speed watch, which is running successfully with the support of a dedicated team; and the installation of the third defibrillator, sited outside Gray's Stores. This was made possible by a large donation from the Honour and Friendship Lodge, with the PC paying for the first year's expenditure of the equipment. The chairman noted that the village will need to fund the ongoing annual costs of £378 for the three defibrillators. She thanked all parish councillors for their time and hard work over the year, but went on to announce that Cllr Sarah Fox and Cllr Karen Park are both standing down, and that Cllr Robinson herself is standing down as chair and will be stepping away from the PC for a short while. More change still was the news that Clerk, Colin Hampton, is to retire at the end of June.

After running through guidelines for management of the Bere stream to minimise flood risk and maintaining it in an ecologically-sound way, the meeting was opened up to the floor. With not many residents present – does this suggest that things are all hunky-dory in Milborne? – there were few items to discuss. However, with recent development proposals popping up like molehills, an idea for the village to benefit substantially was put forward. Land to the north of the allotments, opposite The Rings, is owned by the PC and is at present largely unused. It could be developed, with the village gaining considerable cash from the sale which could be used for good causes and works within the parish. Later on, another resident asked, with Council Tax precept rising annually, what the plan was for the monies collected. Cllr Macnair said that it was prudent to do so since responsibilities for PC services may shift in the coming years, especially since the recent formation of the Dorset Council may bring change.

With Joy Robinson stepping down from the chair, Cllr Richard Macnair was elected chairman with Cllr Ron Stevens his deputy. Jo Witherden, who has done much to bring the NPG's plan to fruition, was co-opted to the PC as a new councillor. Soon after, she accepted the role of Tree Officer. Progress of the NPG's plan was discussed, with the results of the examiner's report of the full draft version. The report was positive with only minor modifications required – a simplification of the design policy and for the parking ratios to revert to the countywide standard, although the Plan's more stringent wishes can be included as a guideline. It was agreed that the PC and NPG would look and recommend changes with a working party set up in the near future. The Plan, once finally agreed, would be voted on by residents in a referendum later in the year.


Although no new planning applications were before councillors, the development at Huntley Down was discussed since Wyatt Homes had not signed the Section 106 notice, which is part of the planning procedure. It was proposed that the planning department at the new Dorset Council be requested to reassess the application due to this 'material change' to the process and the Planning Inspectorate notified also.

Clerk, Colin Hampton, told councillor he had been in touch with Sovereign Housing about the state of the footpath from Crown Court to Stileham Bank, this being a thorn in the side – and in hats too, according to residents from meetings past. However, on the subject of dog bins (see page 11), all was quiet from the floor. *Ed Richards*



### CREAM TEA

in aid of St. Andrews Church  
at Heathcote House  
on Thursday 30th May  
between 3.30 and 5.30pm



## Longmead, a unique charity . . . at the May WI

A six-acre smallholding at the edge of Milborne is the setting for an independent charity which works with disadvantaged families in crisis. April Whalley and her husband Dave are 'living-in volunteers' at Longmead Community Farm. With the help of experienced family support workers and volunteers they work alongside families in what, for many, is a time of crisis in their lives. Longmead was set up about 12 years ago and April and Dave have been there for a number of years themselves. The farm has its own goats, pigs and assorted chickens.

The families come along for a weekend every six/eight weeks and in this peaceful and safe space, April told us, that *'we don't do anything other than be there for the families'*. All who visit share in helping, working in the kitchen garden, preparing meals, and caring for the animals. Through these shared experiences families have been able to turn around their lives. Longmead's work is reliant on volunteers and anyone interested is welcome to come along on a Monday, their 'volunteer day' to get a feel for the place and hopefully, join in with this worthwhile work. There was much discussion throughout April's detailed and touching picture of life at Longmead, and we were urged to *'spread the word'* – we will!

