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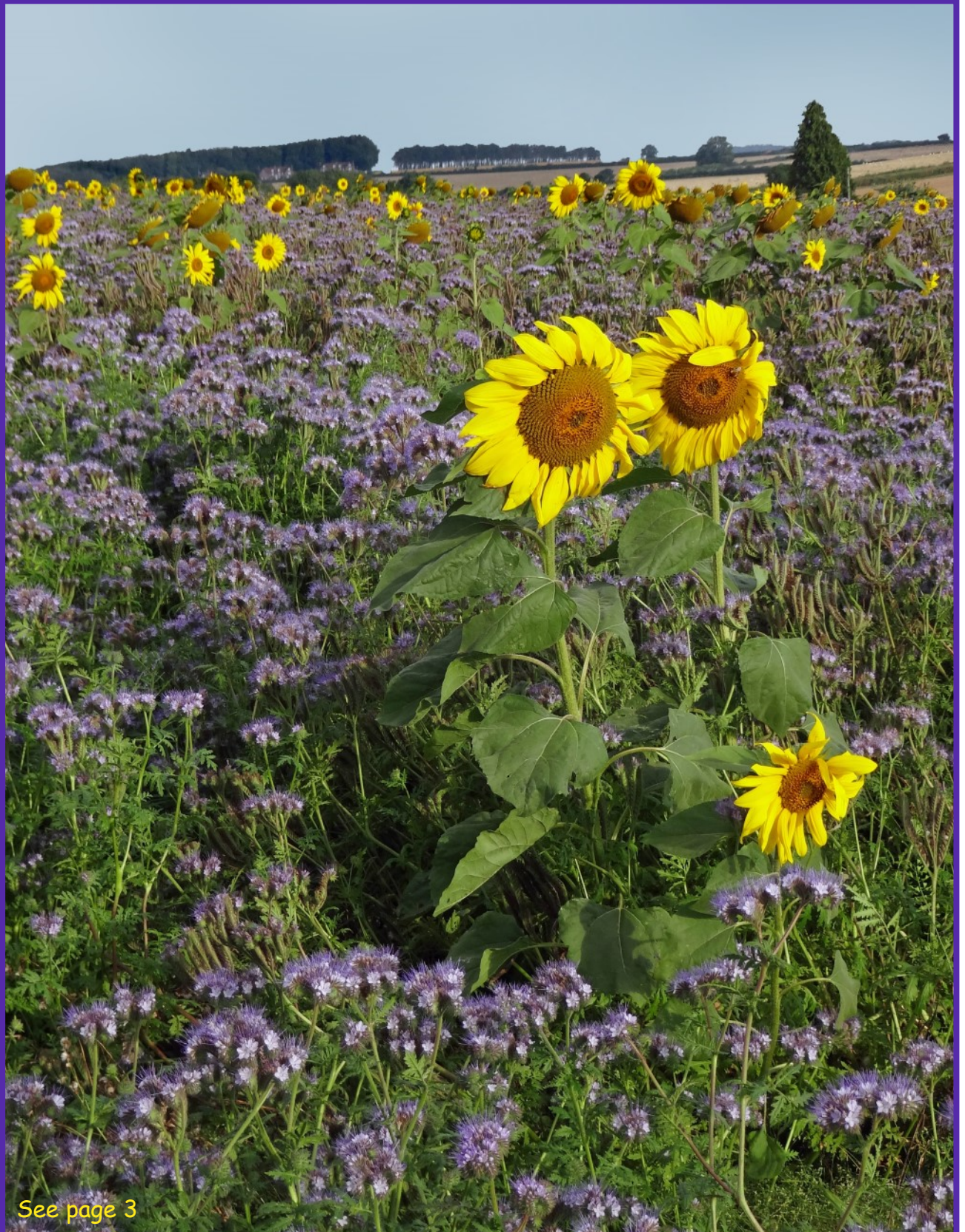
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All welcome, no membership needed.

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# The mountains of Milborne – the new ‘3 peaks’



LIKE the snow-capped peak of Mount Fuji, a new mountain rises majestically above the skyline to the north of the village. The snow-white apex of Mount Wyatt, as it has been named, is flanked by two smaller peaks, one named Coffee Table Mountain and together they have quickly become Milborne's Three Peaks. The new range dwarfs the land around, towering above nearby houses and across fields from the school, which must be in shadow for most of the day given the altitude of the new mountain. Weatherbury Castle is no longer the high point in the area – and Mount Wyatt has no need for an obelisk to gain a few extra dozen metres.

Much to the excitement of seasoned mountaineers, the new highlands of the village have been admired, and not just from afar – Mount Wyatt has been conquered as the flag fluttering

proudly atop it attests. It can only be assumed that such an ascent was undertaken by an experienced and well-prepared team – a climb this severe will have taken planning and the very latest technical equipment, including perhaps breathing apparatus for the upper reaches of the climb.

Where is this new leviathan of Milborne? Tell tale signs of the route are there on the ground; follow the white marks along the road on the valley floor and you'll find they lead to a sharp corner that takes intrepid adventurers to the lower slopes of the new mountain range. Chalky white double lines lead further up the hillside, becoming more intense as the settlement peters out. Secure fencing and gates bar further access to the highlands, no doubt because of the dangerous terrain of the peaks – this is a place for skilled professionals only.

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Touring Dorset with Artsreach, full information and tickets are available online at [www.artsreach.co.uk](http://www.artsreach.co.uk). *Sarah Ryan*



## **Front page picture**

Many of you may have marvelled at the beautiful field of yellow and blue on Roke Road. Mr Foot of Haywards Farm explained that the blue flowers setting off the enormous sunflowers are known as Phacelia. A name derived from the Greek meaning “bundle”.



It is used in agriculture as a cover crop, a bee plant, an attractant for other beneficial insects, as a green manure and an ornamental plant. It is planted in vineyards and alongside crop fields, it is good for attracting pollinators such as bumblebees, honey bees and to hoverflies which are useful as biological pest control agents because they eat aphids and other pests. Mr Foot's opinion is that farmers will be encouraged to grow similar 'green' crops in the future. *Carole Fornachon*





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## Caring for God's world

There can be few people unaware that the United Kingdom is soon to host COP26 (31st October – 12th November) – a meeting of the countries who signed the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. It will be the 26th meeting of the Conference of the Parties – hence the summit's title.

Few people disagree with the idea that our planet is in trouble, and that many of its problems stem from human behaviour. We had for so long welcomed new developments in industry and technology – dating back to the Industrial Revolution, before and since – that their effect on our world wasn't even questioned. It was progress, and progress was seen as good.

But in recent decades it has become abundantly clear that our progress has been to the detriment of our planet and many of its poorer peoples. We can no longer afford to make decisions concerning how we live without some thought about the impact it will have on our world. My individual decisions may not have a large effect by themselves but when we multiply that by 7.9 billion (the world's population) the enormity of the problem becomes clear.

The period between 1st September and 4th October has in recent years been a time when the Church has specifically thought about Creation. As this period draws to a close and COP26 becomes imminent, we need to find ways that we can turn despair concerning the world's future into hope.

What can we do in our own lives to make a difference? There are all sorts of ways: wear more clothes instead of turning the heating up, go for a brisk walk to warm up when feeling the chill, make a vow to have some days or weeks without buying anything new, buy your next item of clothing from a charity shop rather than new, eat less meat, move from an attitude of consumption to one of generosity, support charities that seek to conserve and protect the environment, stop throwing food away, buy more seasonally, take election candidates' green credentials into account when voting, campaign for environmental concerns to be higher up the agenda in national and local politics and so on and so on.

The Bishop of Norwich, after the most recent UN report on climate change was released, said: "The message of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's Sixth Assessment Report is loud and clear: Wake up world! It is time to stop playing political games and take action now. We are already seeing the effects of the climate emergency around the world – and it is the world's economically poorest people who are already suffering the most. So it is our moral duty, and a Christian calling to do all we can to try to turn the tide. We don't have a spare Earth."

This world is all we have. Let's treasure it and thank God for it, remembering that it is a gift to be cared for and cherished not merely a resource to be exploited.

There is a saying: "Live more simply, so that others may simply live." Let us tread lightly on God's earth.

