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The end of era

THE village lunch, which I wrote about so glowingly last month is no more!

We had some problems at our March lunch and after discussions with our lovely pub, we have decided that it is time to hang up our pinnies.

We all know the financial problems for everyone at the moment and this coupled with our committee's advancing age (I'll be 80 next year!!), means that after about 14 years we are leaving the stage for others to think about different gatherings that can be arranged.

Heather Hogg and David Payne have been helping at village lunch from the start, working from an idea that was initially mooted by the church. Food was initially being cooked at home and brought into the village hall each month. Later it settled into the format we have had for the last twelve years, with The Royal Oak supplying our food, working through the pandemic too with home deliveries.

So, a thank you to all committee members and helpers over the years that have made our lunches such happy gatherings.

But now we must bid a fond farewell to you all, we will miss you.
Josie Wright (chair)

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What a lovely start!!

THE Community Café was finally up and running on Saturday the 9th April and it was a roaring success thanks to the volunteers, sponsors and those of you who paid us a visit. We'd like to thank



each and every one of you who supported our venture and with over 60 people visiting we had a steady flow of happy customers. Bacon butties were eaten, cake was chosen from a wonderful selection of donations and either enjoyed in the hall with a cuppa or taken away for later! A special thanks to Alison Riddle who did a sterling job cooking all that bacon which was being constantly



supplied from the kitchen. In addition to the plants and books for sale and puzzles for hire, visitors were able to admire the artwork by Elaine Anthony. It felt like a lovely, bubbly atmosphere with chitter chatter and people catching up with friends and family. The weather was kind to us and we were able to have the side doors open allowing people to sit out on the picnic bench and children to play in the park. Dogs were well behaved and it was lovely to see the hall so full of life. So thank you once again to all who came along to either enjoy the space or help us to run the



café, we were really humbled by everyone's support. We took a whopping £530 in the two hours and with limited costs due to the kindness of our friends, family and local community who donated and

sponsored many elements it has been a really fantastic start to our fundraising endeavours. We hope everyone enjoyed the morning as much as we did and we look forward to seeing you all again for more of the same on Saturday the 21st May from 10.00am-12 noon.

Amy and Sandie



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The surgery will also be closed on Thursday 12th May 2022 for Practice Protected Learning from 1.30–4.30pm.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused. For out of hours care or advice during closures, please call 111. In the case of an emergency, call 999.

Please see our surgery website or follow us on Facebook for future surgery closures.

Time for a Cuppa 2022

Time for a Cuppa week will be 1st to the 8th May 2022 and is the perfect occasion to get together with friends, family or colleagues over a cuppa and some cake, while raising vital funds to help families facing dementia. For more information or to receive your free fundraising pack, please go to www.dementiauk.org/get-involved

Did you know that May is National Walking Month?

Walking is an easy and accessible way to improve physical and mental health and even a 20-minute walk can reduce the risk of a number of preventable health conditions, including certain cancers, depression, heart disease and Type two diabetes. Why not set yourself the challenge of walking for 20 minutes every day during May?

Or perhaps now you have mastered the habit of going for a walk, you would like to challenge yourself further? Why not take a look at the NHS running plan for beginners – Couch to 5K. See www.nhs.uk/live-well/exercise to download the weekly programmes.

Whatever you end up doing this May, let's keep on moving forward. Do something today that your future self will thank you for!

Plant and Veg Swap

With the increase in food and energy bills, we at Milton Abbas Surgery would like to encourage our patients to consider growing their own veg. You do not need a huge amount of space or any special pots – vegetables and plants can grow in any kind of container – cans, ice cream tubs, even wellington boots! It's also a fantastic way to keep busy outside in the fresh air, and get the kids involved too.

Why not take a look at these two websites for inspiration and tips: www.gardenersworld.com/plants/vegetable-crops-for-beginners and www.rhs.org.uk/vegetables

We would also like to set up a plant/seedlings swap at the surgery where people can donate any spare seedlings or plants they have, and then anyone who comes to the surgery can pick up a plant on their way out. So, if you have anything spare please, or you can sow a couple of extra pots in your green house, we would be very grateful. Nothing will go to waste as if they aren't taken we can use them in our surgery allotment.

Then later in the season, if anyone has any excess veg that they would be willing to donate, we can set up a veg swap too!

Gillian Brindle

RDA needs more volunteers – and you could be one of them

ARE you comfortable being around horses? Would you like to help and support children with disabilities?

If your answers are “Yes” and “Yes” you are just the sort of person Milton Abbas Riding for the Disabled (MARDA) is looking for so please read on.

We operate two groups – one on Friday morning between 10.00am and 12 noon and another on Tuesday between 5.00 and 6.00pm. Each group session is held at Luccombe Riding Centre.

The Friday group works with children with learning difficulties from Beaucroft School, Wimborne, whereas on Tuesdays we have a smaller group of private, individual children with similar conditions.



Each child usually needs three volunteers – one who leads the horse and two side-walkers who are looking after the child.

You will, no doubt, be aware that multiple Paralympic Gold Medallist, Sophie Christiansen, began by riding at her local RDA group when she was six years old. Clearly, not all our children are going to be Olympic Champions, but they will benefit so much from the time they spend with our horses.

The joy of seeing a child who may initially not even wish to be anywhere near a horse and is gradually encouraged (as much by the horse as the volunteers) into mounting and riding the horse is very satisfying.

We have only recently re-started MARDA after a lengthy lay-off as a consequence of Covid and, inevitably, some volunteers have not returned to us, so we need new people to come and join us. This way we can ensure continued support for the children who are trusted into our care, and in time give more children this great opportunity to take part in riding therapy.

