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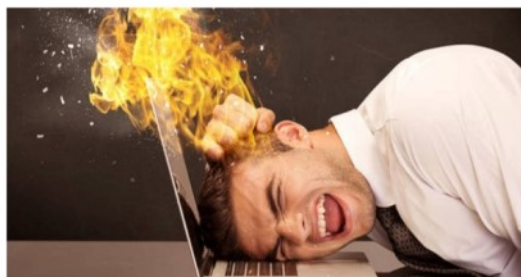
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## Milborne gets its own tree for the Jubilee!

WHAT a wonderful gathering we had to celebrate planting our tree for the Jubilee, a part of the Queen's Green Canopy incentive created by HRH Prince Charles, in conjunction with the Royal British Legion and The Woodland Trust.

The weather was kind to us and we had our very own queen, Mrs June Maitland, to officially reveal our plaque. We all joined in to add a trowel full of dirt to aid the planting and it was a lovely way to start Milborne's Jubilee celebrations. The tree is a native wild cherry and arrived a little larger than expected (great value for money) so we thought it best to plant the tree straight away. Stakes were placed to help brace the tree for inclement weather and a tree guard will be installed around the tree to protect it. Thank you so much to Barnaby Rogers, Milborne's very own trainee blacksmith, who has helped with this.



Unfortunately, I will not be able to place our tree on the interactive map on the Queen's Green Canopy website until September. This is to allow enough time around the country to plant their trees. I will, of course, notify everyone once this has been done. Thanks again to everyone involved. *Jayne Williams*

## Celebration

By Jan Beaumont ©

70 years! It was cause for elation  
And the UK arranged such a grand celebration  
For Elizabeth promised all those years ago  
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So let's all raise a glass and say God Save the Queen!

## A Signal Success: at the June WI

THIS month's meeting was an open event, and, as such we were delighted to be joined by a number of railway enthusiasts! Mike Walshaw, who has been a volunteer signaller with the Swanage Railway for a number of years, started by saying he would be attempting to cover 170 years of railway history in 44 minutes!

Did he achieve this? It certainly seemed so, as he took us back via illustrated slides to Dorset's very first railway. A railway line from Wareham to Swanage opened in 1885, but passenger services were withdrawn in 1972, leaving a freight service handling mineral traffic.

Now operated as a heritage railway, there have been enormous efforts over the years to revive part of the line, using traditional practice skills and rebuilding some signal boxes from scratch. The Swanage Railway Trust has as its aim to restore and maintain the rail link between Swanage and Wareham and to re-establish a daily service which would connect with mainline trains.

Many of the old classic locomotives, coaches and signal boxes can now be seen at the railway museums in Norden and Corfe Castle. Mike stressed that volunteers play a vital role in heritage projects such as this; many are retirees but there is also a youth group working alongside. After questions, Mike was thanked for his informative and detailed talk. We count ourselves very lucky to have a railway which runs through our beautiful Purbeck countryside – the idea of a day trip is very appealing!

After a break for cake and coffee Jenny wound up our evening with a shortened business agenda. We will meet again on Thursday 14th July, when Ellen Savva will talk about Zero Waste. Please do join us. *Pat Bull*

*Will readers please note the village Book Club "Bookends" is full. Our regular quota of books from the Library does not cover the members currently involved. Many have to share which cuts down their reading time. Therefore, in response to the invitation to join within the WI report we must say not at current membership levels.*

## There's no such thing as a free lunch . . .

. . . HOWEVER, you can get a perfectly good two course meal (and a glass of sherry) for as little as £5.00 on the second Wednesday of each month in the Milton Abbas Reading Room.

A small group of ladies (supported by our local sommelier smelly Trevor Payne) take it in turns to test out their culinary skills on unsuspecting residents of this and neighbouring villages. The problem is "too many cooks" who are now outnumbering their customers!