Best wishes

*Sarah*

## St. Andrew's prepares

IN September and at the beginning of October we are joining the campaign called 'Generous Giving' created and encouraged by Salisbury Diocese. It's all about considering God's Gifts to us and how we can become more generous, not only by giving gifts of money but also by using our talents and resources to be generous to others. Each week from the 12th September to the 3rd October, services in churches across the diocese will

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## Services in the Benefice of Puddletown, Tolpuddle, Milborne and Dewlish October 2021

You are welcome to join us

### 3rd October – Trinity 18/Pledge Sunday

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

### SATURDAY 9th October

3.15pm	Dedication after Civil Marriage	Tolpuddle
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### 10th October – Trinity 19/Pledge Sunday

9.30am	Parish Communion	Milborne
11.00	Puddletown Praise	Puddletown
11.00	Parish Communion	Dewlish

### 17th October – Trinity 20

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

### 24th October – Bible Sunday

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

### 31st October – All Saints' Sunday

10.30am	United Benefice	Dewlish
	Holy Communion	

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It has been really encouraging to see most of our regular worshippers return to church on Sundays and other special services. We are now thoroughly trained in social distancing and other safety measures and accept the ongoing need to be careful and cautious. We are also delighted to be able to offer refreshments after each service again. Small things but important.

Our Events Committee worked hard to plan and organise a Village Fair on August Bank Holiday Monday; and what a great job they did. The weather was just right. Thanks to other village organisations and groups there were plenty of stalls and items for sale. The dog show proved to be very popular with thanks to Trophy Foods, Maureen, Harry, all who entered their dogs and the Events Group members who organised it. The event raised over £870 thanks to all who supported it.

St Andrew's Harvest Festival was a month earlier than usual this year, but we had a large number of donations which have been taken to the Blandford Food Bank. About 25 people came to the service led by the Celebrate team, and were pleased to be able to join in singing the familiar harvest hymns. Afterwards we enjoyed tea and coffee and admired the displays of fruit, vegetables and flowers in all the windows created by the band of flower arrangers who decorate our church throughout the year.

In past years (before the pandemic) at Easter people made contributions, in memory of those who have died, which were



used to buy lilies which were displayed in church. Of course, this was not possible for the last two years. This year the intention is to plant spring flowering bulbs along the path into the church bought with donations from those who wish to remember their departed loved ones. We look forward to a lovely display at the beginning of next year.

*Pam Shults, Churchwarden*

## Dewlish Church Notes

WE HAVE been able to enjoy two more services outside the church. It has been so good to be able to sing the hymns without masks on! Thank you, Jim, for enabling this to happen.

We were so grateful to Milborne PCC for allowing us to have a stall at their Village Fair. We managed to raise £121.70 from our sales of jams and garden produce, also the hoop-la. Thank you so much! It was a very enjoyable afternoon and it was especially good to see so many friends after such a very long time. We are so pleased that St Andrew's Church raised a very good sum of money too.

As far as our finances are concerned, we have just paid nearly £1,850 for church insurance and £350 for the first half of the summer's grass cutting in the churchyard. Unfortunately, our parish council stopped our grant about three years ago but we have decided to keep the churchyard looking good.

Our fund-raisers and donations are so important in keeping the church open for the future, so we do hope that a further spike in Covid cases won't stop us from holding our Christmas Bazaar in early December, and any other fund-raising events we might put on.

We held our Farm Service once again, courtesy of Mrs Sue Britton and family. It was a glorious morning, and a real pleasure to view the beautiful countryside from the farm building. Thank you, Sue, for your wonderful hospitality (as usual!), and Sarah for the service.

Our Harvest Festival suffered rather for being brought forward a month; only 12 people attended. Nevertheless, our church looked lovely, as always. Many thanks to our flower arrangers, and to Jim for decorating the pillars in honeysuckle and old man's beard.

On the Monday we sold our produce, plus some lovely cakes, meringues and a home-made loaf, and raised £152.75. Thank you to the people who gave, and came to buy. We were blessed with the most glorious weather too!

*Daphne Burg*







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## Milborne St. Andrew summer fair 2021

SUMMER fairs, fayres, fêtes, call them what you will, do not happen without planning, preparation and hard work and all this was done in spades for this year's summer fair. Planning started back in January when we agreed to plan for the fair, hoping we would be able to hold it. That had to be done by email as the country was locked up behind net curtains and we were not allowed to meet. A tentative date was set, the same date we have held it on for years in its various guises, August Bank Holiday Monday. Tentative because no-one knew whether we would be able to meet en masse by then. The world was cold and dark in more ways than one.

Planning started in earnest once we were able to meet outside with a maximum of six people. Lucky that there are only six people on the St. Andrew's Church Events Committee. Meetings were held outside with a rainbow of down jackets providing warmth. Meetings did not over-run. The night before the Fair was a disturbed one for several committee members who were wondering if we had bitten off more than we could chew. Cakes and scones had been baked, fudge made, dish cloths knitted, jam made and put in jars but in the wee, small hours we were pursued round stalls by woman-eating scones topped with jam and cream (or cream and jam!). Monday lunchtime found us putting up tables, gazebos (with the help of my six-foot four son who volunteered - honestly), dog show ring and notices.

Friends of Milborne First School provided some ideas and a lovely colourful poster. If you wanted your face painted or a glitter tattoo then FoS stall was where you headed. The Fun Dog Show was judged by Maureen Lock and generously supported by Trophy Pet Foods who supplied the prizes and rosettes. Several village organisations had stalls, including Ladybirds, MSA Gardening Club and the Food and Wine Club. The Village Hall committee provided a bar and ice creams, Dewlish Church had a produce stall and there were cream teas in the village hall. The weather was kind and it was fine, encouraging people to come, but not hot and sunny enough that everyone went to the beach. There were ducks to catch, toys and books to buy, lucky dip, tombola, raffle, eco-crafts, the only thing lacking was skittling for a pig. Everyone there appeared to be enjoying themselves.

If you had a stall, thank you for contributing to the success of the day. If you came to spend, thank you for your support and we hope you enjoyed yourselves. The final profit, which will go to the upkeep of the church, was £872 a fabulous amount.

For everybody, please make a date for the Milborne Christmas Market in the village hall on the first Saturday in December, and we will see you there.

*Rose Johnson*

See photos on pages 16 and 17.

## Events for October at Winterborne Whitechurch Village Hall

**Saturday 2nd:** Games Night, free entry, 7.00pm.

**Sunday 24th:** Auction, 12 noon, items accepted Saturday 9.00am to 4.00pm.

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## Milborne's got the Blues is back so save the date

WAS it only a year ago since we gathered on the sports field for a Blues-infused picnic? . . . it seems so long ago. BUT we can once again bring you a very special offering . . . The Hitman Blues Band, from the US, will be touring in the autumn and we have been offered the chance to book them to play for us! They are coming on Saturday November 13th to continue our series of live blues nights at the village hall.

We expect to have to limit spaces for this evening, given the current guidelines for indoor events, so if you enjoy great live music, get your early booking in as soon as you can.

Proceeds from our Blues Nights go to local children's charities. Tickets £12. Book on 07910 875184.

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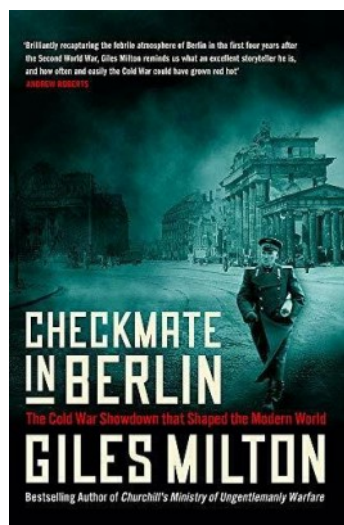
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The Cold War Showdown that shaped the Modern World



THIS book was the result of the author, as a young man, being inspired by his aunt, who had served in Berlin at the end of the Second World War. Although he didn't believe he listened to her stories of the ruined city and what happened there, some of it must have stuck, as later he spent many months of research, finding that what she had said was true.

