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## Milborne Scouts merge with Winterborne group

MILBORNE St. Andrew and Winterborne Scout Groups have merged together and Sam Elliott will be taking over as their new Group Scout Leader. Milborne St. Andrew Scout Group used to belong to Dorchester and West Dorset District but have now moved over to join North Dorset District. It's been a very turbulent time for both groups over the last couple of years but Sam is looking forward to building a thriving Scout Group.

Beavers (aged 6–8) meet at the Sports Pavilion in Milborne St. Andrew at 5.30pm to 6.45pm on Friday evenings, the Cubs (aged 7–10) meet in Dunbury School Hall also on Fridays and Scouts (aged 10–14) meet in Winterborne Whitechurch Village Hall on Friday evenings.

All sections will get a chance to try a wide range of different activities as well as going on trips, days out, sleepovers and camps. A local Beaver Colony slept over with Dippy the Dinosaur at Dorchester County Museum and Cubs have completed a weekend camping where they learnt archery and climbed a high ropes course. Scouts have had a weekend kayaking camp and some older Scouts have the opportunity to go to aviation camp where they get to fly an aircraft... Scouting really is developing #SkillsForLife



A new system 'Online Scout Manager' will be introduced that will allow parents to view the programme for the term, view events, badges that have been completed and be able to make payments safely using it too, as well as making our record keeping GDPR compliant.

There are different Scouting organisations (particularly locally), but we are proud to be part of 'The Scout Association' the largest Scouting organisation in the United Kingdom, you can see more information on their website [scouts.org.uk](https://scouts.org.uk).

We really hope the local community can support Scouting in their local area.

Contact Sam Elliot via [sajelliott@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sajelliott@yahoo.co.uk) for more information.

## Dorchester in the 17th Century

ON Wednesday October 2nd Brian Bates came to talk to the Wednesday Club about Dorchester in the 17th Century. Brian has given us one of his talks before and he is both an interesting and entertaining speaker.

Brian concentrated on the first half of the century which was a period of economic prosperity for the town. It was the market town for Dorset and the wool trade was centred here. It was also a period of great social caring and the poor people were well looked after. The almshouses were rebuilt to provide homes for ten women and Napier's Mite provided a home for ten men. The brewery in the town financed a hospital where fifty children at risk could be cared for.

In 1613 a fire began, possibly in a candlemaker's workshop, it tore through the wooden buildings and three hundred houses and two of the three churches were destroyed. In 1622 and again in 1634 there were two smaller fires.

Dorchester was one of the most Puritan towns in the country at this time and not a particularly fun place to live. King Charles 1st wanted people to be able to play sport on Sundays after the evening service and churches were told to read out the edict from the king at the services but the mayor ordered that it be read out when no one was at the church as he felt it wrong for people to have fun on Sundays!

We thank Brian for his educational talk and look forward to having him back to speak on another topic.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday November 6th in the Village Hall at 2.00pm, when it will be the AGM and subscriptions for the next year will be taken.

*Lis Watts*

## A cautionary tale

MY father, who is in his late 70's and lives alone, received a knock at his door one afternoon. Outside parked up was a white van and two males in their late 20's who offered to clean out his gutters for £40. As it would happen, Dad's gutters had been overflowing and he saw this as an opportunity to get them cleaned. Having agreed to it the men then went into the rear garden to start. With that there is a second knock at the door and Dad finds two police officers in uniform outside who told him they had seen the men pull over and knock on Dad's door and what did they want? Dad told them and the officers then asked if they could go and talk to them which they duly did. The police officers then stepped away and spoke into their radios. They returned to the house and told Dad they had made some enquiries and were satisfied with the situation but that he ought to be more cautious in the future regarding traders who knocked on his door offering to do work. No paperwork was given to Dad. Had the amount charged been over £42 then the men would have been legally required to give paperwork including an address and telephone number, a description of the goods and his cancellation rights.

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## Help for Hedgehogs . . . at the October WI

WE were delighted to welcome a number of visitors to our open meeting. Our speaker, Colin Varndell, a Dorset-based wildlife photographer, talked about the natural history of the hedgehog, and vividly illustrated the plight of this unobtrusive, small, spiny mammal. Hedgehogs, very much in decline, are native to Britain, are nocturnal, and feed mainly on beetles, caterpillars, earthworms and slugs. The sharp spines of a hedgehog are their only protection against potential danger, and when threatened they will curl up into a ball so that only their sharp prickles show. They have good hearing and sense of smell, but limited sight, so are constantly sniffing the air and ground for food. Most of their activity is limited to dusk and night-time. Although solitary animals, they do mate, producing a litter of hoglets a year.

Sadly, these small animals are in decline, up to 50% in rural areas. Reasons for this include the use of slug pellets by gardeners, the loss of their natural habitats such as hedgerows and woodlands, the use of pesticides, as well as walls and fences around our gardens which deny them access. The Dorset Mammal Group aims to reverse this decline by developing towns and villages into hedgehog-friendly habitats. Our own village is now part of this project, and we are also fortunate to receive regular hedgehog updates in the *Reporter* from Pip Bowell. We can all as individuals help to arrest this decline, by opening up our own gardens, and teaching children to



respect wildlife and especially hedgehogs.

Refreshments and a raffle followed, and congratulations go to Val for winning the hedgehog competition with her picture. A short meeting followed. Although delayed from earlier in the year, our meal held at Ashley Wood Golf Club had been well-attended and much enjoyed. A raffle raised £55 which was donated to ACWW (Associated Country Women of the World – an international charity supported by the WI movement).

Our reading group had met to discuss *'The Buddha in the Attic'* by Julie Otsuka, based on true accounts, telling the harrowing story of a group of Japanese women shipped to America in the 1900s to be married, and the hardships encountered by them. It was a thought-provoking book and felt by all to be a good read. Our next book is *'We are All Made of Stars'* by Rowan Coleman.

Lesley reported that the skittles team had won their second match, and were to be congratulated. Further matches are in the pipeline. An antiques lunch with Paul Atterbury from the Antiques Roadshow is to be held at the Crown Hotel, Blandford, on 19th November.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 14th November, at which the **Undercover Agent** is to be discussed by Hazel Wilson. The competition is to be a Surprise Item. Please come along and join us.

Pat Bull



## Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club – our last event of the year



GREAT fun was had at the club quiz in October with a range of questions that enabled all members to join in and for some of us to learn a thing or two as well. This month we will hold our final event of 2019. We will have our Annual General Meeting and social evening on 21st November in the village hall, starting at 7.30pm. If you'd like to see

how our club is run and meet our members please do come along. Mulled wine and mince pies are guaranteed!

For more information about the MSA Gardening Club contact Ann Guy, 01258 837131.

Mark Johnson



Have you got a funny story you'd like to share? Or joke, anecdote or anything that would make us and the village chuckle?! The Reporter would love to share

your funnies, so get in touch:

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## In Remembrance

Do you know that each year in the benefice we have a service where people gather to remember loved ones who have died?