So, if you think you can make a positive contribution to the lives of a group of children, please contact me, Sue Hodder on 07739 469946 or email suehodder01@talktalk.net and I will be happy to give you more information. I am standing by my phone right now!

Sue Hodder

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I've been thinking recently about funerals, having had rather too many to conduct in the past couple of months.

Funerals come in all sorts of shapes and sizes. The church has been conducting them for hundreds of years, and this country has moved from a time when we had a near monopoly on the burial of the dead to today when there is much greater choice: about what sort of funeral you have, where you can hold it, who leads it and so on.

In times gone by what the church offered was very inflexible, but I wonder whether you know that is not the case these days. Very little is set in stone: there will be a Bible reading and some prayers, but everything else can be tailored to your particular needs.

You don't have to be a regular churchgoer to have a funeral in the parish church where you live, or to be buried in the graveyard of your community. And funerals don't just have to be in church; many of the ones I lead are at one of our local crematoria.

The main alternative to having a local Vicar conduct your funeral is to use a celebrant. A funeral celebrant's work is confined to the funeral service itself. They will probably meet with the family once to plan the service itself but once the funeral has taken place, their input ends.

What the church can offer is someone who already has links to your community. We can talk with you about your funeral wishes long before you die and provide ongoing care for those left behind, if they want it. We build relationships with people that go much wider than the funeral itself. Children find it easier at funerals, when they are being led by someone they know through school; a friendly face at the front can make all the difference.

We also have much experience in talking with people about death and dying, a subject that can be really difficult to face for some people. Families often find it hard to have deep conversations with someone before they die because it seems too painful to contemplate the time when they will no longer be here. Often the dying person is more reconciled to their own death than those around them. I'll never forget being round a bedside in a hospice more than 20 years ago with a lady who was ready to go and wanted to talk about that, while her family standing there forbade her from doing so, as if somehow a conversation would make the inevitable come all the sooner. It made a deep impression on me. Though their stance was understandable, it made things worse rather than better for all in that room.

The Vicar and the church congregations in our benefice are here to serve not just churchgoers but the whole community. All you need to do is ask. My contact details are below in this magazine – do get in touch, if you'd like a conversation about what I've said here or anything else.

With best wishes

Sarah

Services in the Benefice of Puddletown, Tolpuddle, Milborne and Dewlish May 2022

1st May – Easter 3

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

8th May – Easter 4

10.00am	Parish Communion followed by APCM	Milborne
11.00	Puddletown Praise	Puddletown
5.30pm	Sunday Reflections	Tolpuddle

15th May – Easter 5

9.30am	Parish Communion followed by APCM	Tolpuddle
9.30	Worship in Stillness	Milborne
11.00	Parish Communion followed by APCM and bring-and-share lunch	Puddletown
11.00	Family Service	Dewlish

SATURDAY 21st May

2.00pm	Marriage of Sam Gregory and Giulia Libardoni	Dewlish
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22nd May – Easter 6

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

ASCENSION DAY – THURSDAY 26th May

6.30am	Morning Prayer	Dewlish Churchyard
6.00pm	Holy Communion	Puddletown

29th May – Easter 7

11.00am	United Benefice Holy Communion followed by picnic	Warren Hill Farm
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MORNING PRAYERS

Monday to Thursday 8.30am; Saturday 9.00am

On Zoom, please contact Sarah Hillman

(sarah.c.hillman@outlook.com) for the link.

St. Andrew's church news

We had an interesting service on Palm Sunday. Instead of a sermon, members of the congregation read parts from the St. Luke's version of the Passion Play. Sarah and Angela read the main parts extremely well. It was appreciated by all.

As I write this article, we are planning for Good Friday's Messy Church as well as the other services held over the Easter period. I hope that people will feel

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comfortable coming to church again particularly at this important Christian time of year.

We have been delighted to have our bells rung again by Robin's group, it is lovely to hear the sound of them and the 'rounds' across the village. Thank you.

It is with regret that our monthly Messy Church session will not be running after Good Friday due to lack of support. Hopefully the benefice will identify a way to provide opportunities for families to come together to hear the Christian messages in an informal situation. If anyone has any ideas, please get in touch with me or Sarah Hillman.

A thank you to volunteers from Longmead for helping clear some of the great piles of composting material that have been piling up over the years. We hope to create a new 'compost hedge' in the summer once the backlog of materials has been cleared. We usually hold a churchyard working party on the first Saturday of the month and anyone is welcome to join us from 10.00am.

Pam Shults, Churchwarden

Dewlish Church Notes

WE WERE delighted to be able to hold our Lent Lunches again this year, and so big thank yous to each of our hosts. The soups and hospitality were much appreciated, and I am pleased to report that the three lunches raised £170 which is to be donated to Water Aid, who provide water for all those less fortunate than ourselves.

We were sad to hear that Martyn Wainwright had died. He and Hazel had been good supporters of Dewlish Church, and it was lovely to attend Martyn's funeral after our last Lent Lunch. His family paid many special tributes to Martyn; he would have really enjoyed them! Martyn, Hazel and the family had lived in Dewlish for nearly 54 years, and were very much part of the village. Our condolences go to the whole family.

We were disappointed that we did not have more families at our Mothering Sunday service. Nevertheless, those of us who did attend enjoyed the service, the lovely posies, and the simnel cakes made by Sue. Many thanks to all those who made posies, and to Sue too.