The result is an intriguing book which tells the story of the criminals, ex-Nazis, black marketeers, kidnappers and

pimps who took over the city as the Allies struggled to catch up with the Russians, who were already occupying the sector allocated to them at the Yalta and Potsdam Conferences (plus a little more). It tells how the Allied Administration moved in expecting a continuation of the unity of four powers defeating Germany, to run the city for the benefit of its citizens. They were surprised to find that the Russians already had a Communist 'German' Government in place, under Walter Ulbricht, with placemen cleverly disguised as deputies, but actually wielding all the power in the city. It was difficult for the men on the ground to convince the politicians back home that the Russians were not necessarily on the same side any more.

Over a period of four years, the individuals from each nation tasked with rebuilding, worked together a little and against each other a lot, with spies, gangsters, defections, state-sponsored kidnappings (of scientists and engineers together with whole factories!) leading to the endgame of the Russian blockade of the city. This was supposed to bring Berlin and its war-weary, starving people gratefully into the Eastern sector. Luckily the US and UK had some seriously good logisticians, many aircraft and a particularly generous nature, despite the UK being on its knees financially and still rationing food to its own hungry citizens.

The story of how these clever and brave people ferried food, coal, salt and sweets by air into the besieged city, the small victories with power and water supplies and the broad sweep of the political climate with the strong personalities involved is woven into something that seems like a thriller, but is actually based on years of research in the great archives of the UK and US by the author.

This book is invaluable to anyone trying to understand the present relationships between the UK, the US and Russia, the distrust felt by thousands of Germans for the Russians, some of the reasons why the Russians behaved as they did, and the kleptocracy that underpinned both the Soviet and Nazi Regimes. Sadly it also destroyed Marshal Zhukov in my opinion. The master tactician of Leningrad, Stalingrad and Kursk turns out to have stolen housefuls of furs, jewellery, art and antiquities, to the point that even the Soviet authorities had to take action against him.

I haven't read any of Giles Milton's other books, but this has certainly inspired me to do so.

*Susan Wilson*

## Milton Abbas Surgery

ONCE again, our main flu clinic will be held a Winterbourne Whitechurch Village Hall on **Saturday 9th October 2021**. We are vaccinating more people than ever this year, so we need your help for it to be an efficient and effective day. Please note:

- Patients over 50 and those 18–50 with a chronic condition are eligible
- You will receive an invite via text or phone call. If you are eligible and haven't had an invite, please call the surgery
- You **must book** an appointment: we will not be able to vaccinate without an appointment
- Patients must arrive at their allocated appointment time to make sure queues don't build
- Patients must wear a mask, wear clothes which allow easy access to the upper arm and be ready to be vaccinated
- Car parking will be limited so please consider car sharing, parking away from the hall or walking. There will be parking available in the nearby school.

### Telephone Calls

We have recently had a new telephone system installed and hopefully we have got over the initial inevitable teething problems. Please note that calls are now being recorded and we are able to listen to conversations again if necessary. We hope this will help us to uphold our zero tolerance policy with regard to abuse towards staff.

### New Registrar

As a GP training practice we regularly host GP registrars and we have recently welcomed Dr John Dent who will be with us for a year.

### Dr Emily Woodcock

Drs Longley, Rees and Dean are delighted to inform patients that Dr Emily Woodcock, who trained with us and has worked with us as a salaried GP for the last year, has now become a partner in the practice. Dr Woodcock is a skilled and professional GP who I'm sure you will get to know in the future.

### Breast Cancer Awareness Month October 2021

Early signs of breast cancer can be a lump in a breast, a painful breast or armpit, or a discharge from the nipple. If any of these symptoms do present themselves there's no need to panic. Most of the time, pain or a lump in a breast can be perfectly harmless. The pain can be a sign of a cyst or the lump can be benign.

It's always better to be sure though, so if you develop any of the above signs, please call the surgery and book an appointment with one of our GPs.

### Note for Carers

Do you care for a family member or friend who has a disability, illness or needs support in later life? It is important that we know if you are an unpaid carer so that we are aware of the extra pressures you are under and can offer you appropriate support and information. If you haven't already, please let the surgery know you are an unpaid carer and who you care for, and we can record this information on your records. You can also pick up a carers information pack at Reception or look at the virtual version on our dedicated carers page on our surgery website.

For all of your caring and for all of your caregiving – thank you!



## Welcome back Ladybirds

WE welcome back Ladybirds and hello to some new faces. The start of a new school year always feels fresh and hopeful. We look forward to the chatter and antics of this next generation and keep fingers crossed that this year will be 'normal'. Although I'm not sure what that means as every year is different.

We are pleased to announce that we are opening longer hours which we hope will help those parents who work and need their youngest children looked after. From September we are open 9.00am–3.00pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Wednesdays will still be 9.00am–1.00pm. Please contact the team if you are interested in your child joining us.

The children were excited to discover our runner beans – donated by Marion Clemens (thank you) – are still growing well, despite them blowing over in the holidays and having tyres on top. Luckily, I noticed and stood them up with new supports. One little girl was particularly pleased to find and pick the beans because at home her big brother "always gets there first". After picking the biggest and fattest beans the children compared who had the longest and biggest, then opened them up to discover "shiny pink" beans which were carefully collected. Some of the beans were made into "soup" in the outside kitchen area. We will really cook some of the thinner beans and taste them this week.

This year there are changes to the EYFS which means reducing paperwork and including more play activities and interaction. This

is a good thing and gives us more excuse to play with the children. We have always had 'learning through play' as our ethos and it's great to see the experts agree it is best for preschoolers. We are incorporating core books and rhymes into our plans, so much pleasure comes from good stories. We have started with The Gruffalo as children of all ages like this. We have read the story lots of times and the children join



in with the repeating words. They have made pictures of the Gruffalo by sticking his features onto an outline; created a story board with many green handprints to make the 'deep dark wood' and made Gruffalo faces of chocolate crispy cakes decorated with white chocolate

teeth and jelly sweets for eyes and wart. Play dough this week was brown – coloured by cocoa powder – it smelt very strange! But the children loved it, made lots of cakes, and sang happy birthday several (lots) of times.

We wish to introduce into our outside play loose part construction and are looking for – small lengths of decking planks; short pieces of guttering or drainpipes; cable drums and tubs. Please if you have any of these items we would be very happy to have them.

Liz Dyre

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## Milborne St. Andrew Food & Wine Club

ON Saturday 21st August life returned to something approaching normal for the MSA Food & Wine Club with a very successful early evening Ploughman's Buffet at The Royal Oak. We all assembled in the courtyard of the pub for an introductory glass of Pimms where conveniently provided shelters kept us protected from the inevitable showers that tend to accompany many outdoor activities. This encouraged us to move into the skittle alley for the main event of the evening.

After we moved inside, we indulged in a magnificent spread of cold meats, cheeses, salad, bread and pickles enough to satisfy the most voracious appetite. Having said that it did not deter anyone from following it with a very tasty "Eton Mess" which disappeared very easily. Normal bar drinks were available and a very cordial social evening ensued allowing everyone to catch up with everything that had happened since the last meeting.

This was the first 'Home' venue since the pandemic struck and it was wonderful to meet up with friends again in a social environment without all the restrictions that have been a part of life for the last 18 months. Several more events are planned for the future and anyone interested in joining should contact Rose Frost at [msa.foodandwineclub@gmail.com](mailto:msa.foodandwineclub@gmail.com).  
*Laurie Benn*



## Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club . . . Coming up in October



REGULAR meetings in our village hall started again in September. It was good to get back to *almost* normal, chatting and enjoying an introduction to a craft that was new to all . . . macrame! Each person was given a potted plant and suitable cord and following an introduction and demonstration, everyone made a hanging support for their indoor plant. The quality of the end result was . . . mixed. Some were destined to be displayed indoors, others, for reasons of health and safety would be consigned to the shed.

In October we're looking forward to a talk on growing fruit and vegetables, to be given by local expert Steve Gould from Steeptonbill Farm Shop. If you already grow your own produce do still come along, you might learn something new! If you've not grown fruit or vegetables before, come along to find out how easy it is to get started, learn about new and innovative ways to grow in small areas and think outside the box (or grow-bag) when considering what and where to grow. Steve would welcome questions in advance so feel free to email your question to me before the event and I'll pass it on to Steve.