**Business matters:** Skittles on Monday 20th May for all those interested. The summer supper is to be on Friday 21st June, and will be hosted once again by Sheila Ryall. Our summer outing is proposed for Thursday 15th August at Sculptures by the Lake with a cream tea to follow. The Annual meeting at the Lighthouse Theatre, Poole, is on 17th October with Tom Heap from the Countryfile programme as main speaker.


The NFWI is putting forward two Resolutions on topics of national concern to the Annual meeting in Bournemouth on 5th June. (1) *'Don't fear the smear'*: we are asked to raise awareness of the importance of cervical screening, which saves around 5,000 lives a year but attendance at which is at its lowest in a decade. (2) *'A call against the decline in local bus services'*: There has been a massive decline in the number of bus services, particularly those in rural areas. Both Resolutions were passed, with a unanimous vote for the second.


Good news that after 25 years in Icen Way in Dorchester, the Federation office has moved to more modern offices in Poundbury. There will be open days in June and we are encouraged to visit.

At our next meeting on Thursday 13th June, 'Dementia' will be the subject of a talk by Bridget Townsend. We would be delighted to see you there.

*Pat Bull*

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Youth Club age 8 – 13 years	Joanne Miller	07940 017577

## POLICE

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## SCHOOL

Milborne First School		
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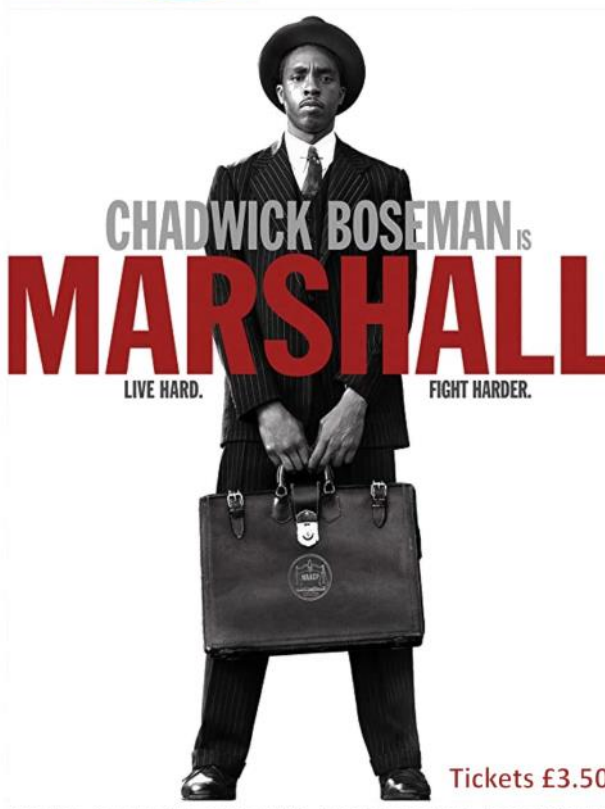


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<b>May</b>	
<b>Thursday 30th</b>	<b>Cream Tea</b> at Heathcote House between 3.30 and 5.30 pm. In aid of St. Andrews Church – see page 9.
<b>June</b>	
<b>Wednesday 5th</b>	<b>Wednesday Club meeting</b> Eve Hannah will be giving a talk on Kite Flying in China Village Hall 2.00pm – see page 7.
<b>Friday 7th</b>	<b>"Marshall" Milborne Movies</b> Village Hall doors open and bar 7.00 for 7.30pm start £3.50 – see page 14 and 23.
<b>Saturday 8th</b>	<b>Caribbean Evening</b> Village Hall 7.00pm – see advert page 11.
<b>Wednesday 12th</b>	<b>History Group meeting</b> The Royal Oak 7.30pm – discuss interesting information that has been discovered – see page 5.
<b>Thursday 13th</b>	<b>WI meeting</b> talk by Bridget Townsend on "Dementia" Village Hall – see page 13.
<b>Friday 14th and Saturday 15th</b>	<b>"Improbable Fiction" The Milborne Players</b> Village Hall 7.30pm Tickets £7 – see advert below.
<b>Monday 17th</b>	<b>Gardening Club</b> trip to Mottisfont – see page 9.
<b>Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd</b>	<b>Dorset Midsummer Music Festival</b> Bulbarrow – see advert page 4.
<b>Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd</b>	<b>Dewlish Open Gardens Weekend</b> 2.00–6.00pm each day. Entry will cost £5 (children free) payable at the Village Hall. Cream teas will be available
<b>Saturday 29th</b>	<b>Village Lunch</b> Village Hall 12.15pm to 2.00pm £7 per head – 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)  
**Players** Monday 8.00–10.00pm MH  
**ABC Line Dancers** Tuesday 7.30–10.00pm MH  
**Wednesday Club** first Wednesday 2.00–4.00pm MH  
**Zumba** Wednesday 6.00pm 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** every fourth Wednesday 7.30pm  
**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)  
**Circuit training** Thursday 6.30–7.30pm (term time only)