It's a service that is open to everyone. We send named invitations to those who have organised funerals in the past year through our churches (whether the service took place in church or at the crematorium) but it's not just for them. Anyone who wants to remember someone they love but who is no longer here is most welcome to attend.

During the service – a mix of hymns, readings, music and prayers – there is an opportunity for everyone to light a candle in memory of the person they are holding in their heart. We read a list of all those we are remembering, and in the midst of the sadness that they are no longer with us, we give thanks that we knew them and for the part they played in our lives.

This year the service is in St. Andrew's Church, Milborne, at 3.00p.m. on Saturday 2nd November. It is followed by tea and cake. Please do join us – let me know of people you'd like added to the list. And if possible, let me know in advance that you will be attending – we don't want to run out of cake! And if you'd like to come, but transport is a problem, then do contact one of our churchwardens.

We also remember each year in November those who have died in war. Dewlish and Milborne will have specific Remembrance services. In Dewlish, we ask you to gather at the War Memorial at 10.50am for the Act of Remembrance, which is followed by a service in the church; at Milborne the service in church will be at 10am followed by an Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial.

The Royal British Legion in Puddletown are not holding their service this year. However, there will be an Act of Remembrance during the Puddletown Praise service that morning (11am).

Remembering is not just for a particular month in the year, but it can be helpful to have specific times when communities come together to recall significant people and events. They have a meaning in the past, but also affect our present and future. That is one reason why Christians gather Sunday by Sunday to share holy communion with one another, as we remember the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, and celebrate what it means for us today. It's an act of the heart as much as of body and mind. And it's there for all who want to be a part of it.

With best wishes

*Sarah*

## Plentiful Harvest at St. Andrew's

On every first Sunday of the month we hold our Celebrate 'all age' service and as the Harvest Service was on 5th October, the team organised and led the proceedings. The Celebrate services always start with a 'slap up' breakfast buffet but to make Harvest really special the team organised a sit-down cooked breakfast. This proved to be very popular with many people giving some of them an opportunity to have a wholesome start to the day both physically and spiritually.

The church was bedecked with many beautiful floral arrangements which were created by our fabulous flower arranging team. There are photos in the *Reporter* so that you will be able to see how fabulous they were. The team do a wonderful job, not only for special services but also on a regular basis. We really appreciate all that they do and are very grateful to each and every one of them.

Harvest is all about giving produce to thank God for all he gives us. During the service people brought homegrown items and 'dry' goods. Traditionally fruit, vegetables, flowers and bread are given; however, this year we suggested that if people thought it appropriate, they bring dry, tinned or packet foods so that they could then be passed on to a food bank. There were five boxes full of tinned or packet foods, toiletries and other relevant items, all of which will be taken to the Blandford Food Bank. Other people also brought fresh fruit and vegetables which were sold off at the end of the service; the money donated from this sale has been sent to WaterAid. A big thank you to all who contributed.

St. Andrew's hosted the Messy Church session in October. We hold it in the village hall as our church is not a suitable venue. This month the theme was 'giving', which reflected the giving of gifts to thank God for the bountiful harvest that he gives to all. The session begins, after an introduction by Sarah, our vicar, with craft activities each of which illustrates generosity and giving. After that the children and adults listen to (and join in) a story led by Sarah and then a song is sung, accompanied by Rosie, all of which are on the same theme.

## Services in the Benefice of Puddletown, Tolpuddle, Milborne and Dewlish November 2019

### Saturday 2nd November

3.00pm Service of remembrance and thanksgiving for those who have died + tea Milborne

### 3rd November – All Saints' Sunday

9.30am Parish Communion Tolpuddle  
9.30 Celebrate Milborne  
11.00 Parish Communion Puddletown Church Room  
11.00 Patronal Festival Songs of Praise Dewlish  
4.00pm Messy Church Puddletown

### 10th November – Remembrance Sunday

8.15am 1662 Said Communion Puddletown  
9.30 United Methodist Service Tolpuddle  
10.00 Service of Remembrance Milborne  
(followed by procession to the Memorial Stone for 11.00am)  
10.50 Remembrance Sunday Service Dewlish  
(starting at the War Memorial at the Crossroads)  
11.00 Puddletown Praise Puddletown Church Room  
for Remembrance

### THURSDAY 14th November

12 noon Lunch-time Communion Puddletown Church Room

### 17th November – 2 before Advent

9.30am Family Communion Tolpuddle  
9.30 1662 Morning Prayer (said) Milborne  
11.00 Parish Communion Puddletown  
(with opening of Children's Society boxes)  
11.00 Family Service Dewlish

### 24th November – Christ the King

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

### MORNING PRAYERS

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

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Before going home, the families and helpers sat down to a wholesome supper of cottage pie followed by fruit kebabs (which were made by the children). The next benefice Messy Church is in Puddletown Church Room on the 3rd of November starting at 4.00pm. If you haven't been to any session do come along, it's free and the children and their accompanying adults really enjoy all of it, everyone is welcome. Watch out for posters and Facebook notices.

*Pam Shults Churchwarden*

## Dewlish Church Notes

JIM and Adam's cycle ride in the Dorset Historic Churches Trust's "Ride 'n' Stride" went really well. It was a glorious day (thankfully!). We thank them so much for raising money both for our church and for grants towards other churches' repairs. The money is still being collected but we think the total will reach nearly £1,000. Well done! Many thanks also to all those who very kindly donated.

Please join us for our **Service of Remembrance** on Sunday 10th November, beginning at 10.50am at the War Memorial, and thereafter in church after the two minute silence. Coffee, tea and biscuits will be served in the Village Hall afterwards.

We shall be celebrating All Saint's Day on Sunday 3rd November with a **Patronal Songs of Praise** at 11.00am. If you have a favourite hymn, please contact Jim (Tel: 01258 837466).

*Daphne Burg*

### Do you need a lift to church?



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## The wonderful game of Cribbage

EVER wondered about the game of Cribbage?

Cribbage's creation began early in the 1600's and it's attributed to Sir John Suckling, who was a soldier, poet and gambler and derives from an original game called Noddy. It became very popular in the American colonies and still is to this day, especially in New England. It is still the only game you can legally play in an English pub for money



Well we have been running a winter league in The Royal Oak for the last 11 years with everyone enjoying the peculiarities of the game and the social aspects of it. Elaine and I therefore, thought it would be nice to see if anyone else might be interested in learning this old English game – so if you are interested in learning it, or would like more information please contact me on 01258 837089.