Everyone is welcome, so do please join us at the Milborne Village Hall on Thursday 28th October at 7.30pm.

Thursday 18th November at 7.30pm. AGM and social event.

Needless to say, we'll be following government COVID guidelines to ensure our use of the village hall is as safe as possible.

*Mark Johnson* email: [manda.johnson@outlook.com](mailto:manda.johnson@outlook.com)

## Romance scams

ROMANCE scams are crimes that break the hearts of victims, not only because of the financial loss they suffer, but also because of the loss of the relationships they believed were genuine. Thousands of people lose money to romance frauds each year after being conned on internet dating sites and social networks.

Scammers set up fake profiles, fake photos and claim to be from other parts of the world, for example the United States. The scammer weaves a story of a successful person working overseas, and presents themselves as a thoughtful, caring and loving individual who is looking for their soul mate. The scammers are good at what they do; they ask lots of questions of the victim about what they want in their lives. They then use the information and turn it into a dream that becomes a reality to the victim. They use words we all like to hear to win their victim's heart, and they use psychology to hold them in their spell. Once they have established a relationship then the scamming begins. In all cases the plea for financial assistance is the key to the scam. This can be for assistance in cashing a cheque that they are unable to cash themselves, or asking for financial assistance to help them out of a difficulty they are having. For example, they were mugged, or involved in an accident, and are in hospital but cannot pay their hospital bill, or they are desperate to come to visit but need help with the money to manage that.



For further advice, or to report a scam to Trading Standards, call the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 03454 04 05 06.

Deadline for the next issue is mid-day 14th October. Send your stories and pictures to [msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk)



## Coffee and cake for a good cause

A HUGE Thank you from Macmillan and Sarah and Neil Clark to all those who supported their cuppa in the garden up at Wetherby Close back on 21st August.



The heavens opened in the morning, but providence brought the sunshine in the afternoon! This allowed friends, neighbours, and villagers to enjoy coffees and teas from a bottomless pot in good company with some good old cake. Rosemary Buck from



Flamingo Cards in Puddletown donated a percentage of her takings to the Good Cause too. In total a whopping £350 was raised for Macmillan. Sarah then went on to complete the

Mighty Hike walking 13 miles of the Jurassic Coast from Weymouth to Lulworth also for Macmillan the following weekend. Macmillan and the cancer journey certainly resonate with us all. Thank you, folks!



## Can you help at Longmead?

GREETINGS from Longmead. We have had an amazing summer running our holiday club alongside the work we do with families and young people. As a result, we have lots of jobs to do on the project. We really need volunteers to help us look after our allotments, gardens, house, fields and animals. We meet every Monday from 10.00am. Do come down and take a look.

We also really need volunteers to support our family work. We really benefit from people's experience or people seeking to develop theirs. A non-judgemental listening ear, a kind and supportive attitude to work alongside the families spending the day at the farm is all we ask for once a month.

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Please do ring or email if we can be of any help.

Take care, Sarah and the team. Email: [admin@longmead.org](mailto:admin@longmead.org)  
Call: 01258 837960.





## Lighting up Milborne St. Andrew this Christmas

### Looking for a Sponsor to fuel the competitive spirit

WHAT a fantastic display the village made last year despite all the gloom and doom of the COVID epidemic. We would like to replicate that experience this year including the competitive



element of prizes for the three best displays. Is there anybody out there who would like to sponsor the competition? Judging would take place at 6.30pm on



Saturday 11th December 2021 so, for those of you who would like to take part your displays will need to be up in time for the event to take place.

If you are interested in supporting this with prizes please contact the Reporter team

msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk.

Carole Fornachon

## Anyone for Bridge?

AFTER a long Covid induced shutdown the MSA Bridge Group had its revival meeting at The Royal Oak on 1st of September, hopefully a sign that life is returning to normal. We will be continuing as before the pandemic with meetings being held on Wednesday evenings in weeks when the pub is staging a Pie Night or a Theme Night and on Thursday evenings when the pub has no events scheduled. Both will start at 7.00pm. The first meeting in October 2021 will be on Thursday 7th and then Wednesday 13th.

The aim of the group is to provide an opportunity to learn and improve your playing skills in a social and 'blame free' environment. As the evenings draw in now is a good time for anyone with an interest in finding out about bridge to make a start by joining the group where you will be made very welcome. For anyone who has never played before instruction will be provided along with a simple two-page 'crib' sheet. In fact, several of our 'regulars' had never played before joining the group but have enjoyed this way of learning and improving their game. There is no charge for joining or playing.

If you would like to try something new or to improve your playing skills by regular practice and would like more information please contact me, Laurie Benn, on 01258 837720 or by email at laurie@benn.me.uk. If you feel that evening meetings are not convenient, please get back to me and it may be possible to arrange other times.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Laurie Benn

## Village lunch returns

I am happy to tell you that we have started our once a month village lunches again in the village hall. We receive our meals as usual from The Royal Oak and are following Covid rules by distancing the tables, sanitiser is provided and our team is masked as they serve your food. If you would like to join us you can contact me, Josie Wright, on 839090 to book, we are a friendly sociable bunch and you would be very welcome.

This month's menu can be found on page 2.



## Milborne Players

WE hope everybody was aware of the pantomime auditions held on 4th and 6th September which helped us recruit all our actors. We are full steam ahead now, back in the village hall and starting to rehearse. We're all super keen to launch this incredible show, which brings for you a magical and local ambience to the wonderful fairy tale of Cinderella: with our very own handsome Prince Stileham! We'll keep you posted right here.

Although not theatre, I thought Dorset's own Lawrence After Arabia film was worth a mention here. Originally due for launch in 2020, this film is showing across Dorset on various dates in October and November. Venues include the Rex in Wareham and Herrison Hall, Charlton Down. This latter venue features a question and answer session with the director after the film; 10th October (two showings)

Kate Hawker





**Handsome Dog 1st Storm with handler Amanda 2nd Beamer with handler Christine**



**Dog Most Like It's Owner 1st Theodora**



**Prettiest Bitch 1st Dory with handler Kevin 2nd Delphi with handler Tim**



**Best Puppy 1st Keziah with handler Susan 2nd Peggy with handler Kim**



**Best Golden Oldie (over 7 years old) 1st Jess with handler Chris 2nd Molly with handler Amanda**



**Above Cake and preserves**







1st Dog with handler Amanda x 2, and 2nd Henri with handler Glenn



## Milborne St Andrew Village Fair and Dog Show

Grateful thanks to Trophy Pet Foods for their sponsorship and help.  
 Thanks to all the people who brought their dogs along and made it a fun afternoon and  
 Maureen Lock for being the judge and Harry Thomas for acting as MC.



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## Nothing ventured nothing gained

First off, a very big thank you to Philp for his letter in the July *Reporter*, it came like a shot out of the Blue to everyone associated with the Sports Club and was most welcome. It really felt like the worm had turned and things were on the up.

It has ruffled a few feathers particularly amongst those that for years have spread false and deliberately misleading accounts about me and the Sports Club but unfortunately for us Philip's comments have proved to be a partial false dawn and clearly in some circles the "worm is not for turning".

Luckily it has been followed by a lot of good feedback about the improvements to the Pavilion over the lockdown and a particularly heartfelt comment from local Ryan Hopkins, Quote: *"Well I think what you and Malcolm have done for this village is nothing short of extraordinary and efforts are much appreciated"*.

Many thanks to you too Ryan it makes what we do so worthwhile and I know that your view is also shared by those on the Parish Council who support and understand what we are trying to achieve for the benefit of the village. Have you ever thought about joining the Parish Council or the Sports Club team!!

We desperately need some good positive news that we can cash in on and encourage more to come and join the team but unfortunately the misleading comment in the June Parish Council minutes (agenda Item 8) has put us back in our box.

Over the issue of replacing the existing keyed padlock to the site gates with a personal digital access code to anyone that wanted it, it was felt that the Sports Club could become exclusive use to the few. It was the opposite of what we stated we were setting out to achieve. Two steps forward; one step back.

Clearly with the same information the Lottery Community

Fund did not agree with that assessment and felt "really happy to be funding our project" that in their words "would help our community survive".