Before Covid-19 there were always around 20 or so participants but sadly, since the re-opening of the Milton Abbas Lunch Club a few months ago, the numbers have dwindled to six or seven.

So, why not come along to the next lunch – you never know you might like the food – and you can also take the opportunity to meet some of your neighbours on Wednesday 13th July between 1.00 and 2.30pm.

As is customary when more than three people meet in Dorset, there is a raffle (50p a ticket) so attendees are encouraged to bring a small raffle prize to put into the draw. All profits are set aside to subsidise a Christmas Lunch.

To book your place at the next Lunch Club please register your name with Milton Abbas Post Office by Monday 11th July to give the cooks time to buy the food. *Jennifer Harrison*



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## New councillor is appointed

THE meeting started with co-option – this is the process where the Parish Council selects a new councillor. An application had been received from Jane McLeod of Wetherby Close. She was not in attendance at the time of the discussion. In her absence the councillors were happy to progress her application and she was appointed as a Parish Councillor.

Correspondence had been received from the Sports Club about Japanese knot weed and a management plan to deal with it.

At the annual village meeting, which was held in May, there were three questions:

1. Mr Lock had requested a collaborate working group to be set up between the Sports Club, Village Hall and Parish Council. Mr Lock had prepared a document for the Village Hall and Parish Council to review, and both felt that neither objectives nor scope were clear. After some discussion it was agreed that without clear terms of reference there was no need for another working group at this time.
2. Mr Hopper had asked about the precept increase and was satisfied with the answer that was given by the PC.
3. Mr Lock had asked why policies and projects from the Neighbourhood Plan had not been taken forward. Specific examples weren't given during the meeting so Mr Lock was asked to articulate the details for the PC to review, which had not been received by the PC.

The Neighbourhood Plan – papers will be brought to the next meeting for sign off ahead of submission to the Dorset Council.

A question was raised about the new speed indicating device (SID) that is in place on Milton Road – currently sited as you enter the village from Milton Abbas – and why it wasn't placed on the A354. The SID was placed in line with the information the PC has of speeding in the village. The flashing 30s on A354 have reduced the amount of speeding to what is considered an acceptable level. When they reach the end of their life they will be reviewed, but for now the only option to place them was on Milton Road. The siting of the SID will be rotated every six weeks by the Community Speedwatch Team.

Date of next meeting is 6th July 2022 Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall at 7.00pm. The meeting is open for members of the public and press to attend. Members of the public are invited to ask questions of the PC concerning agenda items or other matters.

*Jo Whitfield*

## Summer concert

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## Dewlish's Jubilee celebrations

WE HAVE just come to the end of our Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations, and have had a very full schedule of events. As usual with the British weather, we were never sure when it would rain but, amazingly, the rain held off each day until the last event had finished!

It all kicked off on the Thursday with the lighting of the beacon at the top of Greenways. Lots of people came to watch Jim's flaming arrow do the trick once more, and we also enjoyed a picnic on a lovely evening.

On the Saturday there was an excellent procession, including the Queen, her crown, sailor Jim and his boat, a chariot and several classic cars. John did the marshalling and kept everyone moving. Then followed refreshments, a dog show (hilarious as always!), children's sports and activities, teas, and, finally, a BBQ and entertainment which, luckily, had just finished when the thunderstorm arrived!

Sunday saw us returning to the field for the Platinum Jubilee Service, led by Sarah, with Aidan kindly providing the music. This was a lovely service, really well supported, and was held jointly with Milborne. Afterwards we had our village bring-and-share lunch; another joyful occasion.

I would like to thank the committee and their helpers for all the hard work they put in to make the weekend such a success. Well done, everyone!

*Daphne Burg*

## Understanding your food dates

IN general food law requires pre packed food to have a date mark. Depending on the food type this is either a 'use by' date or a 'best before' date.