Oh! And don't worry The Royal Oak Crib league do not play for money, only pleasure and the prestige of winning. *Peter Anthony*

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## Making the most of the weather at Ladybirds

THE last few weeks have tested us in keeping active children occupied in wet weather. Our outside area has seemed more like a lake at times. But as we say "there's no such thing as bad weather – you just need appropriate clothing." So out into the wet we go. The children love being Peppa Pig jumping in puddles or riding their bikes through the water. We decided to add a little education by showing the children what colours can be made by mixing others together. We started by squirting red paint into the puddle and added yellow and blue. The children were tasked with jumping up and down and mixing the colours together to see what happened. After all the colours had mixed and we had a purply-brown colour we added some washing up liquid to add to the fun.

Our Wednesday Woodland sessions have only been cancelled one week due to the weather and the children have continued to



enjoy the freedom of natural outdoor learning. Some of the trees have been taken down due to ash dieback so we have rearranged the active area by putting up a rope bridge to replace the rope swing. The wheelbarrows are still the big favourite for transporting anything. It was interesting to watch and see how two boys were going to manage a very large log. Initially they had problems as the wheelbarrow tipped up but eventually they organised it so that they could move it in the barrow together. They were having fun and achieved what they set out to do – little do they realise they had a lesson in centre of gravity!

For some reason this term our Thursday and Friday sessions have less children than the other days so if you have a two year old who you would like to join us while we are quiet, come along and see what we do. See below for contact details.

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# All change at the Sports Club . . .

AND maybe at the Village Hall too!

Not sure at this stage whether it is just smoke and mirrors and we have plenty of the latter at the Sports Pavilion but there definitely appears to be a mood change by the new Parish Council post 'N-Plan' towards supporting community recreational facilities.

Not before time, I hear the distant cry because this will bring our community into line with virtually every other Parish Council in Dorset!



Milborne's Hall of Mirrors

As I write this article I await the parish Council meeting in three days time when I will be appearing under item 16: Funding Request – Milborne Sports and

Social Club. By the time I read this in the *Reporter* I hope that it will have been the last of its type ever having to be made.

It appears that it is full steam ahead on the introduction of the principles of a Community Land Trust relating to the provision and ongoing improvement and maintenance of community facilities.

## N-Plan Quotes:

Para 4.29: *"The emphasis on community facilities in this Neighbourhood Plan has therefore focused on supporting and improving the existing facilities which are very much valued by the local community."*

Policy MSA Supporting Community Facilities: *"Development proposals to improve the provision of community facilities" and "Every effort should be made to work with the local community and relevant authorities to investigate potential solutions to avoid any loss of these valued assets." manner in keeping*

It cannot be a coincidence that special mention is made of Maiden Newton Parish Council in the N-Plan and of a representative of Sixpenny Handley Council coming to talk about Community Land Trusts.

It may have passed people by, but the Sports Club is an example of the principle of a Community Land Trust. In 2000 the then Parish Council made a call to the community for volunteers to take on the responsibility to deliver a sporting and recreational facility for the benefit of the community.

There are some valuable lessons to be learned from this experience particularly when para 4.31 of the N-Plan is enacted. Quote: *"The ongoing management arrangements proposed for any new open space provision (including future maintenance costs) should be made clear and subject to agreement with the Parish Council)".* That does not apply at the moment regarding the provision of recreational (Play) facilities at either the Village Hall or the Sports Club

Both Maiden Newton and Handley are 'Beacon Councils' who include in their budget and council responsibilities a hands-on approach to community recreational and sporting facilities (splashing the dosh and the time and effort to make things work). A bit like the Councils of Puddletown, Whitchurch, Milton Abbas, and Cheselbourne!

It cannot also be a coincidence that under para 6.17 of the N-Plan (Improving Recreational Opportunities) that it is recognised that the village currently does not have the optimum level of recreational facilities, much of what is in place has been achieved in spite of the necessary level of support and funding from the Parish Council!

## Come and Join in the Fun

So how are we doing? Not bad actually, but then we are a tad biased but we could do with some more volunteers to help with our operations. Used seven days a week creates a lot of strain on keeping things up together, (clean, tidy and warm) to a standard our users expect if they are to remain happy, so in a word . . . HELP

You don't have to be able to stand on your head but if you are such a contortionist it might help as we are doing a lot with very limited funds at our disposal . . . two steps forward one back comes to mind but of late one step forward two back!!



"OK Council Meeting over"

You don't have to be a trustee, just someone like Keith Jaques who like to help out and has single handedly with brush and roller painted the outside of the Pavilion.

You do have to be able to turn your deaf ear to all the negative mumbo-jumbo that passes for fact and come and see for yourself how we all work together as a team and are focused on community matters. Just because personalised gossip is repeated more than once does not make it true!!

I expect some of you went to Quinfest, others to the Church Fete and some might have been mightily impressed with the recent wedding reception marquee and some attended the recent wake of Doris Wadham. We host one day courses, the latest being Mosaic and have loads of kiddies and adult parties, and we actually have a booking for a Christmas Day party. Now that's a first!

The current team started in September 2016. There was £245 in the bank, monthly outgoings of over £400 and an outstanding energy debt of £1800 being paid off and a gas and electrical system that needed to be made compliant . . . the place was smelly and apart from the Busy Bees we only did football.

I was repeatedly told at Parish Council meetings that the Sports Club was insolvent, not considered part of the community and should close. We do give things our best shot and on occasions things do not go according to plan but now have £8k in the Bank and are determined to spend as much as we possibly can either directly or to pump prime grant applications to improve things still further.



Upturned mower

## 24/7, well nearly – but there are 7 days in our week

The Pavilion is no longer smelly, everything is compliant down to ladies hygiene units in the toilets and a music licence and lots of improvements and internal decorations done. The Busy Bees have been joined by Kickboxing, Yoga, Tia Chi, Dog Training and this month, the Beavers. In January we will be joined by a new group. In monetary terms this is represented by the income hire for the Pavilion year end 30th November 2016 was £883 and for the year end 30th November 2018 £6,131 and the expectation is that year end 30th November 2019 will be even better!!

To avoid the wrath of Malcolm, who is visibly upset that it has taken so long to get to this point, the outside main pitch looks fantastic and are still considered to be the best sites in the Dorset league. In fact we now have two full sizes pitches with loads of games being played on them, and the recently relocated Fitpoint for the healthy energetic types who like to give us the run around. Income from the football matches rose from £2,110 in 2016 to £3,340 in 2018. So what was the grant application for at the October Parish Council meeting? Well £1,080 to be precise to help pay for improvements to the facilities used by the Milborne U15's team. We were all geared up for a big spend when we were suddenly "smacked" by essential repairs to our green (now obsolete) mower totalling some £1,800, which has been paid. No mower – no cut – no pitch – no income – no Sports Club. Too many "No's" for my liking and not going there . . . and the outcome?

Well you should have come to the Parish Council meeting!

Richard Lock



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## Village Hall news

UNFORTUNATELY we have had some damage to the play equipment and a window but the people responsible were quick to report it and in both instances the parents have paid for the repairs.