A grant of £6,150 has just been given to support the initiative to get rid of the exclusive use the existing 30 keyholders enjoy and to open the vehicular access to the site to the whole community. The funding is also supporting the provision of an outside toilet facility for members of the community, allotmenters to use. Something the non paying users of the recreational space have mentioned limits their use and something we are happy to provide and maintain for the benefit of the community.

The provision of an open canopy is still on the back burner and we are still gathering information on the design specification and the necessary supporting detail to gain the support of the Council to move to a position of submitting outline plans to Dorset Council Planners. Our lease requires the Council to approve the submitting of any Planning application with their reserved right to make comments / objections if a planning application is ever made.

We have had nothing but supportive comments from a wide range of community groups, the Friends of School, the Beavers, music event organisers, for wedding receptions and football teams. It hits all the right buttons in the post COVID world where ventilation and spacial considerations are paramount. It also hits the right buttons when developer contributions for improvements to social and recreational are being considered as part of the Neighbourhood Plan Policy outcomes.

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# MILBORNE ST. ANDREW FIRST SCHOOL

Learning together and having fun

## SCHOOL NEWS



Milborne First School was very fortunate to have a visit from the professional gymnast Isabel Haigh on the 6th July. Isabel and her team represented Great Britain in the World Championships a few years ago and they won the bronze medal! She put our pupils through their paces and they all did amazingly well, we then watched the bronze medal winning performance and Isabel answered lots of questions from the children.

We raised a fantastic total of £998.21 of which (after costs had been taken into account) the school receives a £430.46 voucher which will be put towards some new football goals and some other much needed PE equipment. Well done everyone!!!

Robins class have worked over the past two terms to move from bronze to silver award in the RSPB Wild Challenge. They have been encouraging nature by providing food, water and habitats as well as observing nature in the grounds, taking photos and writing poems.



Transfer day and the new Robins class making scented nature smoothies as part of the silver RSPB award.

Robins class beanbag throwing challenge at sports day.

## 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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Rose Engineering a local company, have provided us with the design and planning considerations that will need to be incorporated. In order to maximise the range of opportunities the footprint has changed, and I am sure that it will change again. It is now 35m long as opposed to 30m thereby allowing activities such as outside bowls as well as inside bowls to take place.

The internal height will maximise the range of sporting activities possible without visually impacting on the outside space. Indoor cricket, volley ball, netball, Kick boxing, dog training would all become possible.

The eaves height would be restricted to three metres allowing drop down marquee side panels to be used for a wedding reception, party, etc. Placed pitch side it offers an undercover spectator stand or a turn up and play changing area for teams, a venue of an outside film night, a local barn dance . . . in fact almost anything. Clive Rawlings has his eyes on it as a venue for local live music events.

Clearly we haven't thought of everything but we could do with some help to touch all the right bases. Price is clearly a consideration and before going out to competitive tendering, initial costings for the provision of the structure is in the region of £71k. That just gets it into the ground, other elements that can be picked off as and when include: Electrics, drop down side panels, artificial grass surface etc

What to join in the fun come on up, don't be worried about all the mischaracterisation of my conduct and character or of the negative comments about the need for such a facility. As Shirley Dunkey said when she interrupted the usual banter about me at her and Peter's farewell gathering "Richard is the most misunderstood person in this village" enough said. *Richard Lock*

## Hooray, the Wednesday Club is back!



WE met together in the Village Hall on Wednesday 4th August and it was SO good to catch up with everyone again.

Josie Wright had volunteered to talk about family history, something she is passionate about and what stories she told, incredibly funny!

One incident took place in 1958 at the wedding of her cousin. Josie's mother was sat next to her father Grandad Urwin, who by all accounts was "a bit of a character", at the front of the church. Suddenly he gently tilted towards his daughter and thinking he had fallen asleep she tried to wake him, only to find that he had passed away and this was before the bride had made an appearance. They gently moved him to a pew at the back of the church and decided to say nothing until the service had taken place so as not to spoil the day. The wedding went ahead and the hearse arrived just as the happy couple were driven away from the church.

What a story and there were more in the same vein.

Thank you Josie for such an entertaining start to our programme of events. However the main purpose of her volunteering to talk was to get people to write down family stories and history and pass them to the next generation so they are not lost.

Josie is a very talented lady and she regaled us with a couple of her slightly risqué poems and limericks, that had us all in fits of laughter. A most enjoyable start for the reopening of the Club.

*Lis Watts*

# Prints of old Milborne

MRS Christine Payne (former resident of Milborne St. Andrew) has a collection of prints of old houses and streets in the village. She tells me she bought these at a second hand bookstore in Blandford in 1994 arranging for them to be framed after she moved to Epsom.

Now living in Hove, where there is no room on the walls for these reminders of her happy days here, she says it is time to move onto another stage of her life and wants to bring them to the attention of current residents in case anyone is interested in making an offer for them. On moving from the Wirral to MSA, as Mr Payne had been offered a job in Poole, their children, Alexandra and Michael, were 13 and 11 years respectively and were educated in Dorchester. The Paynes bought number 1 Crown House (which was originally a coaching inn converted into two dwellings).



A retired plasterer, Mr Lovell, was introduced to them in 1979 and they found his expertise invaluable in tackling the



renovation of what was then a dwelling greatly in need of renovation. He accepted Mrs Payne as an inexperienced but willing co-worker and together they gradually restored it. Exhausted by their

labours but pleased with their efforts, and joined by the rest of the family at weekends, they would treat themselves to novel "basket" meals at The Royal Oak and were intrigued by the innovation of a skittle alley! I am told that the family enjoyed living in the village and their family and friends loved coming to stay. They made friends in the village and joined some of the activities including the drama group.

Mrs Payne worked at the Weymouth Technical College in 1980 whilst her husband worked overseas first in Nigeria, then in the USA. As this was not ideal they moved to Surrey in 1983 where they could both find local employment, but

kept Crown House for weekends. Alexandra continued her education at the college where her mother worked in Epsom. Michael studied Philosophy at London University then Accountancy, and Alexandra followed her interest in Psychology at LSE, now working as a Child and Adolescent Psychotherapist, a profession she loves.

I understand that the outbuildings at Crown House were used as a motor repair business for several years when the Paynes lived there. Number 2 Crown House was rented by a married couple and

was in a poor state of repair. They were not consulted about the decision to demolish number 2 Crown House, but in her opinion it could well have been condemned as unfit to live in, and the outbuildings were also demolished. The Paynes had moved to Surrey when this occurred and had stopped living there full time. It came as a great shock to them and resulted in many problems with damp. Nonetheless, they continued to renovate the property and it eventually sold. *Her entire collection of prints are available to buy and she will take any reasonable offers. If you are interested please get in touch with her at this email address: c.payne633@btinternet.com or through the Reporter.*

Carole Fornachon





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## Wednesday Club learns all about aromatherapy

In September we were given a very informative talk by Pam Shults about aromatherapy and the advantages of using essential oils in massage and creams. She explained the use of the individual oils like lavender and rose and that a very few drops could be expensive. We then all had the chance at giving ourselves a hand massage using her cream. Most of us went home with a very soft relaxed hand.

In October we are going to Holme Nurseries for afternoon tea. Any members who have not given their names to Ian or Jenny please do so as soon as possible.

Jenny Balcon

## Milborne Jumble Trail for FoS

**Sunday 3rd October 10.00am – 2.00pm**

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Drop us a line on messenger or an email to (msa\_fos\_chair@outlook.com) for more details or for a map to be emailed over for you to grab a bargain!!!

Marie, Co-chair

## Milborne Movies again!

**Friday October 8th at 7.30pm, at the Village Hall**

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### Blinded By The Light

THIS film, which came out in 2019, is inspired by the book about his childhood written by the journalist, Sarfraz Manzoor. It is directed by Gurinder Chadha, who gave us *Bend It Like Beckham*.

Javed is a Pakistani teenager who experiences racial and economic turmoil while living in Luton, England, in 1987. He writes poetry as a way to escape the intolerance of his hometown and the stubborn views of his traditional father. When a classmate introduces him to the music of Bruce Springsteen, Javed sees parallels between the singer's powerful lyrics and his own life and working-class environment. Springsteen's melodies soon inspire Javed to find his own voice and follow his dreams.