The use by date is about safety and is the most important date to remember! Food with a use by date goes off quickly even if it is stored correctly and looks and smells fine. You find it on food such as meat products or ready-prepared salads. Food can be eaten up until the use by date but should not be eaten after the date has passed. Most food, including meat and milk, can be frozen up until the use by date too. The food can then be defrosted and eaten at a later date. In these circumstances the use by date will no longer apply, but the food will still be a type of food that goes off quickly so should be eaten quickly once defrosted. For the use by to be a valid guide you must carefully follow storage instructions.

The best before date is about quality and not safety. The food will be safe to eat after this date but the food may no longer be at its best. Its flavour and texture for example might not be as good. The best before date appears on a wide range of frozen, dried, tinned and other foods. The best before date will only be accurate if the food is stored according to the instructions on the label.

Shops can sell food once the 'best before' date has passed, however selling food past its 'use by' date is a criminal offence and can lead to prosecution. Dorset Council Trading Standards would like to know if you find someone selling food past its use by date.

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Sadly at the grand age of 91 Frank Gipps passed away peacefully at home on Saturday 18th June. His loss will be greatly felt by his loving wife of 69 years Kit and his beloved daughter Elaine and adored grandsons Scott and Gary



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## Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club Jubilee container competition results and looking ahead

CONGRATULATIONS to everyone who entered the container planting competition. Their creativity and appreciation of form, texture and colour were on display to brighten our village during the jubilee. Awards were given to:

Eva Stockley for her large container; Janet Voke for her small container; Alice Harrall and Dick Bailey for their novelty container and Sue



Benn, who won the 'Best in Show' award. Val and Dave Andrews and Pip Bowell were also highly commended for their entries. Well done to all!

Each year, the National Open Garden Scheme enables members of the public and groups to see beautiful gardens that would not normally be open. This month our club will visit Broomhill, in Rampisham. Once a farmyard, now a delightful, tranquil garden set in two acres. If you're not a club member but would like to join us on our visit, please contact Sally Dyer on 01258 837061

*Mark Johnson*



## "The eyes of the cycling world will be on Dorset"

THESE were the words of the Tour of Britain race director, Mick Bennett. He went on to say, "... come Saturday 10th September I know that both the world-class riders competing and the huge TV audience the Tour of Britain attracts will be blown away by the sheer beauty of the county.

"But more than that, the challenging terrain will make for a thrilling day of racing, with the battle for the stage victory in Ferndown likely to be fierce!"



The prestigious cycle race will begin its seventh stage in West Bay on Saturday, September 10th. It's the first time the Tour of Britain has come to Dorset, although its semi-professional forerunner, the Milk Race did visit the county on a number of occasions during the 1970s and 1980s.

Dorset Council which is responsible for highways has been integral to planning the route and will be managing the road closures.

Stage seven will run parallel with the West Dorset Heritage coast before passing through Dorchester, West Lulworth and Corfe Castle. The route heads inland towards Wareham, Bere Regis, Milborne St. Andrew, Milton Abbas and Wimborne Minster and loops round into the heart of Ferndown town centre.

Watch this space for more information in forthcoming editions.

*Carole Fornachon*

## Summer fun at Longmead

THE holiday clubs at Longmead Community Farm, have been growing in popularity each time they are held and we are expecting bumper attendance this summer school holiday. Drop off sessions will be held on 1st, 2nd, 8th and 9th August from 10.00am until 4.00pm, with a hot, healthy lunch and snacks provided.

If your child is keen to try woodland skills using tools, have fun with craft activities, cooking and baking, get their hands in the earth picking vegetables, have close-up experiences with a variety of animals, then the team at Longmead Community Farm are pleased to be able to offer this.

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# £371,875 of funding earmarked for play and sports coming soon

THERE really needs to be a conversation about this. A BIG ONE!

## Q: So what is on offer and when?

There are some huge sums at play here and the opportunity to deliver substantial improvements to the social well-being of the community very quickly. With the right leadership dreams can become a reality very quickly and they need to be acted upon if a whole generation is not to miss out.