On the subject of repairs – are you practical? Do you have a little spare time? If so we could really do with your help. We need someone to help with maintenance both inside and outside. This could involve some kind of regular commitment, or just an offer to do the occasional one-off job. If you want to find out what might be involved, please speak to Pam (01258 837203) or Sarah (01258 839230). The committee do their best to keep the hall and play park in order but extra help is needed to help with some of the tasks.

As you can see from the photo the new “Froggie” rubbish bin is now installed in the play park!

*Linda Wright*



## The Commonwealth War Graves Commission Experience – an experience

THIS is a new museum, opened by the Princess Royal in June 2019, to inform and educate about the work of the CWGC. It's located in Beaurains, on the outskirts of Arras, and contains the workshops which make headstones, signage, metalwork, woodwork, and everything used at CWGC cemeteries, including servicing the lawnmowers and gardening tools.

There aren't many signs to it on the roads around Arras, but by picking up a leaflet in the Tourist Information Centre in town and putting the address into our Satnav, we found it easily. Apparently more signs will be deployed later, along with wider publicity. The car park is small, and there are two bus spaces. The website recommends booking ahead if you are taking a minibus or large vehicle. I would recommend doing this at peak times.

The building is very sleek and modern on the outside, but nicely presented, with plants and flowers to soften the lines. The lavatories are on the outside and can be used before entering the museum – very handy after a long journey. Given your reviewer's fussiness about toilets, she can confirm that these are five star – clean, well appointed, light, with soap, hot water and paper well supplied and for those who need it, an excellent wheelchair cubicle in both Gents' and Ladies'.

The Receptionist made us most welcome, thanked us for coming, and explained how the museum works, and how to use the audio guide for the self-guided tour, which begins with an excellent four-minute video introduction.



The museum itself is set out around a courtyard, rather like stables, but the rooms are workshops – for the headstone producers, the blacksmiths, the carpenters the signwriters and the mechanics. There is a room where Recovery and Reburial are explained, and a room which informs about the many thousands of staff employed throughout the world and their roles. Each workshop has a glass window, so it's possible to see the machines carving the headstones (four per day, for replacement, repair and new ones), the carpenters and blacksmith working (using traditional techniques helped by modern cranes and hoists). The signwriters weren't there when we visited, but the work of each section is explained both by the audio guide and the story boards set out around the courtyard, so we didn't feel that we had missed anything. There is a section about the horticulture and maintenance of the grass, and another about the difficulties of maintaining cemeteries in war zones, flood zones and deserts. The amount of work that is undertaken is utterly enormous!

Visitors may take as long as they like to explore the museum, and there are supplementary sections in the audio guide for areas that are of more interest. We spent a couple of hours before watching the final video and leaving via the gift shop, which unusually is not very well stocked and is not full of the standard tat made in China and found in gift shops everywhere. There is a small coffee area with tables and chairs, but very low key, and it's quite obviously not going to be a fundraising exercise disguised as a museum.



Entry is free and information is given freely. The Receptionist was able to answer all the questions we had about cemeteries worldwide, her English was much better than my French! I can thoroughly recommend this museum for a visit, go along as soon as you can.

*Susan Wilson*



## Remembrance Day

REMEMBRANCE Day events are being held this year on Sunday 10th November. The commemorative service will take place in St. Andrew's Church starting at 10.00am and finishing at approximately 10.50. All are most welcome to come. It will then continue at the War Memorial Stone where the traditional Act of Remembrance will take place, incorporating the two minute silence and the laying of poppy wreaths.

Everyone is very welcome at both parts, but if you wish only to attend the memorial please be there by 10.50am.

It is hoped that as well as the British Legion some of the other village organisations will lay wreaths as last year but please feel free also to lay private wreaths or appropriate symbols.

Please note that traffic should not attempt to pass by the Memorial Stone between 10.45am and 11.30am.

*Sally Dyer*



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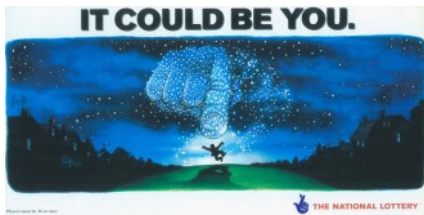
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# 25th Anniversary of the first National Lottery draw

THE very first National Lottery draw was on the 19th November 1994, it seems incredible that it was 25 years ago. I can remember the excitement of the very first draw on television, Noel Edmonds presented the programme and everyone I knew had bought a ticket.



The advertising campaign to promote the lottery featured a large pointing hand and the words "It could be you."

After much hype and an hour-long launch show watched by some

25 million people and featuring gameshow elements, celebrity star turns and the inimitable predictions of Mystic Meg, there was mild disappointment when the draw failed to make someone a millionaire; the jackpot of around £5.9 million was shared by seven winners, with each one winning a shade under £840,000.

By 2016, the National Lottery had raised about £35 billion for 'good causes', a programme which distributes money via grants. 25% of lottery revenue goes towards the fund, along with all unclaimed prizes. Additionally, 12% goes to the state. The prize fund is about 53% of revenue, with the remaining 10% going towards running costs and profits for the lottery organisers and ticket sellers.

Apparently, you have more chance of being struck by lightning than winning the lottery but that doesn't stop a lot of people playing. Some people must perceive themselves as much luckier than others.

## Recipe – Potluck Christmas dinner pie



This is a good turkey recipe to bring to a potluck party at the end of November to help celebrate the American Thanksgiving. On the 19th December 2010 I started cooking our family party pre-Christmas dinner but although the family set off early in the morning, they all got stranded in the worsening snowstorm and eventually had to turn their cars around and head back for home. They tried again with more success a few days later and I then served up this pie made from all the leftovers.

**Ingredients** – I've not given set quantities as it is very much a pot luck recipe.

1-2 chopped onions

1-2 tbs oil

1-2 tbs flour

250-500 ml chicken stock and any leftover gravy

Cooked chipolata sausages

Cooked bacon rolls (or cooked pigs in blankets)

Cooked cold turkey or chicken

Dried cranberries or cranberry sauce

Bread sauce

Cooked sage and onion stuffing

Pastry for the top of the pie

Beaten egg

### Method

Gently fry the onion in the oil until golden

Stir in the flour and cook for one minute

Gradually add the stock and gravy, stirring all the time, simmer for two minutes

Put the chicken or turkey, sausages, bacon rolls and small balls of stuffing in a pie dish

Scatter a few dried cranberries or a few dollops of cranberry and bread sauces around the dish

When the onion sauce has cooled, spoon over the top

Roll out the pastry and cover the pie

Decorate the top with the pastry trimmings and brush with beaten egg

Bake in a hot oven until the filling is bubbling hot and the pastry is golden brown, you may need to cover the pastry with foil if it looks in danger of burning before the inside is piping hot

Take the pie to your pot luck supper, it will keep warm for ages, but is still good to serve at room temperature

Tossing a coin is one of the very simplest ways of gambling and testing your luck. I love this poem, like so many of my favourites it hits the nail on the head with a very few simple words.