Deadline for the next issue is mid-day 14th October

## "O be Joyful" as choirs return!

MANY choirs and choral societies have been unable to sing together since March 2020 but now restrictions are lifting Wareham Choral Society is planning a return to music making in September 2021. Their Monday evening rehearsals at Lady St. Mary's Church will include the standard Christmas fare including carols and excerpts from Handel's "Messiah" but also an exciting newly commissioned work. The "Dorset Jubilate" has been written for the Choral Society by composer Philip Singleton, and as well as the familiar words of the Jubilate, it incorporates settings of poems by local poet Thomas Hardy – "The Darkling Thrush", and "The Oxen" which adds a Christmas feel to the piece due to be first performed on 4th December 2021 in a concert with Briantspuddle Singers.

Composer Philip Singleton says: "It is my sincere hope that the "Dorset Jubilate" should contain something to appeal to all . . . and what better to set than poems by Thomas Hardy? The Jubilate invites Christians to be joyful and to praise God, while Hardy's poem "The Oxen" takes the form of a pastoral carol-like setting, and in "The Darkling Thrush" a lone wanderer on the point of despair finds solace in the song of an unseen thrush – suggested here by solo trumpet."

Briantspuddle Singers meet on Tuesdays at 7.30pm at Briantspuddle Village Hall and Wareham Choral Society on Monday evenings at 7.30pm in Lady St. Mary's Church, Wareham, and would welcome new members for all voice parts.

For more information please contact: Andrea Smith, 01929 471412. [Allanandrea.smith@gmail.com](mailto:Allanandrea.smith@gmail.com)

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## Sue retires after 21 years



On the last day of the term at Milborne First School we said goodbye to Mrs Sue Collier who starts her retirement at the end of this term. Sue has been part of the Milborne School team for 21 years. During that time she has worked in various roles including Teaching Assistant, Janitor, Caretaker, Cleaner, Breakfast Club Leader and Creche. She has also supported during Golden Time on occasion.

Sue has a heart of gold, and always has the children's interests in mind and will go above and beyond to meet their needs.



She is always the first to ask about staff and their families. She has a wicked sense of humour, which has given us many laughs over the years. She will be missed at Milborne, but we wish her a very healthy, happy retirement.

Sadly, due to COVID we had to rethink our original afternoon tea plan but it was lovely that we were able to be joined by Bill Collier and her daughters Emma and Amy.



## 'No plants, no planet' . . . at the WI

IT seems a long time since we were able to meet at the Village Hall, and it was good to see so many of our members for our September meeting, including two visitors, Angie and Tina. It is important to say that even so every Covid precaution was taken. Our President, Angela, thanked everyone who had worked behind the scenes to keep members in touch with each other, and had done their bit to weather the storm! She mentioned in particular the meetings in gardens and the little surprise gifts distributed to everyone.

Looking ahead, the DFWI Annual meeting at the Lighthouse, Poole, is on Thursday 21st October, there will be a visit to the Slimbridge Wildlife Trust on 17th November, and a Christmas Crafts workshop on 6th November 2021 for those interested in attending.

A valuable source of communication during the pandemic, and a WI initiative, has been our Book Club, which has been running now for over a decade. Thanks in no small part to our leader, Carole Fornachon, who dealt with the collection and distribution of books, and our online reviews, we were able to read a book each month and view each others' thoughts. We have just read *'The Silk Factory'* by Judith Allnatt and will meet at Val's house to discuss it.

It was lovely to welcome Pauleen Trim once more, to talk about her work as a craftswoman and botanical artist and to show us just some of her many designs. Pauleen's skills are wide-ranging; she brought along 'Elmer', a colourful patchwork elephant, a celebration of children's individuality and laughter, and the subject of an exhibition at Dorset Museum next month.



Pauleen originally trained in Fine Arts and taught for 25 years. On retirement she took a course in botanical painting and fell in love with nature. Her watercolours follow the life cycle of plants and show the details, textures and colour combinations that nature puts together. She is presently exhibiting six of her botanical paintings at the RHS in London, to include elder, ash, hazel, maple, oak and

beech. She reiterates the importance of plants – 'no plants, no planet'. Samples of her work show that retirement has not slowed Pauleen down, and lockdown has only encouraged her to keep on painting. We were all overwhelmed; her work is beautiful and inspired, and we are lucky to have such a talented artist in our locality.

Our next meeting is on Thursday, 14th October, when Sue Hodder will talk to us about *'Riding for the Disabled'*. We look forward to meeting again.

Pat Bull

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# The Early Night

By Jan Beaumont<sup>®</sup>

I went to bed at 10 o'clock  
To have an early night  
I thought I'd watch some telly  
Before I turned out the light.

I was engrossed in what was on  
It was the movie 'Seven'  
Before I knew it time had flown  
And it was now eleven.

I finished up the movie  
Should now be fast asleep  
By it was well past midnight  
How did I get in so deep?

And now I'm feeling wide awake  
Adrenalin's kicked in  
So I went out to the kitchen  
And I poured myself a gin.

I finished that, came back to bed  
But now of course I knew  
I wasn't going to fall asleep  
And now the clock said two.

I didn't have a hope of sleep  
The iPad was right there  
And so it seemed quite sensible  
To play some solitaire.

I played, I won, I played again  
By now I'm wide awake  
It's very nearly three o'clock  
Just how much can I take?

One episode of Handmaid's Tale  
And then I'll try again  
And now the flaming clock says four  
And here we go again!

I make myself turn off the light  
But now I toss and turn  
Just thinking of poor Offred  
When will I ever learn?

I finally lose consciousness  
Somewhere 'bout half past four  
I'll have to sleep at least till ten  
To get five hours or more.

The morning came and I'm still out  
The deepest sleep I'd known  
The only error I had made  
Was not turning off my phone!

I slowly opened up one eye  
I really felt quite surly  
Tonight I'll not get caught again  
I'm turning in real early!

# Rosie and Katie's travels to Devon

OFF we go again, the big tin box on wheels has been packed carefully by Dad (Mum added a few more things on the quiet) then it was hooked up to the car and away we went to Devon.

We pitched up at a nice site with a lovely big dog walking field, Mum had remembered to bring the tennis balls and the throwing thingy so we had lots of fun chasing about and meeting all sorts of different dogs.

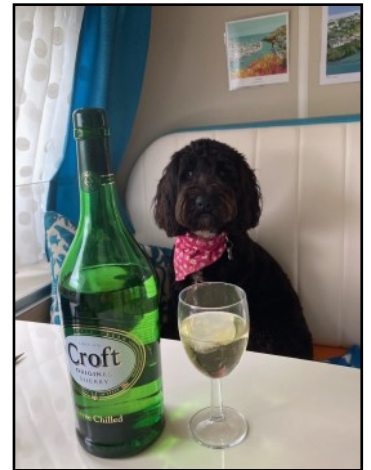
It's a good area for walking and we visited a place called Brixham, we didn't see any bricks and the only ham was in dad's sandwich (he didn't give us any by the way). It was very very busy with lots of grockles (not including us of course) and we were all relieved to get back on the coast path for some peace and quiet. We found a little cove and us dogs went in for a paddle which was good as it was a warm day, Katie was showing off by going in further than me but her legs are longer than mine anyway!

Dad has bought a new gadget to cook on outside it's got two sides that get very hot, one for veggies and one for meat or fish, well dad got some lovely fish and saved some for us, it was called sea bass, not sure what other sort of bass there is only the sort in the sea!

Another day we went across on a ferry to Dartmouth which was very nice, Katie hadn't been on a ferry before but she saw I wasn't bothered so just looked out of the window as we went across the River Dart. Again there were lots of people about and loads of dogs looking bored getting dragged around the shops. Lucky for us Mum only went in one shop to buy a new T shirt (as if she hasn't got enough already).

The best day for us was when we parked the car near the coast path and did a long walk to a nice little place called Shaldon. The walk went through woods and fields with lots of ups and downs, Mum was puffing up the hills but made it to the end. After a nice ice cream we all got the bus back to the car, it was the first time Katie had been on a bus (not showing off but I've been on a few in Italy) she was very good but jumped off quick when the doors opened for us!