First up (by the end of the summer) will be a total of £117,174 from the Huntley Down development earmarked to specific projects followed by a further £261,901 from the Camelco development when that is completed.

The individual projects identified at Huntley Down:

- £50,174: Community leisure and indoor sports provision *or* (facilitation of access)
- £23,410: Formal Outdoor Sports provision, enhancement *or* (facilitation of access).
- £3,218: Formal outdoor sports maintenance
- £24,188: Destination Play, LEAP, Skate Park Etc
- £8,984: Maintenance of Play Facilities

and at Camelco:

- £122,425: Indoor sports provision
- £59,019: Skate Park or other destination play facilities.
- £58,540: Destination Play as recommended by Fields in Trust
- £21,921: Maintenance of Play and outdoor sports facilities

## Q: How can this be?

With any new development a developer contribution is set (usually on a £ figure pro-rata to every additional dwelling. This is called a Section 106 Agreement and it sets out an agreement between the developer and Dorset Council Planning as to where and how much gets allocated to projects that will provide social, well-being and community benefits. (Improvements and enhancements to community facilities).

Dorset Council is the accountable body for the spending of developer contribution and they have recently agreed a protocol for the allocation of funding for community schemes as a result of new development.

## Q: Who is best placed to deliver?

As most of the community play equipment is linked with local equipped areas for play (LEAP) as recommended by Fields in Trust, the VH, with its Fields in Trust Jubilee status is well placed to deliver those elements as is the Sports Club with regard to the formal provision of indoor and outdoor sports. For some time now it has been more than just a place for football, so a skate park and an open sided multi use canopy could certainly become a reality.

Unlike virtually every other council the Parish Council (PC) have no direct control over any of these functions nor is it part of their remit. The Village Hall is a standalone charity completely independent of the PC and the Sports Club is a charity that has a legal remit under a lease agreement to take on the responsibility of providing a community sports and recreation facility.

## Q: Can they/should they be entrusted to do it?

Both the Sports Club and the Village Hall have a proven track record of delivering community based projects on time and on budget and are best placed to take the lead and to work with the Parish Council and the community at large to deliver. Both are reported in the Neighbourhood Plan as being held in high regard

by the Community and both worthy of being allocated developer (106) funding in order to enhance their facilities.

## Q: Where we are now?

From a personal perspective and a view shared by other members of the Sports Club team I feel that the Sports Club is out of the Parish Council's loop. Anything we suggest to move things along in a collaborative manner tends to get moved into the long grass.

I have recently made contact with the Lead Officers at Dorset Council for the management of the 106 Developer Protocol and found them to be most helpful, open and cooperative. They seemingly paint a different picture to the one expressed locally where all the "eggs" appear to be in the one basket of prioritising using the money for improvements to the A354 under the banner of "or facilitation of access" to provide safer access across the road. How that will be achieved without a crossing, pinch points or the widening of pavements is not clear.

In separate emails the DC team wrote: *Dear Richard, Thank you for your email. You are correct – it is essential that all parties involved with the Village Hall and Sport Club are directly involved, together with the PC to ensure the contributions are directed to appropriate projects – particularly if there are likely to be competing demands for the same money.*

They also set out a surprising fact that there is ***no obligation requiring Dorset Council to pass monies to the Parish Council.*** Any third party wishing to make use of developer contribution can apply to DC for funding.

Richard Lock



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# Learning can be fun at Ladybirds

LADYBIRDS' ethos has always been 'Learning through play' which sounds easy but does involve a lot of planning and providing of resources by adults to facilitate this. Adults often leave children playing with what they know instead of extending their knowledge and vocabulary while doing so. We have been recognised as interacting well with the children to promote learning.

The great outdoors is the perfect place to experience learning in an ever-changing environment. For our Woodland days we have introduced using tools safely starting with hammers. The children this month have made fabric prints of flowers and leaves using the big mallets. The resulting artwork is magic with all the children carefully arranging their flora, covering with cotton fabric then hitting with a mallet. The learning of why this happens can come later in school but for



now is a magical process which causes wonder at what is seen when the fabric is opened up.