Daphne Burg



MSA Gardening Club

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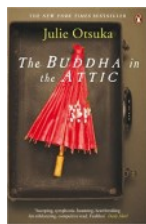
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A Good Read "The Buddha in the Attic" by Julie Otsuka



BACK in September 2019 before Covid hit, before the words furlough and lockdown and booster became common parlance, the MSA book Club read this tragic, yet compelling tale of the fate of Japanese women taken to a foreign land to be wives/slaves/"stoop labour". They were what could be described variously as "picture brides" or "mail order brides". Boatloads went to America, mainly California, in the early 1900's to marry men they had never met, most of whom didn't match the descriptions they sent. Some became migrant labourers, others domestic servants living in their employers' homes. Each chapter describes aspects and the history of their lives which changed even more dramatically after the Pearl Harbour attacks. It is, unusually, written in the first person plural, none of the stories are individualized but each one is vividly described in a sentence or two. This was the author's second novel written in 2011. She writes in a dark, personal style, a stream of consciousness, a tribal plurality, a chorus of a thousand unified voices with harmonious and dissonant themes. We read of generic characters, eloquently capturing the essence of their experiences. It is a difficult to characterize style. There are no denunciations but an intimacy based not on pity but on understanding. An incantation which is challenging and satisfying. For me it had a lingering effect with cinematic images plumbing the depths of experiences that were physical, emotional, psychological, with heart wrenching misery, pity and shame. Was America built on such grinding misery? The taking of lives whole; diet, beliefs, manners, dress, clash of cultures; all there. The sexual episodes were the most distressing. However it is poetic prose, poems of distress, lyrical in its intensity. It is an Epic Poem with its contents concentrated like stock cubes. These are searing, humiliating survival stories. It is representative, lots of small stories, a sweep of images and emotions with no closure, dark and personal. They "stopped dreaming, stopped wanting". It is intimate yet expansive. There are themes of loyalty, of belonging (ties to mother country) but women were "bill(s) of goods". There is direct, powerful language without metaphor, intertwined voices, understated, sparse, touching, rich and visual. It feels like a muffled scream. There is a shocking change of perspective at the end. Suddenly they were voicing their perspective as a group. Even more of a shock was the perspective of their neighbours/employers/friends/schoolmates ... the "whites". The repetitious style only jarred at this point. It was a sad fading out of a tumultuous time. The Buddha is a symbol mentioned when internment overcame them. One left an alarm clock ringing in her luggage, "Haruko left a tiny laughing brass Buddha up high in a corner of the attic where he is still laughing to this day".

The New York Times believes that the story and its style imitates the Japanese art of *sumi-e*. Characterised by strokes of ink brushed across sheets of rice paper, the play of light and dark capturing, not just images, but sensations. Not just surfaces but the essence of what lies within. Simplicity of line is prized in this form, all extraneous detail discouraged. It is what is described as an "incantatory" style. So is the author's use of 'frozen moments'. It is a totally different way of telling a story and one which I believe you will find captivating especially with the turbulence of our current existence so much on our minds.

Carole Fornachon

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Editor

When you live in the countryside you are aware that the lanes are narrow (namely the Roke). Recently there have been a couple of point to point meetings down the Roke and I was unfortunately trapped in my car beside a "horsebox" which was an extremely distressing experience. As this lane is very narrow in parts and not built for race meeting traffic, I do think that the people who run these events should have consideration for people who live in the area and take some responsibility and have marshals to control the traffic on these days.
E. Walker

Death on the Nile

Friday 13th May 2022 at 7.30pm

Village Hall, The Causeway, Milborne St. Andrew

Doors and bar open 7.00pm

Tickets cost £5, which includes a drink or an ice-cream

THIS month's movie is an acclaimed remake of the old Agatha Christie classic 'Death on the Nile' with star studded cast directed by Kenneth Branagh. Branagh also plays Belgian sleuth Hercule Poirot whose Egyptian vacation aboard a glamorous river steamer turns into a terrifying search for a murderer when a picture-perfect couple's idyllic honeymoon is tragically cut short. Set against an epic landscape of sweeping desert vistas and the majestic Giza pyramids, this tale of unbridled passion and incapacitating jealousy features a cosmopolitan group of impeccably dressed travellers, and enough wicked twists and turns to leave audiences guessing until the final, shocking denouement.

Wednesday Club News

On Wednesday 6th April twelve members met at the Village Hall to arrange car sharing for a visit to Holme Nursery and Garden Centre.

After a spot of retail therapy we went to the café for refreshments and a chat before loading our cars with our goodies for the return journey.

Please can all members try to attend our next meeting which will be an Extraordinary General Meeting where members will vote on the New Constitution. This will take place on Wednesday 4th May at 2.00pm in the Village Hall. The Constitution has had to be updated to satisfy new banking regulations. This will be followed by tea and biscuits and a game of bingo.

We look forward to seeing all members.

Lis Watts

They did it again!

THANKS to the hard-working Events Committee, and those who ordered the curry@home, as it proved to be another success. Deliveries went smoothly and those who ordered, enjoyed the home cooked meals. The event raised £250 for the church's funds.

Now that we don't have to wear masks, the sale of the hand made masks has nearly come to an end. A big thank you to all who supported this fundraising campaign, especially Glenn and staff at Gray's stores who allowed them to be sold in the shop. Total raised was an amazing £2,181.87 which has helped funding the church's needs. There are some left if anyone want to buy replacements.

We hope to run a cream teas event in July, watch out for more information in next month's Reporter.