### A Psychological Tip

Whenever you are called upon to make up your mind

And you are hampered by not having any,

The best way to solve the dilemma, you'll find

Is simply by spinning a penny.

No – not so that chance shall decide the affair

While you're passively standing there moping

But the moment the penny is up in the air

You suddenly know what you're hoping.

*Piet Hein*

Because Christmas is rapidly approaching here is an additional recipe which is sure to come in handy next month in the festive season. (Previous editions of The Reporter have recipes for Sloe Gin and Christmas Spirit).

### Christmas Pudding Liqueur

150g dark brown sugar

Half an orange (zest and juice)

5 cloves

1 cinnamon stick

1 vanilla pod (seeds scraped)

Half a teaspoon ground nutmeg

1 teaspoon mixed spice

Vodka



### Method

Put all the ingredients in a litre bottle and fill up to the top with vodka

Shake gently until all the sugar has dissolved

Leave to infuse - keep tasting until you are suited!

Strain through muslin and pour into small bottles

(Makes lovely Christmas presents. If you start this now it should be just right for the festive season).

# Community Contacts

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

More information about many community organisations can be found on [www.milbornestandrew.org.uk](http://www.milbornestandrew.org.uk)

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## GENERAL – YOUTH

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## SCHOOL

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November

Saturday 2nd

Sunday 3rd

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Wednesday 6th

Friday 8th

Friday 8th

Sunday 10th

Wednesday 13th

Thursday 14th

Thursday 14th

Thursday 21st

Friday 29th

Saturday 30th

Saturday 30th

**Milborne Seniors** (Cup match) Sports Club.

**Milborne U15s** Sports Club 2.00pm.

**All Saints Day** Patronal Songs of Praise Dewlish Church 11.00am – see page 9.

**Wednesday Club AGM** the Village Hall 2.00pm – see page 5.

**Open Morning** Milborne St. Andrew First School 9.15 to 10.30am – page below.

**Milborne Movies 'Wild Rose'** the Village Hall 7.00 for 7.30pm tickets £3.50 at the door – see page 23.

**Remembrance Day commemorative service** St. Andrews Church 10.00am – see page 13.

**History Group meeting** The Royal Oak 7.30pm – see page 23.

**WI meeting 'Undercover Agent'** – see page 7.

**The Reporter deadline.** Copy and photographs by mid-day.

**Gardening Club Annual General Meeting and social evening** the Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 7.

**The Alzheimer's Whodunnit 'Forget Me Not'** the Village Hall doors open 7.00. starts 7.30pm – see page 23.

**Fish Supper** The Royal Oak, 7.30pm. In aid of St Andrew's church – see advert page 19.

**Messiah the Christmas music** Blandford Forum Parish Church 7.30pm – see advert page 22.

## 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.

**Yoga** (Mellulah) Thursday (evening): Friday (mornings).

**Boxing style fitness** Friday 12noon–1.00pm. Contact Nikki Rich on 07752 199409.

**Ballet style fitness** Friday 1.00–2.00pm. Contact Nikki Rich on 07752 199409.

**Beavers** Friday 5.30–6.45pm

**Private parties, birthdays, wedding** receptions check online calendar.

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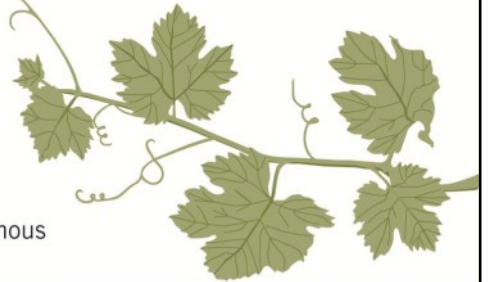
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## 'Lords and Ladies' are quiz champs

SATURDAY 28th September saw nine village teams battle for the honour to be 2019 village quiz champions. There was a lot of head scratching and a fair amount of pleading for half points, but after 90 varied questions across nine categories, 15 dingbats solved and 21 anagrams unscrambled the results showed a clear winner. The Lords and Ladies of the Rings were crowned champions just ahead of Bridge Extra and the Shuttlers, so a new name will be engraved on the shield. At the end of a fun evening, a few more pounds had been raised for the village hall, so thanks to all the village groups that joined us. We are delighted to hand the organising baton over to the Lords and Ladies and will get ourselves ready for the 2020 quiz sometime next year. Look forward to seeing you there.

*Two for his heels (2018 winners)*



*Lords and Ladies of the Rings winners of the 2019 Village Quiz. (L to R) Dick and Rosie Spencer: Rosemary and Bob Plant*

### St. Andrew's Day



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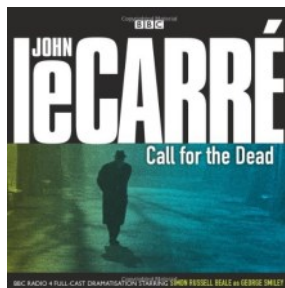
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## A Good Read:

### Call for the Dead by John le Carre



If you haven't read any le Carre this would be a good place to start. It encapsulates everything that is so unique and ultimately satisfying about his writing. It introduces us, the readers, to his most famous character, George Smiley. In the first few lines we are told of his unlikely, and short term, marriage to beautiful Mayfair socialite, Lady Ann Secombe. Her voice can be heard clearly throughout. She

described him to her friends as "breathtakingly ordinary" before she left him for a Cuban racing driver. It has such undertones of sadness and melancholy that only a few words are needed to draw us in. It follows his Oxford University recruitment into the Secret Service when all he had in mind was a quiet academic existence devoting himself to the obscurities of seventeenth-century Germany. When we join him he is called by the Adviser, Maston (described as "a posturing sycophant, an obscene cissy") to explain the apparent suicide of a Foreign Office employee, Samuel Fennan, with whom he had conducted a routine interview.

There are sympathetic characters such as Peter Guillam and a Scotland Yard Inspector, Mendel, the latter close to retirement whose warmth and humanity support Smiley through this dark story and its aftermath. It is full of shocks and surprises, swift twists and turns with East German spies resident in Britain. Betrayal and loneliness predominate, but full of wry humour and devastatingly brilliant writing. Smiley defines himself as an "international mercenary of his trade, amoral and without motive beyond that of personal gratification". Le Carre can conjure up a person, a situation, a room and an emotion deftly and without apparent effort. He writes with enormous compassion and a lingering sense of the times in which it is set. Published in 1961 it is post-war Britain with yellow fog, the Thames smelling of tar and coke, the "new" espresso bars, two prices in pubs, the public and the saloon, the nature of the class system, and still some occupied, but rotting, prefabs. The suburbs are conjured up with their "crumbling dwarfs indefatigably poised over goldfish ponds". His fictional version of British Intelligence he calls The Circus because it is located in Cambridge Circus (based on MI6). There is an exciting set piece climax on Battersea Bridge. This novel launched le Carre's career as a novelist. It was broadcast on Radio 4 in 1978 as a complete Smiley drama, filmed in 1966 as 'The Deadly Affair' with James Mason in the Smiley role but called Charles Dodds as le Carre had sold the rights to the Smiley name to the makers of 'Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy'. This is a wonderful, elegantly written book with Smiley, "a bullfrog in a sou'wester" at its heart. A character with great depth and intelligence, a man for all seasons.