Outside requires cooperation with others to move large objects, play games like hide and seek and imaginary role play. We have introduced quieter games like the bees and butterfly ticktacktoe. The older children take turns at playing the game while the younger ones are happy matching and sorting and watching the game.

At the hall we have made a fairy garden, coloured in Union flags, played find the Queen's corgis, looked at books with iconic London buildings and played camping. Our current topic is looking after our planet, recycling and not wasting electricity and water.

We have been able to spend time outside and water play has been very popular as has the earth digging area. But take your eyes off the children for a moment and the water has been added to the earth and lo and behold we have mudpies! Interestingly it was the girls who instigated this. Took a bit of cleaning up but think about it – playing and learning. What happens when water and earth mix? What does it feel like? What if we add more water?

At this time of year, we are asked if children are 'school ready'. This is not about being able to write or read, it is about communicating, sharing, working together, having confidence and wanting to learn. This is what is important and is why we follow 'Learning through Play'. *Liz Dyer*



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## Milborne Players' news

FIRSTLY, we'd like to thank everyone for entering the Milborne Jubilee Jamboree Scarecrow competition and congratulations to the winner! We had a good few entrants, but the Boris Johnson one we found most impressive.

We enjoyed showcasing the Cinderella prequel to you all at the Jamboree, introducing you to some of the – perhaps lesser known – characters. We hope you enjoyed it and it gave you a flavour of the boos and cheers to come to the Village Hall next year. The pantomime will be performed on Thursday 2nd, Friday 3rd and Saturday 4th February 2023.

For those of you who attended the Jamboree, you will have seen we were also showcasing some of our past productions, and hoping to recruit some new members. We are really happy that we've had some interest from some younger people, who will be joining our pantomime cast. It's such a fun thing to do and a confidence boost to boot. We could always benefit from people helping in all manner of ways; not just joining our cast, but also backstage and front of house too. Please pop along to our weekly meet up each Monday evening at 8:00pm at the Village Hall and we can tell you anything you need to know (tea and biscuits supplied!). Or call/text myself on 07804 600204 or Gren on 07876 793319.

Rehearsals to start early autumn for our pantomime.

Kate Hawker

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## Queen's Jubilee 2022

### Scarecrow competition

THE Milborne Players were proud to run the scarecrow competition as part of the Milborne St. Andrew jubilee celebrations and it was a hard-fought battle with all nine entries being worthy of a mention. The judging panel of Players and two guest superheroes went round the pre-registered entrants on the Friday with a few on the day entries judged at the Sports Club on the Saturday.

Overall, the quality of entries was very high with notable highlights of Rich Hawker's "Skateboarder" that scored highly with the Superhero judges, and Dave Andrews' entry "Dave" got the most marks for most realistic entrant, wine bottle and all!!!

But the overwhelming winner was Amanda Jenkins' "Boris' Party", brilliant likeness, additional marks for the banner and also adaptability as Boris got an umbrella mid judging as the rain started!!

A big thank you to everyone who entered and also to the Jubilee committee for arranging the events. A second thank you from the Players for watching our Panto Prelude on the Saturday and hope that everyone enjoyed it; we will be back to what we do best in February 2023 with our pantomime Cinderella. We look forward to seeing you all there. *Gren Elphinstone Davis on behalf of The Milborne Players.*









## Milborne Jubilee Jamboree Round Up!

AFTER all the planning and advertising the four day Bank Holiday finally arrived! Whether you had all four days off or you had to work, I hope that you and your family got to enjoy the celebrations in one way or another. I may be a bit biased, but, the feedback regarding our Milborne Jubilee Jamboree was that everyone enjoyed themselves which was fantastic to hear. And so the whole MJJ committee would like to thank each and everyone of you for embracing it and getting involved!