## Regular Bookings at the Sports & Social Club

**Kickboxing** Monday evenings 4.45–5.30pm Kanga (guide ages 5–8), 5.30–6.30pm Stripes (guide ages 9–13), 6.30–7.30pm ladies class, 7.30–8.30pm all ages and abilities. Contact Nikki Rich on 07752 199409.  
**Tai Chi** Tuesday mornings 9.30am run by Geoffrey Bellinger. Local contact Brian Burton 839033.  
**The Busy Bees** Under 5 Group from 9.30–11.30am on Thursday term time only. Contact Claire Tudge on 07970 734162.  
**Nightsabre Dog Training** Behaviour and Rally Group. Tuesday mornings; Wednesday evenings; Saturday mornings. Contact details 01305 849221.  
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## SCHOOL NEWS



After the Easter holidays, we came straight back to a really fun, informative assembly about different occupations and careers. The children enjoyed finding out more about these roles during the



'What's my Line' assembly run by volunteers from all walks of life. This is the first time we held an event of this type and hope it will have given the children an insight to a range of jobs different people do locally. On Wednesday all the children then took part in a number of workshops with the various volunteers throughout the morning.

We hope that this will both challenge stereotypes and inspire the children to think about their potential career aspirations. Thank you to Inspiring Dorset and all the volunteers who gave up their time to come and work with us. The volunteers were very complimentary about the children's engagement and behaviour during the assembly and the workshops the next day.

Last half term, we had a visit from the Blue Marine Foundation, a charity that raises awareness of the amount of plastic pollution that litters our seas. In response to this, the children decided to collect the plastic waste the school produces over a few weeks. We then counted and sorted the plastic on



the school produces over a few weeks. We then counted and sorted the plastic on

a tally chart and finally created a giant plastic turtle. We even made our own milk bottle birds.

Over the last couple of weeks our Seahorse class have been learning all about space! We kick-started this with a visit to Thomas Hardy School where we investigated the science of space.



We discovered the power of a rocket as we blasted off with our very own home-made version, worked out which planet we had landed on by watching the colours of the flame, waited for

our space shuttle to pop and made alien slime! We even used a jelly baby to power our rocket by turning the sugar into energy. What a fun filled day!



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# Marble cake

WHIT SUNDAY this year is on June 9th, Whitsuntide is the week following Whit Sunday. In 1950's Yorkshire the local woollen mills would shut down for Whit week and there was a general holiday feeling in the whole town. There were Whit walks or Club walks in many areas and our local Sunday school would organise a special Whitsun sports day with races for children and even some races for the mums and dads. It was a time to dress up in our new summer clothes which had their first outing on Whit Sunday.