Flowers for the Queen Container Planting Competition

NOW is the time to register your intention to enter this fun competition, which is open to all in the village. The many and varied entries will be a celebration of the Jubilee and also make Milborne look really attractive. There will be a few rules, as follows:

- The display must be created principally with plants
- Plants need not be grown from seed, they can be bought in.
- The display must be created by the exhibitor, who must be individual, not a club or organisation. One entry per person.
- Entries should have a royal theme and be positioned to be easily visible from the front of the property. Judges will not enter gardens.
- Judges will welcome imaginative containers, including hanging baskets, or window boxes, that enhance the display, but they will prioritise planting when judging
- There will be three categories:
 - ◊ Small containers up to 30cm/12in across
 - ◊ Large containers over 30cm/12in across
 - ◊ Novelty containers.
 - ◊ There will be a prize in each category and one for 'the best in show'

Judging will take place during the week commencing 29th May. Judges will initially be Gardening Club members, but a professional horticulturist will do the final judging.

Entries must be registered by mid-May by emailing Bill Love at wlove@toucansurf.com or tel. 01258 837677. Please give your name, address and the category you wish to enter.

Good luck with your plans and let's have lots of entries!

Mark Johnson

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In February our Robin's class had a wonderful trip to Shire Hall museum as part of our Victorians topic. The children explored the case of seven year old Harry Parker, they looked at primary and secondary sources, explored the museum and even role played a trial in the courtroom! The children were beautifully behaved, the museum staff said they were a credit to our school.

Our group of year four pupils and two adults arrived at Hooke Court in glorious sunshine! After lunch, the children were split into groups with children from Frome Valley, Piddle Valley, Puddletown, Broadmayne and Cheselbourne – these are the feeder schools for St. Mary's Middle School in Puddletown – and as part of the residential trip, making new friends is on the agenda.

One group of children did rocket building and launching, whilst the other group started their 'Tribal Kingdom' experience. After a hearty evening meal, everyone went on a night walk through Hooke Woods, with their torches at the ready!

Thursday dawned with temperatures of near zero degrees and a few snow flurries, most of the children had six layers on! One group did 'bridging the moat', whilst the others did 'shelter building' then after lunch, the

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A Wonderful Day

By Jan Beaumont ©

Life is not always that easy
Sometimes it simply just sucks
You feel like you've got a cheap product
Even though you invested the bucks

You see other people successful
And those who just sail through their life
But your situation seems different
As if every day just brings more strife

I was feeling like things just weren't worth it
That worry was my constant friend
I knew I was full of self pity
And wondered just when it would end

Then along came a day I'll remember
When I realised how lucky I was
I'd spent time with some wonderful people
And everything changed just because

I discovered how much I was cared for
That I could do good on this earth
And suddenly I felt so happy
To be told just how much I was worth

I have friends who have been with me always
I make new ones each day that goes by
I have family who love me to pieces
Who will comfort me if I should cry

And right then and there I felt richer
And valued more than I can say
And I now know that I am so lucky
So its been a quite wonderful day!
Thank you everyone!

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Saturday 21st May
10.00am until Midday

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DVD or puzzle, or pick up a book.



Springtime fun and learning at Ladybirds

THIS month has gone so quickly, and we will soon be starting the summer term. Preparation is underway to help the older children transfer to school in September. Life is still affected by Covid with many youngsters and their families catching it. We hope this year to do visits between school and preschool which have sadly been lacking over the last few years.



The weather has been surprisingly mild and water play became very popular outside. The babies have been bathed many times and their clothes hung out to dry. Pegging is a difficult skill to learn – the little girl has achieved this and each day hung washing out and collected it in later. It was becoming a losing battle stopping the children digging holes in the grass so we

It's sad to say that many two year olds have only known Covid times and have not had the benefits of mother and toddler groups or extended social interaction. This has a knock on effect of needing adult support, being less independent and support needed for sharing. We are prioritising social interaction while playing and having fun as it is a fundamental life skill.

This month we have learnt about beetles; discovered they lay eggs in the ground and like to hide in the garden. We have planted peas and beans indoors and watched them grow. And thirdly we have been watching tadpoles develop (they now have legs – so hoping they will not be escaping frogs before we return after Easter). For Mother's Day the children made a card for Mummy – or Nanny – and planted two sunflower seeds in a pot to take home. Hopefully, these will grow, and we will see whose is the tallest.



have provided a fenced area where they can do so. The structure is removable so can be taken away and returfed when needed. But in the meantime it's a very busy construction site.

We are very excited to announce that for the summer term, we will be spending Thursdays in the woods. Chloe of The Woodland School Dorset is kindly allowing us to use her Woods while her new venture gets up and running. Some of us were lucky to spend time and enjoyable day there on 12th April. Looking forward to exploring with the Ladybirds.

Come September we will need a Deputy or person with Level 3 in Childcare as our current deputy will be leaving to take up a teaching position. Please if you know of anyone who may be interested do contact us otherwise we may have to restrict opening times in the autumn term.

Liz Dyer



Milborne's Jubilee Jamboree for all the family

Thursday 2nd - Sunday 5th June 2022

Great British – 'All You Can Eat' evening at The Royal Oak will take place on Thursday 2nd June – ensure you book early to avoid disappointment – Call 01258 837248 to book.

Filled Planter Competition – The Gardening Club are running a competition for the whole village to partake in. Filled Planters are to be designed and placed on view in the front of your property for all to see and enjoy. Please register your entry with Bill Love on wlove@toucansurf.com or telephone 01258 837677.

Scarecrow Competition – The Players are running a competition for the whole village to partake in. Your 'regally inspired' scarecrows are to be designed and placed on view in the front of your property for all to see and enjoy. It is hoped that you can then bring your scarecrow to the village hall at 11.30am on Saturday 4th June to join in with the procession as we all walk up to the Sports Club to start our afternoon of fun, games and entertainment.