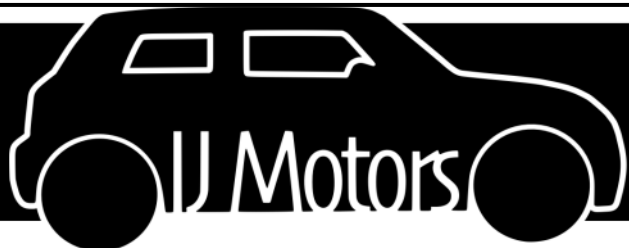
*Carole Fornachon*

## Milborne Players

### Panto time is just around the corner

SO here we are on the road from Gloucester to London taking in the sights along the way. Plenty of activities to do – lines to learn, songs to practise, costumes to have fitted and, of course, Puss needs to make sure his fur is well groomed. That's just me and Puss; the rest of the cast have plenty to do as well. Idle as he is, Jack has the shop to mind, King Rat is busy training up his rat pack and Bowbells is decoding what the bells are ringing. Captain Cod and crew are doing some nautical training to ensure that the voyage to Morocco will be a floating success – will it? Sarah the Cook is busy packing her trunks – hopefully not the swimming variety! You know what you have to do, don't you? Yes, keep your eyes peeled for tickets going on sale. Keep an eye on the Londis Stores – won't be long.

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### **Sunday 3rd November – 2.00pm**

#### **Charlton Marshall**

Meet St Mary's Church in Charlton Marshall, on A350 from Blandford. Grid reference: ST 900041 on OS Explorer Sheet 117 (approx. 4.5 miles)

### **Wednesday 20th November – 11.00am**

#### **Sherborne, Haydon and Folke**

Meet near the church in Haydon, 2 miles S.E. of Sherborne, off A3030. Grid reference: ST 670157 on Explorer Sheet 129 (approx. 6.5 miles) Bring a packed lunch.

### **Sunday 1st December – 1.30pm (note earlier starting time during winter)**

#### **Minterne Magna and Cerne Abbas**

Meet in car park opposite the church in Minterne Magna Grid reference: ST 769110 on OS Explorer Sheet 129 (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.

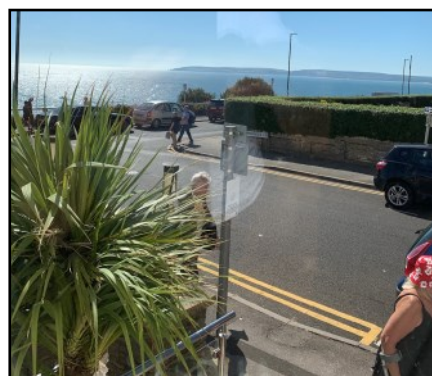


# MSA Food and Wine Club

## Sunday at Brasserie Blanc

ON a bright and sunny Sunday 15th September, 28 members of the MSA Food & Wine Club descended on Raymond Blanc's Brasserie Blanc, a part of the Highcliff Marriot Hotel. The restaurant is set on a stunning clifftop location overlooking the sea in the heart of Bournemouth with breath-taking views, enhanced by the glorious weather, over Bournemouth and beyond.

Milborne St Andrew



Members had the choice of pre-selected dishes from an extensive à la carte menu with either two or three courses for a negotiated fixed price. Options included a 'melt in the mouth' cheese soufflé and a very authentic French recipe fish soup for starters. Main courses included lamb, beef or

pork roasts complete with trimmings; marinated free range chicken and Scottish salmon and crab fishcake. Summer berry pavlova and pistachio soufflé were amongst several other desserts. The afternoon proved to be a very satisfying excursion in many ways.

The Club runs a variety of events throughout the year, some local and some restaurant-based, some at lunchtime and some in the evening. If anyone is interested in joining the Club please contact Julie Johannsen at the MSA Food Wine Club at [msa.foodandwineclub@gmail.com](mailto:msa.foodandwineclub@gmail.com)

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## MESSIAH – the Christmas music

Blandford Forum Parish Church  
30<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 7.30pm

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The concert will be given in the fine Georgian church of St Peter & St Paul in Blandford, built after the Great Fire of Blandford in 1731, at a time when Handel was composing his operas and oratorios in London. The church was completed by 1742 when the Messiah was first performed in Dublin.

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## "Agitation for Higher Wages and Shorter Week"

AT the last Village History Group meeting, those present heard about the evictions and strikes that were so famous in the early nineteenth century.

Farm machines were being invented and used which meant that there was less manual work to be done plus there were other difficulties following the extensive wars and raising of taxes. Dorset labourers were notorious for having poor working conditions from 1790 onwards and became part of the Captain Swing uprising. As most of us know, the Tolpuddle Martyrs were convicted of swearing a secret oath as members of the Friendly Society of Agricultural Labourers in 1834. The Agricultural Labourers Union started in Warwick but quickly spread to Dorset.

In 1872 labourers working in Milborne St. Andrew with Milborne Stileham went on strike for more money and better living conditions; they were given a rise but the following week many men were sacked. There was a second strike in 1873 but the famous one was in 1874. Milborne men were in the union and applied for support from the union which alerted the head office. The Agricultural Labourers Union sent two delegates to help the agricultural workers by giving money and advice.

Most of the labourers lived in cottages which belonged to the farmers, the rent for which was taken from their wages at source. Therefore, as the tenant labourers were not being paid, they were not paying their rent so, the farmers had legal rights to evict them. One union delegate "took with me photographic artist, to get a view of these never-to-be-forgotten acts of oppression". These photographs were sent out by the union all over England and can be found in Dorset County Museum.

Which is how Milborne became so well known even though many farm labourers were also evicted in other villages such as Affpuddle, Owermoigne, Pallington and Moreton amongst others.

The next meeting is on the 13th November when we hope to have John Smith, archaeologist as our guest speaker. As usual we will meet in The Royal Oak function room at 7.30pm. All welcome.

*Pam Shults*

## Forget Me Not – the Alzheimer's Whodunnit with Rob Gee, courtesy of Artsreach

at Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall

Friday 29th November

Doors and bar open 7.00, performance starts at 7.30pm

ROB is a comic, poet and psychiatric nurse who has recently completed a sell-out tour of North America with this production. He plays Jim, whose wife, a patient on a dementia ward, has died from what appears to be natural causes. Jim is a retired police detective and smells a rat. He's determined to solve one last murder. The problem is he also has dementia. It's a case worthy of the greatest detective mind, but his will have to do.