With the warmer weather, children's games would suddenly change overnight. One day all the girls would be skipping and the next there would be a rush to buy a whip and top. These wooden tops could have a pattern chalked on the top which created a pleasing effect when they were whipped into action. Our mums were wheedled out of a few extra pennies to buy a packet of coloured chalks from the local sweet shop which were shared between friends. I can't remember the last time I saw a child playing with a whip and top.

Another craze was for hula hoops, the modern plastic hula hoop was invented in 1958

by Arthur K. "Spud" Melin and Richard Knerr, but children and adults around the world have played with hoops, twirling, rolling and throwing them throughout history.



When the craze for hula hoops swept our neighbourhood, I longed to have my own. I was always pestering my friends to have a go with theirs. Luckily it would be my birthday later in the month and there was only one item on my list - a hula hoop of my own. My dad knew someone he'd met in the pub who sold them so I gave him a list of my preferred colour choices. Royal Blue was top of my list followed by bright red, yellow and last of all emerald green.

When dad's car pulled up in our drive, rather later than usual on the eve of my birthday I rushed out to see what colour of hoop he would bring. It was in the boot and just before he opened it he said, "It was the only colour he had left, it was either this or nothing." He and mum exchanged a look and I was dancing about, really hoping so much for a blue hoop.

When the boot was opened there was my hula hoop, but alas, it was a sickly pale green colour. Although my heart sank, I really didn't want to hurt my dad's feelings so I seized the hoop and said it was a beautiful colour and just what I'd wanted. Mum and dad looked so relieved and I think that was the very first time (though certainly not the last) that I have pretended to be happy with an unexpected gift.

Hula hoops were played with by both girls and boys, and so were marbles. We called them "alleys" and invented all sorts of games with them. I kept mine in an old biscuit tin which had a picture of kittens on the top, and loved sorting them into different colour or size groups.

Marbles first arrived in Britain imported from the Low Countries during the medieval era.



It is unknown where marbles were first manufactured, but the "original" marbles were designated "made in Germany". Ceramic marbles entered inexpensive mass production in the 1870s. The British and World



Marbles Championships has been held at Tinsley Green, West Sussex, every year since 1932. (Marbles has been played in Tinsley Green and the surrounding area for many centuries: its origins have been traced to 1588.) Traditionally, the marbles-playing season started on Ash Wednesday and lasted until midday on Good Friday: playing after that brought bad luck. More than 20 teams from around the world take part in the championship, each Good Friday; German teams have been successful several times since 2000, although local teams from Crawley, Copthorne and other Sussex and Surrey villages often take part as well; the first championship in 1932 was won by Ellen Geary, a young girl from London.

A Marble Cake is a cake with a streaked or mottled appearance (like marble) achieved by very lightly blending light and dark batter. It can be a mixture of vanilla and chocolate cake, in which case it is mainly vanilla, with streaks of chocolate. Other possibilities are strawberry or other fruit flavours, or particularly in marbled coffee cakes, cinnamon or other spices.

The first print references to marble cake begin appearing in the last quarter of the 19th century.

## Ingredients:

225g butter softened  
225g caster sugar  
4 eggs  
225g self-raising flour  
3 tbsp. milk  
1 tsp vanilla extract  
2 tbsp cocoa powder

## Method

1. Heat oven to 180C/fan 160C/gas 4. Grease a 20cm cake tin and line the bottom with a circle of greaseproof paper.
2. If you want to make life easy, simply put 225g butter, 225g caster sugar, 4 eggs, 225g self-raising flour, 3 tbsp milk and 1 tsp vanilla extract into a food processor and whizz for 1-2 mins until smooth.
3. If you prefer to mix by hand, beat 225g butter and 225g caster sugar together, then add 4 eggs, one at a time, mixing well after each addition. Then fold through 225g self-raising flour, 3 tbsp milk and 1 tsp vanilla extract until the mixture is smooth.
4. Divide the mixture between 2 bowls. Stir 2 tbsp. cocoa powder into the mixture in one of the bowls. Take 2 spoons and use them to dollop the chocolate and vanilla cake mixes into the tin alternately.
5. When all the mixture has been used up (and if young children are doing this, you'll need to ensure the base of the tin is fairly evenly covered), tap the bottom on your work surface to ensure that there aren't any air bubbles.
6. Take a skewer and swirl it around the mixture in the tin a few times to create a marbled effect.
7. Bake the cake for 45-55 mins until a skewer inserted into the centre comes out clean. Turn out onto a cooling rack and leave to cool. Will keep for 3 days in an airtight container or freeze for up to 3 months.