We encourage the village to explore and seek out the containers and scarecrows on Friday 3rd June between 10.00am and 12 noon so that we can all enjoy the village spectacle together and find the winners!

Fairie Village – Opening at the Village Hall's top field – this ongoing project will be opened on Friday 3rd June at 2.00pm for all to explore and get inspired to add to this lovely project throughout the rest of the year. Please contact Pam Shults 01258 837203 or pamshults@btinternet.com for more information.

Film Night – showing 'Mrs. Brown' at The Village Hall will take place on Friday 3rd June with a regally inspired film. The usual array of refreshments will be available at the bar with a half time Royal Quiz!

Sports Day – at The Sports Pavilion will take place from midday on Saturday 4th June. The plan is that bacon butties and soft drinks will be available from the village hall via the new community café from 10.30am where the village can meet up so that we can have a 'Procession to the Pavilion' commencing at 11.30am, as we all walk up to the Sports Pavilion together. We thought it would be lovely to bring your scarecrows (in a wheel barrow if carrying is too cumbersome) as part of the procession and fancy dress for all is highly encouraged!! A 'Queen' will be leading the procession which is a great honour!! The games afternoon will commence with an Obstacle Course, then Wellie Wanging, followed by Human Bingo and our Royal Race! Football will then kick off followed by Potted Games with the Tug of War finalising the afternoon's family fun. Throughout the afternoon there will be a bouncy castle, a storytelling tent along with additional games to have a go at. So please bring your picnics, drinks, chairs, rugs, tables and brollies to ensure

that celebratory feel. Please contact Wayne Lewin if you want to get involved or offer any help on the day 07419136735 or via Facebook. First Aiders too!!

The Party at The Pavilion – Sponsored by Wyatt Homes on Saturday 4th June will kick off at 7.00pm with the party band **The Few**. We hope to have a few people sign up to an 'open mic' session from approx. 8.00 til 9.00pm to showcase our local talent along with a skit from The Players, so please contact Amy on 07282650104 to sign up. The pizza van will be available to purchase hot food in the early evening. There will **not** be a bar for this event so please bring whatever food and drinks you wish to enjoy your evening with friends and family.

Queen's Jubilee Church Service – takes place at Dewlish church at 11.00am on Sunday 5th June for Milborne parishioners to attend

Street Parties – Community Driven – will be encouraged on Sunday 5th June in line with national celebrations. Let us know if you are planning one and we can always advertise it for you!

Milborne Jubilee Jamboree Fairie Village

Have you started making homes for Milborne's fairies?
Don't forget to be creative and make a cosy home for our fairie population.

I have started decorating some freehold properties already as you can see in the photo. If anyone wants to find out more do get in touch with me – Pam 01258 8372003; 07913266230 or pamshults@btinternet.com.

Opening of the new build village will be on June 3rd at 2.00pm, all welcome, even if you haven't created a residence. Who knows if any excited fairies will be seen?



Milborne Jubilee Jamboree

Sports Day – 4th June 2022

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The Party at The Pavilion

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Players up for the Jamboree

THE Milborne Players are delighted to be part of the Milborne Jubilee Jamboree (try saying that after a few!) in June. We will be judging the Scarecrow Competition. Anybody wanting to enter a scarecrow, please contact Gren on 07876 793319 or Kate on 07804 600204, supplying your name, address and a contact phone number. Please display your scarecrow where it can be easily viewed in the village, during the week leading up to the Jamboree. We will announce the winner on the Saturday, with not only a prize, but a unique and prestigious opportunity for their scarecrow to have a guest appearance in our 2023 pantomime!

On the Saturday during the Jamboree, we are also looking forward to showcasing the Players' talents during the day, including an advance sneak preview of the pantomime.

As will now be abundantly apparent, we have taken the decision to reschedule Cinderella to February 2023. We're sure the reasons don't need outlining. We are still very much looking forward to performing this pantomime and you will not be disappointed. If you've been thinking about joining us, we'd love to have you with us. The pantomime delay provides the perfect opportunity to become involved in our illustrious group. We are very keen to have new people on board with us. Text or ring Gren or myself if you want to ask us anything at all! *Kate Hawker*

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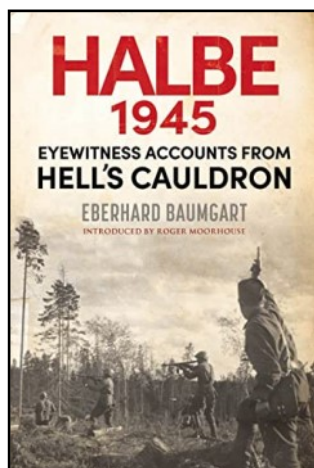
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Halbe 1945 – Eyewitness accounts from Hell's Cauldron by Eberhard Baumgart translated by Eva Burke



I CHOSE this book because I had never heard of the battle of Halbe. I now know more about it than I ever did, and am remembering the saying 'be careful what you wish for'.

It's an excellent book, translated into English for the first time, and a story that must be told, as it has particular relevance to events in Ukraine and the fate of Ukrainian citizens at the moment. However, I do most of my reading at bedtime, and this is not a bedtime story. I believe it was worth several disturbed nights' sleep though, to be reminded of man's inhumanity to man, and how close we are to this all happening again.

The book tells the events of the German Ninth Army's final struggle against Soviet Russia as the inevitability of the war's outcome became obvious, and the Germans were trying to retreat. Through the detailed experiences of soldiers and civilians, told in their own words, the enormous human cost of this battle and the impact on the town of Halbe, south east of Berlin, and its citizens who survived after 1945 become apparent.