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## Milton Abbas Surgery

### Boys will now get the HPV vaccine

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More information about HPV for boys: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/hpv-vaccine-to-be-given-to-boys-in-england>

### Be up to date on vaccines

The UK has recently lost its 'measles free' status. It's important to be up-to-date on vaccines and to be protected from measles, children and adults should have been immunised with two doses of the MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) vaccine.

We are asking that parents and carers look at their children's Red Book to ensure their children are up-to-date with scheduled immunisations.

Information about the MMR vaccine: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/measles-protect-yourself-protect-others>

Those of you who voted for Milton Abbas Surgery in the 'Surgery of the Year' awards will be pleased to know we have been shortlisted for this and the 'Team of the Year' Award. Dr Longley and four of the staff are attending a glitzy award ceremony at the end of November in London where we will hopefully be picking up a prize . . . watch this space to find out the results!

*Gillian Brindle*

Business Manager, Milton Abbas and Milborne St. Andrew Surgery

## Milborne Movies are showing Wild Rose

at Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall  
on Friday November 8th

Doors and bar open 7.00 for 7.30pm  
£3.50 at the door

I DON'T quite know how this film hasn't become better known, as it has had fantastic reviews, from both critics and 'ordinary' people. One critic said that it was 'funny, moving, brilliantly uplifting' and 'a must see'. It tells the complicated story of Rose-Lynn, a woman determined to become a country music star, whilst also grappling with being recently released from prison and a young mother of two children.

Jeffrey Overstreet, a critic, wrote: 'Actress Jessie Buckley rules the screen as Rose-Lyn Harlan, a Glaswegian 23-year-old who, released from prison, immediately launches herself into a mad pursuit of her dream to conquer Nashville as a country music star. Buckley is absolutely convincing in every aspect of this complicated character, and – most importantly – burns the house down whenever she sings, the microphone unlocking an irrepressible charisma. Buckley is supported by a great cast, including Julie Walters as her mother, and Sophie Okonedo.

'But *Wild Rose's* victory over my deep-set scepticism has even more to do with its final act. To the credit of writer Nicole Taylor, it demonstrates wisdom far deeper than almost any road-to-stardom story I can think of. It's more about how a soul is saved than how a star is born.'

**Deadline for the December Reporter is  
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## Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club donation to Longmead Community Farm

In September, Angela Johnson (Treasurer of MSA Gardening Club) was pleased to donate £100 to the Longmead Community Farm. The money is to be used for improvement of the garden at the farm. For information about Longmead Community Farm and ways that you can help, contact: Longmead Community Farm 01258 837969.

Mark Johnson



## Stay safe this Halloween

October is upon us and the days are getting shorter. Halloween goodies are in the shops and fireworks will be on sale from the middle of the month.

People have mixed feelings about Halloween, but if you are concerned about it, the following tips may help you feel more secure:

- Place a 'No Trick or Treat' poster in windows or tape to your front door.
- Draw curtains and blinds as soon as it starts to get dark.
- If you receive an unexpected caller don't feel pressurised to open the door, a genuine caller will come back another time.
- If you do need to open the door use a door chain.
- Visit a friend or do something interesting and absorbing.

There's no doubting the thrill of a well organised fireworks display, but many people prefer to arrange their own event. If you are planning your own this year, please consider the following

- It is illegal to set off fireworks after midnight on Bonfire Night. On all other nights the cut off is 11.00pm, the only other exceptions being New Year, Chinese New Year and Diwali when it is 1.00am.
- You have a duty of care to ensure the safety of visitors and neighbours.
- It is illegal to set off fireworks in the street.
- It is illegal for a person under 18 to possess a firework in a public place.
- If a retailer is selling fireworks to those under 18 report it to Trading Standards.

The penalty for selling or using fireworks illegally is a fine of up to £5,000 and/or a prison sentence.

For further information on fireworks and the law visit Gov.UK at [www.gov.uk/fireworks-the-law](http://www.gov.uk/fireworks-the-law).

Please also be mindful of your pets. Ensure dogs and cats are safely in the house and rabbits and other small animals are somewhere safe. Animals do not like fireworks so please look after them.

If you have an ongoing problem with people setting fireworks off illegally or other types of anti-social behaviour report it to the police, or to your local authority. 999 – crime occurring or threat of harm. 101 or report online at [www.dorset.police.uk](http://www.dorset.police.uk) if you want to report a crime that has happened.

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## Christmas Fair at Stickleberries

GET the Christmas season off to a cracking start at Stickleberries Day Nursery Christmas Fair on Sunday 1st December between 10.30am and 2.30pm.

Expect a fabulous, festive atmosphere while you shop for Christmas gifts for all the family, from the unusual to jewellery, crafts, cosmetics, decorations, stocking fillers and, of course, sweet treats and cakes. There will also be a variety of games to enjoy and have a go at, tombola and a raffle. The fair takes place at Stickleberries Day Nursery on Dunbury Lane in Winterborne Stickland and entry is free – everybody welcome!



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## Dorset Council wins awards and praise for its efforts to help the environment

COUNCILLORS and officers at Dorset Council have been celebrating success recently as their efforts to care for the environment and fight climate change have been recognised by several organisations.

Waste management and vehicle emissions are two of the most important areas of work Dorset Council is focusing on when acting to help prevent climate change, especially in the wake of their Climate Emergency declaration earlier this year.

Eunomia, an independent environmental consultancy, compiles the Local Authority Recycling Carbon Index each year which measures the environmental performance of councils' recycling services.

Now in its seventh year, the index gives councils an alternative and arguably better measure of the environmental performance of their waste and recycling services. With this indicator, it shows which local authorities' recycling services deliver the greatest carbon benefits.

The latest Carbon Index for 2017/18 saw the Dorset Waste Partnership – Dorset Council's waste services – return to first place in the list of over 120 English local authorities with 108CO<sub>2</sub>e – which works out as the equivalent of 108 kilograms of carbon dioxide saved per Dorset resident.

In addition to this fantastic achievement, Dorset Council's Recycling Team recently won Best Team of the Year at the national Local Authority Recycling Advisory Committee (LARAC) Conference Celebration Awards 2019.

The award was in recognition of the team's contribution to raising and maintaining the council's kerbside recycling rate, which currently stands at 59.7% and is one of the highest in the country. This has generated savings of over £90,000 in the past year alone.

The Dorset Waste Partnership's Enforcement Team was also shortlisted for the Best Partnership Award, regarding its work to combat rural crime, setting up pro-active partnerships with Dorset Police, the DVLA and the community initiative Litter Free Dorset, as well as working with private landowners, the Environment Agency, Keep Britain Tidy, and various housing associations.

And finally, Dorset recently featured in the Top 20 local authorities recognised by Friends of the Earth (FoTE) for its performance in mitigating climate change through eco-friendly working and sustainable initiatives.