Off course all good things come to an end and after a week we were off home, Katie was so excited to be home she pushed me out of the way to get in the door first, blooming pups, no manners!





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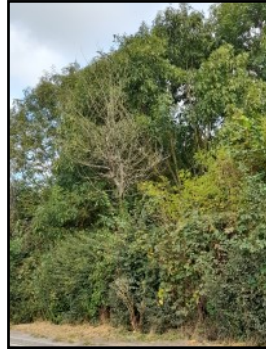
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# Some good and some bad in nature

THIS year has seen both ends of the spectrum for me in nature. It started with my showing some resistance to my partner's desire to watch the development of some chrysalises that she had reared from caterpillars last year because she was fascinated by the metamorphosis process. Unfortunately, she had collected caterpillars of the large white butterfly, (the one that eats my cabbages and sprouts). It was successful (for her), and there were some dozen or so white butterflies that she released. Imagine my horror when in the following few days or maybe weeks there were masses of the white butterflies in my garden. Were they all from that small release? Apparently not, as I found later. These were all from France, all migrating as they do each year for a special trip to eat my vegetables! Not to be outdone, when I was out walking, I saw one Small Tortoiseshell butterfly. Now I know



they have suffered a lot from parasitism from a tiny wasp, so I have been keen to find some caterpillars. To my great surprise, within 10 yards I found a whole patch of black caterpillars munching away at stinging nettles, their favourite food. I gathered about forty of them and brought them home to rear in a safe environment away from predatory wasps. They grew well on a daily supply of fresh nettles although I was aware that other butterflies laid eggs on stinging nettles. Showed pictures of them to other people and was assured, much to my disappointment that they were probably Red Admirals. Nevertheless, they are nice butterflies too, so I proceeded with the feeding and after about three weeks they pupated, and I waited. After 21 days they emerged, Hooray . . . but to my surprise they were Peacock butterflies, not Small Tortoiseshells or Red Admirals.

With my interest in hedgehogs I have been disappointed not to have many reports from the village this year, although I have seen two dead on the main road. Then, about two weeks ago



there was hedgehog poo outside the back door. I put out a trail camera to see if it returned. Each night there were 12 to 15 shots on the recording card. Of these one

third were blank, one third were next door's cat and one third were of a hedgehog. This went on for nearly a week and each morning I would examine the results on the camera to find the same, until one morning, the same shots as before until; one was a badger! Right on the doorstep. What a surprise. I just hope it wasn't looking for the hedgehog to eat!

Sadly, the diseases of our common trees are becoming more apparent as the effects of ash dieback can be seen in the hedgerows. Additionally, we no longer have the tall, graceful elm trees, once common in the past. But oddly, elm is now more common than before the



major outbreaks of Dutch elm disease, but it is now only a hedgerow shrub, as when it gets to a few metres tall it succumbs to the disease and dies back leaving dead sticks pointing skywards. The oaks, one of our



oldest indigenous trees, carry very large numbers of creatures, fungi and lichens on them and generally live with them, but sometimes even the mighty oak submits to one of these. Oak processionary moth can cause this and is an increasing problem in other parts of the country. I hope we don't see lots of skeletal oaks in the future. .

*Pip Howell September 2021*

## Friends of School news

Our children have settled well into their new school years and are well into the autumn term now. It's such a busy term for many reasons and I don't want to mention it, but Christmas is just around the corner so many of our committee members are busy plotting and planning festive activities for our school children!

I wanted to give you some feedback regarding our summer raffle which was drawn back in July. It was a real success and the support we had, not just from families at the school, but to the villagers and the wider community around Milborne was simply amazing. We had just over 70 amazing prizes with many of you entering the draw. We raised an amazing £1,400 for FoS which will give our playground refurbishment fund a real boost. A special thank you to Ian Joyce Motors who was our sponsor, to anyone who donated a prize and to those who purchased tickets – your support really is appreciated. Congratulations to all our winners too!

Also, I just wanted to remind villagers that we have a clothing donation bank at the school for any unwanted but clean items. Items such as shoes, sheets, towels, handbags, belts, curtains, fabrics, blankets and soft toys are all accepted. There's also a box in school's reception to leave your empty printer cartridges (no laser or toner cartridges). FoS receive an amount per kg for clothing and a set amount for each cartridge we return. Both are great ways to prevent items going into landfill.

Best wishes

*Marie, Co-chair*

## Ladybirds Halloween Coffee Morning

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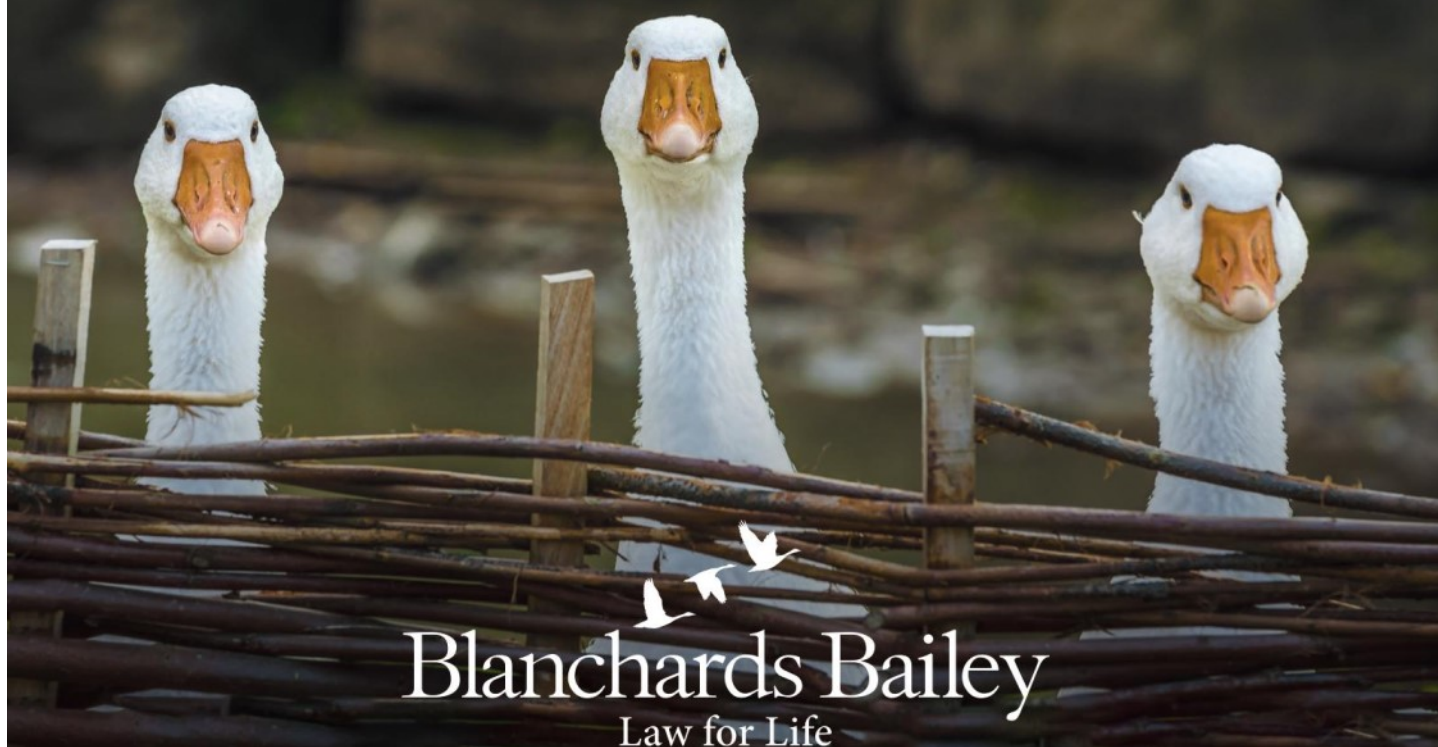
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## Huntley Down cash earmarked for A354 traffic calming at PC meeting

THE ongoing development at Huntley Down produced a couple of areas of discussion at the September Parish Council meeting. A number of concerned residents had been in touch with the council about the appearance of large spoil heaps at the site. Some were worried that there was a flood risk to houses downhill at Bladen View and it was said that high levels of silt in the stream correspond with the increase of building work over the last year. However, as far as Dorset Council is concerned, the construction of 25 houses is a work in progress and no action would be taken. The Parish Council reiterated that it doesn't have any power in this regard but made clear that it will "keep an eye" on the development and refer it to Enforcement at the county if necessary.