For the first time I read the phrase 'raped to death', the horrifying fate of many women and girls during the battle and afterwards. There are mentions of the terrible things done to wounded and dying men, and to survivors both civilian and military. It's a story of incompetent German leadership, lack of communication to and from their central HQ, confusion on the battlefield, lack of maps, lack of direction, fear and terror for the soldiers, of whom at least 30,000 were killed, along with around 20,000 Soviets and 10,000 civilians. The stories of wading and squelching through piles of dead bodies are particularly harrowing and the author and translator must have had nightmares for months after compiling the book.

There are descriptions of the fate of citizens who survived the battle and loss of their homes, farms and families, but who had been Nazi Party members (remember if you wanted a job you had to be a party member in 1930s–40s Germany). These folk were on lists held by the Commissars who travelled with all Soviet Soldiers. They were found, separated, interviewed and terrified. Many were deported to Russia and few returned.

There is a chapter on graves and memorials – the civilian citizens, some as young as 11 or 12, were made to bury the dead in mass graves, and re-bury corpses from battlefield burials. German soldiers were buried without dogtags, paybooks or anything that could identify them, as the Russians wanted them to be forgotten forever.

There are photographs in the book, which is its most disappointing aspect. Captions like 'one of the forest roads leading to the autobahn' mean that there's nothing of relevance to the book in the picture. I realise that too much of its content couldn't be photographed, and photographs of the aftermath are not available, but this reader would prefer no picture to several generic pictures of wartime Berlin, or Soviet Artillery which may or may not have been involved in the events being described.

Eberhard Baumgart, the author, was a young man during the events his book describes, and his Epilogue is heartrending. He describes the battle as a nightmare filled with horror and murder which defined the rest of his life. I can believe that.

His final paragraph may explain some of the events we are seeing in Germany today 'May the gods be gracious, may they ensure that Russians and Germans never again stand opposite each other in a battle of such magnitude. By letting eyewitnesses get an opportunity to speak in these chapters, I hope I have achieved my aim.'

Susan Wilson

Wanted Dead or alive

Have you see any hedgehogs in or around Milborne, whether alive or, sadly dead? Sightings of either will be gladly received by Pip at pip.jackie@btinternet.com.



Memorabilia wanted!!

AS part of the Queen's Jubilee celebrations the history group would like to display "Milborne St. Andrew over the last 70 years".

Do you have any photos we could copy? Perhaps photos of events or your house being built or when it was new. Anything at all from the last 70 years. Either phone me on 07983 231956 or email me at lindaiswright@metronet.co.uk.

Linda Wright

Craft Meetings

WE have a small craft meeting in the village that meet once a month in each others houses on a Friday afternoon from 2.00pm. All sorts of crafts: sewing, knitting, crochet and even sketching! We aren't professionals but if we can help anyone with their craft we will do our best. If you wish to join us please ring Sheila 01258 839033.

Where's winnie?

THE Queen's naughty corgies have escaped from the palace and could be hiding anywhere in the village!. If you happen to find one either give it to someone you know or keep it for yourself. The Queen would like to know how far they have got so could you please take a photo of where you found them and send to the web-site on the label.

Parish Council meeting

THE next meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting (APM), followed by full council meeting and then the AGM. This will be on Wednesday 4th May 2022, in the Village Hall, starting at 7.00pm.

The APM is open to all electors of the parish, who have the right not only to attend but also to speak on any matter of local interest. So please come along – if you have an opinion about the parish it would be great for you to come and share your views. I look forward to seeing you there.

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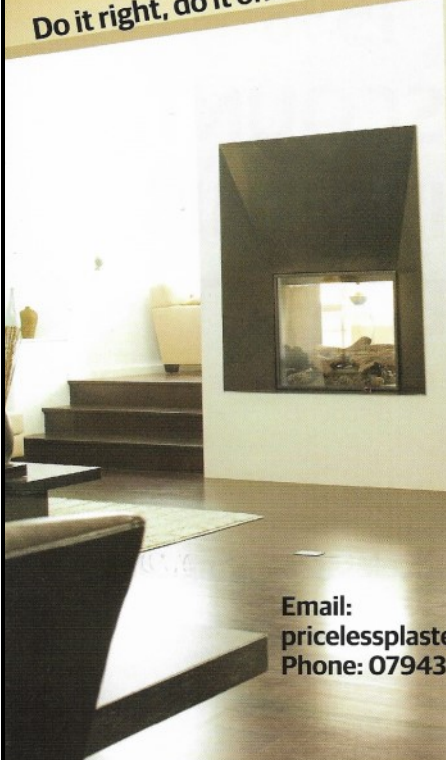
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groups swapped over. Thursday evening saw us warming up a little around the campfire whilst having a sing song!!

Friday dawned slightly warmer, but it was our final day. After breakfast and packing our bags ready for the journey home, each group completed all the activities they hadn't yet done. We soon had to say our good-byes to all the new friends we had made, with the hope of seeing them all soon, in Year 5!! (more on page 23)



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Science Week at school

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New Legislation Comes Into Effect To Restrict Access To Dangerous Weapons

Dorset Police is welcoming new legislation that makes it harder for people to buy dangerous weapons and become involved in knife crime.

Changes to legislation brought about by the Offensive Weapons Act 2019 mean that from Wednesday 6th April 2022 it will be harder for young people to buy weapons, both at the point of sale and delivery.

Retailers and couriers will now be legally obliged to do more to ensure that knives, corrosives and other offensive weapons are not sold or delivered to those under the age of 18. The new restrictions will also make it an offence to possess a corrosive substance in a public place.