FoTE looked at every council area in England and Wales and graded its performance by reviewing data on various factors, including but not limited to household energy efficiency, eco-heating, renewable energy, and the reuse, recycling and composting of household waste. From this data, FoTE awarded Dorset a score of 80%, placing it in the fourth highest-scoring band.

Cllr Tony Alford, Portfolio Holder for Customer, Community and Regulatory Services at Dorset Council, commented:

"Congratulations to everyone that has been involved in these wonderful achievements. We're very proud of the hard work that has gone into transforming our waste services over the years and this recognition is proof positive that our efforts are making a huge contribution in the fight against climate change, as well as maintaining high quality services and saving money."

Cllr Ray Bryan, chair of Dorset Council's Climate Change Executive Advisory Panel, added:

"Dorset has always had a strong legacy of caring for the environment. We will build on these recent successes as we put together our Climate Emergency action plans and seek to perform even better in the future. Well done everyone and keep up the good work."

## A gallery exhibition of 'modern art'

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## Doris Wadham

Doris Wadham sadly passed away peacefully at her home on the 23rd September after a short illness. She lived in the village from a young age. At 15 she left school and worked at the Eden Vale factory on Blandford Hill where she met her husband Larry, they married at St. Andrews church in the village of Milborne St. Andrew. They had three children, which Doris was very proud of, sadly her oldest son passed away. Doris loved children and never turned away her children's friends always having a place at the table for that extra mouth that might turn up at meal times. Her whole family lived in the village. She saw many changes over the years but wouldn't have wanted to live anywhere else. Her and Larry moved to Whitechurch for seven years, but her heart was always in Milborne, so she was so glad to be back home for the last few years.



She was a care taker at the village school in Chapel Street and many children will have fond memories of her. She was often at the village playgroup reading stories to the toddlers, and was the kind of lady who would never turn anyone away in their time of need. She loved baking and made many cakes over the years for fund raisers, she never expected any praise for what she did for the village groups she just did it to support them.

Doris and Larry celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in January, if you were to ask her how they survived 60 years, she would say 'never argue over money'.

Her funeral was on 8th of October in the same church where she was married and had all her children christened. Doris was very proud of her daughter Linda who cared for her daily until she passed away. Donations were collected for the Macmillan nurses in Dorchester as there weren't enough to support the family in their time of need.

## Councillors park the bus at PC meeting

THERE were heated exchanges at October's Parish Council meeting, most concerning football. Not whether AFC Bournemouth press on with a 4-4-2, but how many Milborne residents play for a team at the Sports Club, how perfect the main pitch is and which team plays on which pitch. The questions were directed at Richard Lock of the Sports Club, who had applied for a grant of £1,080, as had been suggested at September's meeting. He outlined a programme of works that included rebound nets, CCTV and an eight-plus years old mower that needed its blades sharpening, to ensure that the two football pitches remain in playing condition. Councillors wanted to know why the main pitch at the Lane End site needed to be of such an exceptional standard while other Dorset team's pitches are not in the same league. Mr Lock replied that the pitches need to be mowed to the Dorset FA standard and matches are played on both of them every weekend, and having two gave options when bad weather strikes.

Cllr Macnair noted that there were five teams using the Sport Club's facilities, yet only two of those were affiliated to the village; the Under 15's and the newly formed Milborne Sports men's team, of which he asked Mr Lock how many players lived locally. This remained unanswered although it was argued that nowadays players do not necessarily play for their local team. Cllr Williams said that local children couldn't play on the pitches at the weekends as there were organised matches in action, but Mr Lock contested this saying that only one pitch at a time was used. Mr Lock said that the club was a well-used, well liked sports facility which fits with healthy living edicts and helping to combat recent anti-social behaviour.

There were testy exchanges and summing up, Cllr Macnair said he was only interested in funding the community, not outside football teams. "The Sports Club has had substantial support from the Parish Council but the level of request here doesn't feel right", he said, and proposed a smaller grant of £250. This was agreed by councillors.

There was more talk about grass cutting as the PC looks to take on extra village maintenance using the precept budget. A number of locations had been earmarked but all will be put to consultation with the community before going out to tender to contractors.

Preceding the meeting, Simon Parker spoke on behalf of the Community Land Trust (CLT) to explain how such a local group can be effective in providing affordable housing. The CLT comprises local people who assess the needs of the village and drive projects, for example, housing with lower rents, to fruition. CLTs have the advantage that planning can be sought on 'exception land' – agricultural land – at the significantly lower value than residential land. A local CLT group would need around 20 people to run it and a public meeting for interested volunteers is to be held in the near future.

The Parish Council Facebook page is to be discontinued and a redundant Gmail account is also to get the chop. Councillors said that communication online would be through the PC's website, although discussion was raised about reaching the 'Facebook demographic'. A bigger noticeboard is also planned – to the tune of £750 – to replace the one by the Village Hall. The new one will be able to display council information on 16 sheets of A4.

With the shuffling of the PC's budget, Clerk, Wayne Lewin, said that an amount could be made available for a new initiative that aims to help those with limited means to travel on trips from the village. Mr Lewin suggested days out by coach during the summer could be arranged. Cllr Macnair suggested that £1,000 carved from the precept could be used for coach trips to cultural events or fireworks in the evenings, since public transport stopped after 5.00pm in Milborne. Positive feedback gave the green light to a working group to look further in to the charabanc idea.

A funding request had been made by Blandford Town Council to support the public toilets in the town. Discussion was brief on the subject as it was clear that councillors did not want to spend a penny.

*Ed Richards*

**The next Parish Council meeting is on Wednesday 20th November at 7.30pm and all are welcome.**

## Sports Club: a response from the Parish Council

WE welcome the Sports Club's recognition of the efforts being made by the Parish Council to support our community facilities. The Neighbourhood Plan talks about what new facilities we (as a community) may be able to get when housing is built here, as well as whether developers should fund improvements to existing facilities in recognition of the additional pressures put on facilities by any population growth. The Parish Council believe it is important that any agreement on how these are managed and funded in the future is founded on a solid footing with as much community involvement as possible. Ultimately it is the new Dorset Council that will 'agree' with the developer what is required – but the Neighbourhood Plan and comments made by the Parish Council and community should influence this.

The Parish Council continues to support the Sports Club through a significantly below market rent set out in the lease agreed with the Sports Club as a separate, independent, charitable entity. The council additionally have grant funds that organisations such as the Sports Club can apply for: In the last three years, the Sports Club has received Parish Council grants to the value of £1,244 in support of various projects in addition to a rent holiday during the second half of the 2016–17 financial year.

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Our Year 2 children attended a Tag Rugby Festival with other First Schools.

*Author Tim Laycock visited Milborne First School at the end of September and read some stories from his new book.*

Eight children accepted and completed the two week 'Doodle Challenge'. Well done and keep up the great work.

**Open morning**  
**Friday 8th November**  
**9.15 to 10.30pm**



## 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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