## Whitsuntide An' Club Walken – William Barnes

'Ees las Whit-Monday, I an' Meäry

Got up betimes to mind the deäiry;  
An' gi'ed the milkèn pails a scrub,  
An' dress'd, an' went to zee the club.  
Vor up at public-house, by ten  
O'clock the pleäce wer vull o' men,  
A-dress'd to goo to church, an' dine,  
An' walk about the pleäce in line.  
Zoo off they started, two an' two,  
Wi' painted poles an' knots o' blue,  
An' girt silk flags, – I wish my box  
'D a-got em all in ceäpes an' frocks,--  
A-weävèn wide an' flappèn loud  
In play'some winds above the crowd;  
While fifes did squeak an' drums did rumble,  
An' deep beäzsons did grunt an' grumble,  
An' all the vo'k in gath'rèn crowds  
Kick'd up the doust in smeechy clouds,  
That slowly rose an' spread abrode  
In streamèn air above the road.  
An' then at church there wer sich lots  
O' hats a-hangèn up wi' knots,  
An' poles a-stood so thick as iver,  
The rushes stood beside a river.  
An' Mr Goodman gi'ed em warnèn  
To spend their evenèn lik' their mornèn;  
An' not to praÿ wi' mornèn tongues,  
An' then to zwear wi' evenèn lungs:  
Nor vu'st sheäke hands, to let the wrist  
Lift up at last a bruisèn vist:  
Vor clubs were all a-meän'd vor friends,  
He twold em, an' vor better ends  
Than twitèn vo'k an' pickèn quarrels,  
An' tiplèn cups an' emptèn barrels,--  
Vor meäkèn woone man do another  
In need the kindness ov a brother.

An' after church they went to dine  
'Ithin the long-wall'd room behine  
The public-house, where you remember,  
We had our dance back last December.  
An' there they meäde sich stunnèn clatters  
Wi' knives an' forks, an' pleätes an' platters;  
An' waiters ran, an' beer did pass  
Vrom tap to jug, vrom jug to glass:  
An' when they took away the dishes,  
They drink'd good healths, an' wish'd good wishes,  
To all the girt vo'k o' the land,  
An' all good things vo'k took in hand;  
An' woone cried \_hip, hip, hip!\_ an' hollow'd,  
An' tothers all struck in, an' vollow'd;  
An' grabb'd their drink wi' eager clutches,  
An' swig'd it wi' sich hearty glutches,  
As vo'k, stark mad wi' pweison stuff,  
That thought theirzelves not mad enough.

An' after that they went all out  
In rank ageän, an' walk'd about,  
An' gi'ed zome parish vo'k a call;  
An', then went down to Narley Hall  
An' had zome beer, an' danc'd between  
The elem trees upon the green.  
An' down along the road they done  
All sorts o' mad-cap things vor fun;  
An' danc'd, a-pokèn out their poles,  
An' pushèn bwoys down into holes:  
An' Sammy Stubbs come out o' rank,  
An' kiss'd me up ageän the bank,  
A saucy chap; I ha'nt vor'gied en  
Not yet, – in short, I han't a-zeed en.  
Zoo in the dusk ov evenèn, zome  
Went back to drink, an' zome went hwome.