The move comes after the first part of the act came into force in July 2021 banning the possession of certain dangerous items in private, including zombie knives, shuriken or death stars and knuckledusters.

Dorset Police and partner agencies will be working together to educate the public and the business community regarding these changes in legislation.

View full article at: <https://www.dorset.police.uk/news-information/article/14542>

If you believe someone is in immediate possession of a knife or offensive weapon please dial 999. If you would like to report your concerns about a knife carrier or need some advice, please email 101@dorset.pnn.police.uk or visit [dorset.police.uk](https://www.dorset.police.uk) and report it online.

Unwanted knives can be disposed of at local recycling centres or safely packaged in your household waste.

Anyone for bridge?

THE MSA Bridge Group, now in its seventh year, continues to meet in The Royal Oak in Milborne St. Andrew on a weekly basis. The pub stages a theme/regular menu night on the 2nd Thursday and Pie Nite on the last Thursday of each month. On these nights we meet on Wednesday evenings otherwise we meet on Thursday.



The next scheduled meetings will be on Thursday 5th May, Wednesday 11th, Thursday 19th and Wednesday 25th May. All will start at 7.00pm.

The aim of the group is to provide an opportunity to learn and improve your playing skills in a social and 'blame free' environment. Summer is coming and the evenings are getting lighter so 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 2-page 'crib' sheet. In fact, several of our 'regulars' had never played before joining the group but have enjoyed the way of learning and improving their game. There is no charge for joining or playing.

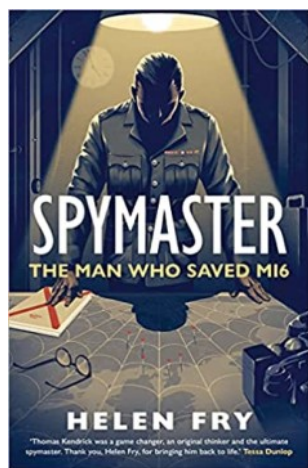
If you would like to try something new or to improve your playing skills by regular practice and would like more information please contact me, Laurie Benn, on 01258 837720 or by email at laurie@benn.me.uk. If you feel that evening meetings are not convenient, please get back to me and it may be possible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

I look forward to hearing from you.

Laurie Benn

Spymaster – The man who saved MI6 by Helen Fry

THIS book tells the story of Thomas Kendrick, a South African who helped to set up and operate the Secret Service from its beginnings in South Africa (who knew?) until after the Second World War, when he retired to live quietly in the English countryside.



As many spies were, he worked as a British Passport Control Officer in Vienna, and in that role, facilitated the escape of thousands of Austrian Jews, whilst building up a comprehensive picture of German activity across Europe.

On recall to the UK, he set up the 'M Room' (Miked Room), as

listening service which gathered a huge amount of information from German PoWs. Houses were bugged intensively, and the conversations of prisoners from Private Soldiers to Generals were analysed, giving Britain early warning of developments from the V2 rocket to submarine and tank building programmes, and an understanding of morale in the German forces as the war progressed. He felt that the approach of listening in to relaxed people chatting between themselves would generate more information than the torture and shooting practices

carried out by the German Authorities. It worked.

This man of American/South African heritage served Britain through three major wars, and used his experience in the Second Boer War to set up protocols for spy networks that are still in use today. He recruited people from all walks of life to pick up snippets of information, including Prince Michael of Kent's mother Countess Marianne Szapary and officials/citizens across 1930s Europe, all reporting back to him in Vienna. He was arrested by the Gestapo and released, but was on a list for immediate arrest in the event of a successful German invasion of Britain.

This book is a fascinating insight into the man, how much information he gathered, how he kept it together and disseminated it to the right people. Churchill trusted him so much that he had a virtually unlimited budget for his miked houses and recruiting of German speakers (many of them refugees looking to help the fight against those who had persecuted them).

The author has had access to a huge number of records, and the glossary is extensive. Much information has yet to be released into the public domain, and I do hope I live to see the full extent of his achievements. Helen Fry has taken all this and made a very readable, pleasurable, informative book. She has written other books about intelligence, espionage, prisoners of war and the social history of the Second World War. I shall look out for more of her work.

Susan Wilson

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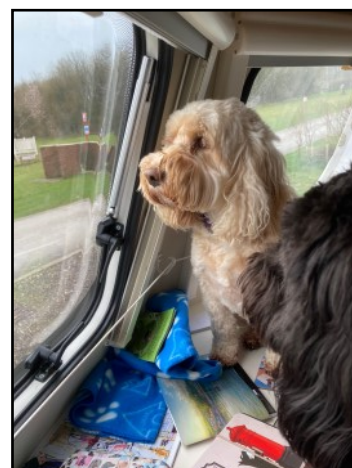
WE got up early this morning and guess what, Dad was loading lots of our stuff into the tin box on wheels, yippee we must be off on our travels again. We didn't travel too far, just to the edge of Dorset to a place called Monkton Wyld. The sun was shining when we got there so we went into a place called Axminster, Dad said it used to be famous for making carpets but now it just has coffee shops and empty shop windows, quite sad really. There was a nice book shop that had a book in the window about my grandad called Grandpa Frank's Great Big Bucket List! We just had to buy it!



Next day was sunny again so we drove into Seaton which is famous for an enormous Tesco but not much else. We parked the little tin box on wheels and walked along the coast to a place called Beer which sounded promising but we didn't have any! Mum liked it there because it had nice shops that had lots of paintings for sale, she was inside looking for ages and our Katie kept whining all the time, what a din. We had a picnic lunch on the beach, we just had dog

biscuits but Dad had tasty beef sandwiches, he didn't save us any though, meany. When we got back we all had naps and Katie had to wake Dad up at 4.00pm to get our dinner.