On the subject of the condition of the stream, there was frustration at the cancellation of the stream clearance south of March Bridge that had been planned for early September. The council had not received any contact from the flood team as to why it had been shelved. A concerned member of the public present asked whether residents could get together and form their own work party. Cllr Macnair said the stream was not within the Parish Council's remit since it was an Environment Agency area, but suggested residents talk with the landowner, noting that there was a management plan for clearance methods due to the presence of water voles.

The quite evident progress at Huntley Down made it sensible to look to the timescales and trigger points that release funding for community infrastructure – Section 106 cash – Cllr Witherden said. The legally agreed categories of which the total of £117k can be spent on includes play facilities, allotments, outdoor and indoor sports facilities, including 'facilitation of access' in each case. However, in the village survey for the Neighbourhood Plan (NP), the two areas that scored highest for improvement if there were funds from building were traffic calming and the provision of a dedicated pre-school. Cllr Witherden went on to say that the remit of the Huntley Down S106 included only first, middle and upper schools, with the developer paying a separate contribution to Dorset Council of £152k for the increased educational needs due to the development. Cllr Witherden pointed out that the scope of the S106 for the Camelco development at the top of Blandford Hill did include pre-school funding. She said that in the recent update of the NP, traffic calming measures through the village were scored "very important" by 58% of respondents (34) with only two alternative suggestions for funding, those being electric vehicle charging and renewable power generation. The original plan had pinpointed the need for traffic management to enable the safe crossing of the A354, a reason as to why 'facilitation of access' was added to the S106 remit of Huntley Down.

Richard Lock, chair of the Sports Club, spoke of the recent visit councillors made for an early discussion about a potential canopy building to allow more events to go ahead at the Lane End site. He said that the club "should be in the pot" for help with the cost of the structure, which has been quoted at around £76k. There was provision in the S106 specifically for maintenance costs for play and outdoor sports which amounts to £12.2k. Ed Frost, chair of the Village Hall, asked what influence the PC has in how monies were spent; Cllr Witherden said that the county was the "responsible body for funding" but she expected the PC to have a big say in the final outcome. Cllr Macnair said that the PC had an opportunity to meet a target of the NP in traffic calming and he thanked Cllr Witherden for her work.

At the July meeting, Cllr Witherden said that since the affordable housing component (a total of eleven homes) of the development would be available in the not-too-distant future, it was important to flag to the community the recent changes to housing policy. Houses will now be allocated from July within a new system called Dorset Council Home Choice, which replaces the existing housing register and the former assessment criteria. The website is [www.dorsetcouncilhomechoice.org.uk](http://www.dorsetcouncilhomechoice.org.uk)

An application for a SANG – Suitable Accessible Natural Greenspace – in mitigation for the building of 61 homes that has been granted at the old dairy car park site has been submitted to planning. The proposed area (pictured) will allow open access to



woodland and green space behind the business centre and The Rings, with a car park for four vehicles. Cllr Stephens asked if there was any concern from residents of The Rings; Cllr Macnair said there had been no correspondence. Future management of the trees was noted but the application was supported

by councillors. Two other planning applications were supported by the PC with no concerns, that of an extension in Wetherbury Close and a new grain store at Deverel Farm.

The 'ways of working' of the PC had been discussed at the last meeting in July, which had been precipitated by the results of the internal audit. Councillors met during August as a working party to talk about the clerk's role and associated areas. They brought to the September meeting their proposals which included increasing the clerk's hours following a review of his workload. Mr Lewin is to be contracted to work 35 hours a month, up from 20 hours with a regrading to place him midway in the LC2 pay scale. The PC proposed to cover the increase of £2,440 in the clerk's pay from council reserves for this year. It was agreed that the PC will engage more with social media, which Mr Lewin was keen to do, looking to provide more information and signposting of material that were of community interest, such as providing links for Dorset Council services. There was also discussion about business continuity in tragic circumstances – how the PC would function if information was not obtainable. It was suggested a sealed envelope in a safe with passwords for council business accounts and/or data saved in cloud storage.

Coffin Path – the footpath between the A354 and the church – and the dangerous condition of a wall along it has been the subject of concern with residents for months. The concrete wall has been in a state of collapse for a while, with just a fence retaining it. A Dorset Council ranger who visited agreed that it should be addressed immediately. The most dangerous sections have now been removed and the ranger, together with the PC's clerk and the property's family are to meet later in the month to remove the remaining pieces. The ranger had been in Milborne to look at a large trench that had appeared by Lawn Barn in Coles Lane, causing concern to walkers and riders. The hole had been dug to take surface water run-off from the adjacent field and the ranger was assured that an anti-skid cover will be installed in the next few weeks.

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*Ed Richards*



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 South West Highways [hello@swhitd.co.uk](mailto:hello@swhitd.co.uk) 01404 821500  
 Wessex Water Sewerage Floodline 03458 505959  
 MSA Flood Warden, Non-Emergency Only: Mark Johnson 01258 839060

## GENERAL — ADULT

Moonlight Swing Band	Gillian Pink	01305 260731
M.A. Neighbourcar	Nigel Hodder	01258 470333
Wednesday Social Club	Sheila Burton	01258 839033
Women's Institute	Lesley Clarke	01929 471732

## GENERAL — YOUTH

Milborne Ladybirds	Liz Dyer	01258 839117
Scout Group	Sam Elliott	07873 762035

## POLICE

Police – Non-emergency contact		101
Community Beat Officer	PC Dave Mullins	101
Safer Neighbourhood Team	PC Dave Mullins and PCSO Luke Goddard	101

## SCHOOL

Milborne First School		
Headteacher:	Sharon Staddon	01258 837362
Chair Governors:	David French	
Friends of School co-Chair:	Marie Chappell and Natalie Dennis	

## SPECIAL INTEREST

Bellringers	Pip Bowell	01258 837329
Bridge Group	Laurie Benn	01258 837720
Cribbage	Peter Anthony	01258 837089
Dog Training Behaviour	Natasja Lewis	07896 275357
Food and Wine Club	Rose Frost	01258 837921
MSA Allotment Society Chair:	Joy Robinson	01258 837661
Secretary:	Anna Cullen	01258 837143
MSA Gardening Club	Sally Dyer	01258 837061
Milborne Players	Gren Davis	07876 793319
Round Robin Ramblers	Ian Bromilow	01258 880044
Village History Group	Pam Shults	01258 837203

## SPORT

Hardy Country Bowmen	Mike Healy	01300 342134
Badminton	Bruce Dyer	01258 839117
Circuit training	Grace Martin	01305 213885
Cricket – Dewlish	Elaine Kellaway	01258 837696
Pilates (school)	Claire Barratt	07703 648869

Football – Veterans	Paul David	07841 506839
Skittles – Dewlish	Simon Ross	01258 837606
Sports & Social Club	Chairman: Richard Lock	01258 837929
	Bookings: Richard Lock	01258 837929
Tap Dancing for Adults	Kevin Selby	01305 250386
Tennis	Rich Hawker	07393 309037
Yoga (at school)	Sue Chapman	01305 848053
Yoga (at Sports & Social Club)	Saira Francis	01258 880505
Yoga (at Village Hall)	Angela Johnson	01258 839060

## VILLAGE HALL

Dewlish		
Chair:		
Booking Secretary:	Margaret Groves	01258 837617
Milborne St. Andrew		
Chairman:	Sarah Ryan	01258 839230
Booking Secretary:	Alison Riddle	01258 837148

## HEALTH

Bere Regis Surgery		01929 471268
Milborne St. Andrew Surgery		01258 880210
Milton Abbas Surgery		01258 880210
Puddletown Surgery		01305 848333
NHS for non-emergencies		111
Patient Voice Secretary	Nigel Hodder	01258 880229

## VENUE FOR HIRE

Longmead	Email: <a href="mailto:admin@longmead.org">admin@longmead.org</a>	01258 837960
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