## A History of the Royal Hospital Chelsea 1682–2017

by Stephen Wynn and Tanya Wynn

THIS book is a nice hardback, which the authors were inspired to write after a visit they made to the Hospital. Like Mrs. Wynn, I have attended the Flower Show which takes place in its grounds, and like to watch the programmes about it on TV. I was aware that retired soldiers live there, and are often seen around London and other places in their scarlet coats.

The book is written in an easy style, and is full of facts, anecdotes and interesting historical information. We learn that the need for the hospital grew out of the Dissolution of the Monasteries, because the nuns and monks used to provide hospitals, leper houses and alms-houses for those who had fallen on hard times, such as retired soldiers who were too old to fight or had been wounded and could not work to provide for their families. Charles II decided that a retreat for injured veterans of his armies would be needed, and after over 300 years, it is still needed and going strong, offering care and comradeship in their twilight years to those who have served the nation.

Each chapter looks at a different aspect of the hospital. Its design and construction (Sir Christopher Wren), its use for Courts Martial, with some interesting cases documented, the Pensioners themselves, with some stories about the more famous/infamous among them, some interesting inquest details and the sad loss of life due to being bombed during both World Wars. There are sections on the Governors, Surgeons and other important individuals who have contributed to the life of the hospital, all told in clear, simple language that makes one want to find out more about them. I particularly liked the quote of Bill Speakman VC on why he received his award after an action in the Korean War:

'I was on this hill with my mates and they were trying to kill us all, I didn't want to die. That was it really.'

There are sections on the life of the hospital during the two World Wars in the twentieth century, on the graveyard within the hospital's walls, and its occupants, and on the various discussions in Parliament about the hospital during its long life.

The book gives a flavour of the rich and varied history of the Hospital, against a background of the rich and varied history of the United Kingdom, with residents who served in a wide variety of Regiments and a vast array of battles from the American Civil War to Malplaquet, Waterloo, the Crimea, both World Wars and other conflicts of its long and cherished history.

Susan Wilson

## Artsreach

Angela Johnson and I had a very interesting evening attending a meeting in Buckland Newton with many other Artsreach volunteers and the amazingly hardworking and inspiring three office staff. We were there to learn about all the different acts that we might be able to choose from, for the next season, and my goodness the talent and standard is fantastic. But it was also an opportunity to meet people from other villages and exchange ideas with them.

Several said how very funny Living Spit's latest offering is – you may remember these two men as they have performed in Milborne. It's in the form of a quiz, so if you like quizzes (and even if you don't), try and get to see them in Charmouth on June 11th, Broadmayne on the 12th or the 13th in Winterborne Stickland. It may not be quite as easy as coming to our own village hall, but it's fun to see others, and driving in Dorset is always through beautiful countryside.

Artsreach will be 30 next year. We are so lucky to have this organisation bringing to our doorstep such a wealth of talent. There are several of Artsreach's Summer Programmes just inside the door of the Village Hall – do take one.

Sarah Ryan

## Susie Edwards Memorial Service

SATURDAY 20th July 2019, 2.30pm at Milton Abbey



Mum wanted everyone attending to bring a small bunch of flowers, that can be swapped with someone else's bunch, so that everyone goes home with some flowers.  
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Tor



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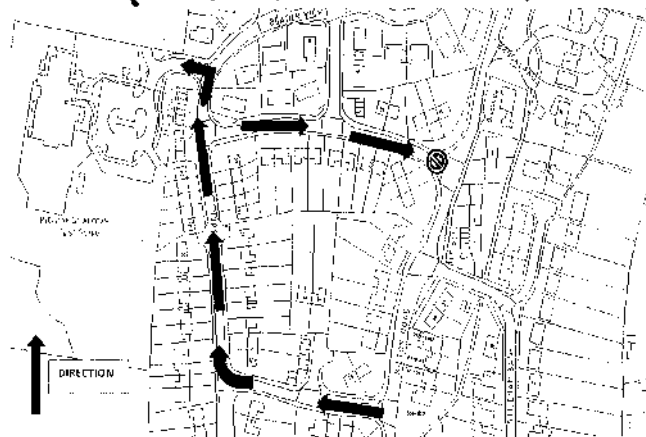
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Deadline for the July Reporter is  
mid-day Friday 14th June.