Sunny again so lucky for us we went on one of Dad's hikes! Mum wasn't too impressed at the start as it meant battling through a wood, Dad said there was a path but there wasn't and it was a bit tricky but we didn't mind as we quite like jumping over brambles and logs. Eventually we did find a track and it got better after that and Mum cheered up a bit! It was downhill all the way to Lyme Regis where we walked along the Cobb, we had to stay on our leads as there were dozens of schoolchildren and we might have caused mayhem amongst all of them. Mum and dad had a nice pub lunch but all we got was a few dog biscuits, typical! It was too far for Mum to walk back so she had to stay behind while we went with Dad to walk back and get the car. We felt sorry for Mum but I don't think she minded too much as there were lots of shops there for her to go in.



It was so nice Mum and Dad said we could stay another day, yippee, we like it here. This time we drove to a wood near a place called Sidmouth, or something funny like that. It was a great walk along the coast and down to the seafront. Mum and Dad had a coffee while we explored, I got told off for wandering away too far, I didn't tell them it was because I was a bit scared of the big waves crashing on the steps. Goody goody Katie got a pat on the back and told what a good girl she was for staying close, yuk! It was a nice little place and very busy with lots of happy people enjoying the sunshine. We walked back along the River Sid and of course we had to go in for a paddle to cool off our paws. It was a very steep walk back through the woods but even Mum managed it, she must be getting fitter.

Holiday over we headed home, Katie was so pleased to be back and raced around excitedly, I don't think she has quite realised what holidays are yet as she seemed surprised to be back in our lovely home, I'm sure she'll get the hang of our travels soon.



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Where Do They Go?

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I never mean to do it
But I'm sure you do it too
It's something I'm not proud of
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It's all about my clothing
I've far too much I know
And sometimes I am puzzled
As to just where it should go

Some of it needs washing
And some of it is clean
But then there is the stuff that's left
You all know what I mean

My closets are just chocka
There's no more room in there
And so they go where they belong
That old trustworthy Chair!!



Local hangings – can you help?

Heading north from Milborne and over the parish boundary along a holloway flanked by wild garlic, leads to a convergence of five byways and bridleways. Belying this beautiful and peaceful setting, this meeting point is macabrely named Gallows Corner. Public executions often took place at such crossroads for public viewing and for the questionable benefit of passing travellers. Gallows Corner is definitely a place where people would have passed from all directions and is also near to parish boundaries. There doesn't appear to be much information online, so if you know any history of Gallows Corner, then get in touch with the *Reporter* via msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk



What's on in Milborne

May

Wednesday 4th

Wednesday Club Extraordinary General Meeting followed by bingo Village Hall 2.00pm.

Wednesday 4th

Annual Parish Meeting Village Hall 7.30pm.

Thursday 5th

Bridge The Royal Oak 7.00pm.

Saturday 7th

St. Andrew's Churchyard working party from 10.00am. Everyone welcome.

Wednesday 11th

Bridge The Royal Oak 7.00pm.

Wednesday 11th

History Group The Royal Oak Function Room 7.30pm.

Friday 13th

Milborne Movies *Death on the Nile* Village Hall 7.30pm.

Saturday 14th

Gardening Club Plant Sale Village Hall, 10.30am to 12.30pm new members welcome

Saturday 14th

Mid-day deadline for copy for the *Reporter* msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk or give to a member of the team. Team members can be found on page 2.

Monday 16th

Flowers for the Queen container planting competition (see page 11 for details).

Thursday 19th

Bridge The Royal Oak 7.00pm.

Thursday 19th

Gardening Club Village Hall 7.30pm. Visitors and new members welcome.

Saturday 21st

Community Café Village Hall 10.00–12 noon.

Wednesday 25th

Bridge The Royal Oak 7.00pm.

Thursday 26th

Pie Night The Royal Oak.

Regular Bookings at the Village Hall

Ladybirds Playgroup Monday–Friday 8.30am.

Players Monday 7.00pm weekly.

Line Dancing Tuesday 7.30pm weekly.

Wednesday Club 2.00pm 1st Wednesday monthly.

Yoga Thursday 3.30pm weekly.

Karate Thursday 5.10pm weekly.

Women's Institute 7.30pm 2nd Thursday monthly.

Gardening Club 7.30pm 3rd Thursday monthly.

Artsreach Events – look out for the posters.

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

Regular Bookings at the Sports & Social Club

Busy Bees Under 5 Group from 9.30–11.30am on Thursday term time only. Contact Claire Tudge on 07970 734162.

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

Beavers Friday 5.00–6.30pm.

Football Saturdays and Sunday.

Private parties, birthdays, wedding receptions check online calendar.

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

Regular Bookings at the First School

Pilates Monday 6.30–7.30pm (term time only).

Yoga Tuesday 6.15–7.45pm (term time only).

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	Chair: Andrew Booth	01258 837284
Parish Council –	Clerk: Wayne Lewin	07419 136735
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South West Highways hello@swhtd.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

Scouts/Beavers	Sam Elliott	07873 762035
Busy Bees	Claire Tudge	07970 734162
Milborne Ladybirds	Liz Dyer	01258 839117

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Safer Neighbourhood Team	PC Dave Mullins and PCSO Luke Goddard	101

SCHOOL

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Sports & Social Club	Chairman: Richard Lock	01258 837929
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VILLAGE HALL

Dewlish		
Chair:		
Booking Secretary:	Margaret Groves	01258 837617
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Chairman:	Sarah Ryan	01258 839230
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