# THEN . . .



**Then and Now** This month's is looking towards the centre of the village from the top of the bank above the playing field. You can see Corner Cottage right in the centre behind a tree and Woodville on the other side of the road. The small cottage between them was knocked down to widen the road. In the mid 1970's it was called Buttons & Bows and was where Dorset buttons were made. Crown Court is half its original size after being converted into flats, with a new block built alongside. Many other new buildings can be seen such as the Village Hall and houses in The Causeway, Orchard Rise and St. Andrews View. Farm buildings stood where the housing of Orchard Rise now is.

The **Now** picture was taken by drone as the archive photographers vantage point is now screened by trees.

# . . . and NOW





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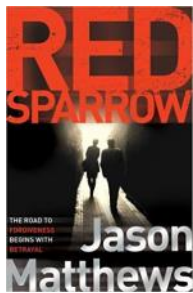
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## A Good Read: Red Sparrow by Jason Matthews



THIS is a tense, masterful, entertaining spy thriller which will divide opinion quite strongly. It is written by a veteran CIA officer of 30 years standing with insider detail, resonant with authenticity. I found it a suspenseful tale with high stakes having a gimlet eyed Putin as a behind the scenes malevolent force orchestrating his murderous schemes. A deadly game is played out involving Dominika Egorova, an ex-ballerina injured by rivals and used by her uncle to become a 'sparrow', women trained to play a deadly game of honey traps. They are sent without choice to the notorious 'Sparrow School' where they learn the art of seduction in order to intimately compromise those in positions of use to the Soviets. She becomes involved with Nathaniel Nash, a disgraced CIA officer who is sent to Helsinki following a failed operation during which he was on a meet with his informant, codenamed MARBLE.

Initially her remit is to uncover the 'mole' but becomes far more than this when she enters a potentially fatal double existence. It is an elegantly constructed tale set in the near past containing some larger than life characters.

A sadistic assassin known as the 'mechanic' is the stuff of nightmares. However, Dominika herself is dominant, sadly used by brutal men of limited imagination. She is a 'synthetiste' seeing colours in an aura around people reflecting their moods and truthfulness. An ability she has had since childhood. A useful tool for a spy!

Throughout there is a dance of manipulation. But who of who? Paranoia, motivations, quandaries stalk the pages. Amusingly each chapter ends with a recipe. It reflects what the characters eat and perhaps a comment on the behaviour which has taken place? The action sprawls across Russia, Finland, Greece, Italy and the USA. I found it to be a tour de force, low key but containing echoes of John le Carre's formidable realities.

*Carole Fornachon*

## Milborne Movies are showing 'Marshall'

**in Milborne St. Andrew  
on Friday June 7th**

**Doors and Bar open 7.00, film starts 7.30**

THIS is a 2017 American biographical legal drama.

In 1940, Thurgood Marshall is a young lawyer for the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) who criss-crosses the country defending innocent African-Americans from unjust indictments in court. His latest case is in Bridgeport, Connecticut where an African-American chauffeur is accused of the rape of a wealthy white society woman.

To admit Marshall into the local Bar, insurance lawyer Sam Friedman is picked over his objections to do introductions in court. However, Friedman's commitment changes drastically when the racist judge forbids Marshall to speak in court, forcing Friedman to act as lead counsel.

Marshall has to guide his new compatriot through this criminal trial even as Friedman endures not only this unfamiliar area of law, but also the bigoted pressure he now must share.

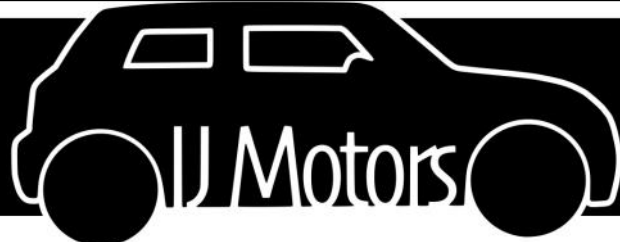
However, the case proves more complex than either anticipates with unexpected twists and turns, even as it becomes a vital one that would define two careers as well as the fight for justice in America. The high-profile case and the partnership with Friedman served as a template for Marshall's creation of the NAACP legal defence fund.

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## Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club – time for a day trip!



FOLLOWING our successful plant sale and coffee morning in May, club members will take a day off on 17th June to enjoy a trip to Mottisfont, a nearby National Trust property. We expect to eat cake, drink tea, view the beautiful gardens, eat more cake, view the impressive buildings and generally relax. If you want to get into gardening or are already a seasoned gardener, think you might enjoy listening to talks on a range of gardening topics and you like eating cake and drinking tea (not compulsory), why not come along to one of our informal meetings held at the MSA village hall; you'll have a great time for less than the price of a Costa coffee! Watch out for our article in the next edition of this magazine to find out what will be happening at our meeting in July.

For more information contact Ann Guy, 01258 837131.

Mark Johnson

## Milton Abbas Surgery

### Health and well-being during the exam season and beyond

We all experience stress at some time in our lives so these useful tips can support us all. They are particularly in the foreground at this time of year for students. Here are some useful tools and places for support for students:

**www.Kooth.com** is a free online counselling and emotional well-being platform for children and young people age 11–19, accessible through mobile, tablet and desktop up to 10.00pm.

**ChatHealth** a confidential text messaging service that enables children and young people aged 11–19 (in year 7 or above) in Dorset to send health related questions via text to the School Nursing Team. The sender will be provided with advice, information or guidance, signposted to additional services or may be offered an appointment with a member of the School Nursing Team. Children and young people can text about a range of issues. The ChatHealth text number is 07480 635511

Here are a few tips from **Student Minds** to help during the exam time, this link will give you more detail (<https://www.studentminds.org.uk/examstress.html>):

- Keep it in perspective
- Get the organized feeling
- Get into good habits, such as:
  - ◊ Eating well
  - ◊ Taking study breaks
  - ◊ Drinking lots of water
  - ◊ Study where and when you work best
  - ◊ Get about 8 hours sleep a night
  - ◊ Find relaxing activities
- Avoid bad habits such as:
  - ◊ Setting unrealistic goals
  - ◊ Using stimulants such as caffeine, alcohol and drugs, as they impede concentration and potentially sleep.
- Get support from family and friends.

Finally, the NHS website <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression/coping-with-exam-stress/> has tips for parents and carers in supporting students during the exam time.

Gillian Brindle Practice Business Manager

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*School news continued from page 17*

We had visitors from a galaxy far, far away who re-enacted some scenes from Star Wars and brought in lots of books and models for us to look at. We are aiming to inspire children to write by tapping into their interests which this visit certainly did. Thank you to Darth Vader and Jedi Knight (aka George and Henry Quinney) for their time and enthusiasm.



On Monday 29th April, our Year 4s had their last visit from Trees 4 Dorset. They went on their annual 'Bluebell Walk' up to the woods and explored the area looking at the bluebells and other native fauna and flora hidden under the canopies. Thankfully the weather stayed dry for this excursion.

**Date for your Diary:-**The Book Bus is coming back to School on the 12th July 2019. Please come and visit us and grab yourself a few bargains for some summer holiday reading!



Our Year 4s went on their annual two night Residential Trip to Hooke Court at the beginning of April. The children worked in teams to build a den in the woods. There

were also songs around the camp fire and a guided night walk. A lot of fun was had by everyone from all the schools



that went – children and teachers alike. We had some very happy but tired children who were back in school the next day after a good night's sleep in their own beds.



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