The celebrations in the village kicked off with the planting of the Jubilee Tree thanks to Cllr Jayne Williams who thought it would be a lovely legacy for us all to remember the day and put our little village 'on the map' and I think we can all agree how lovely it looks. Thank you Jayne. The pub was fully booked for all three sittings for their banquet, which was

fantastic. I hear that staff dressed for the occasion and the restaurant was buzzing with chitter chatter.

The village hall film was well attended with a fun half time quiz. Thank you to the wonderful questioning duo of Wayne and wife Wendy – maybe a village quiz should be on the cards later in the year?

The fairy village was started and was the brainchild of the lovely Pam Shults. I believe that the idea is to get this project to grow and continue which once again will be a lovely legacy.



Scarecrows and planters were judged and we thank The Gardening Club and The Players for running the competitions. I hope that those who took part enjoyed designing and building them. A few scarecrows even made it up to the Sports Pavilion which was brilliant. Winning Scarecrow, 'Boris', joined the party but that shouldn't surprise any of us!!

The 'Queen' took to her unconventional transport as she and her lady in waiting were driven by Mark Revel in his beautiful



vintage tractor to the Village Hall to meet everyone who was waiting to parade up to the Sports Club. It was quite the spectacle with children taking the opportunity to get their photo taken with the Queen!



As the parade grew, we arrived at the Sports Pavilion to be greeted by Wayne and his team of helpers. The afternoon kicked off with the obstacle course. Cheering spectators supported

competitors in the blustery conditions whilst they picnicked but at least the rain held off. So many children took part. It was brilliant to see their enthusiasm, especially for the water slide where they got to throw wet sponges and fire water pistols at competitors as they whizzed down the side of the bank. Ant and Dec would have been proud of their efforts!! Commentary from Wayne, Gren and Richard kept the crowds entertained.



The hay bales, kindly donated by Phil Hayter, significantly helped to make up the great obstacles and were then used by the children as entertainment late into the evening!

Thank you to the first school for donating other bits and bobs





too. Marie, co-chair of Friends of School, was marvellous at organising the bouncy castle which was in constant use for the whole afternoon, allowing parents to have a little time to relax with friends. Thank you Marie. The story telling tent was a hit with the very little ones. Thank you to Jess and Liz from Ladybirds for doing this.



Three legged football, the brainchild of Richard Hawker, Wayne and Charlie Moore, had the potential for sprained ankles and interesting language but it was such fun. Richard kindly commentated as 'Press' once Gren ran out cables far enough on to the pitch that Richard could be close enough to the action.



The afternoon continued with welly wanging! Wellies were coming thick and fast at all angles thanks to the windy conditions but finally an overall winner came through and yes, ladies and gentleman, it was a woman! There were so many people taking part, young and slightly older, it was a great activity for all the family.



Then the climax to the afternoon, Tug Of War! Children first, then North v South of the village. It was well managed by Wayne



and Richard Macnair but in the end it was classed as a fair 'draw' after a number of rounds and changing of the end. In the best spirit of the day!!



We would like to thank Malcolm at the Sports Club for working with the MJJ team with preparations and being on hand to help on the actual day. And thank you for staying with me until the bitter end to lock up. The rain held off and the pizza van arrived and got fired up.



We all moved to the side of the pavilion to protect the band from the potential showers that were expected and at 7pm many villagers had made it back up the hill to enjoy the band 'The Few' and soak up the party atmosphere. Donations of almost £80 were given in aid of the Sports Club who allowed us to use their facilities for the day. Thank you to everyone who donated. I think that we can all agree that the band went down well.



Even if you didn't make it to the pavilion I think we managed to entertain most of the village as I heard that the band could be heard as far away as Huntley Down! I know that the band really enjoyed the gig and thought that the setting was pretty impressive.



It's not that often that they get to play with an actual full live lightning storm as a back drop across a valley!! It was a wonder to watch. For those of you who arranged and took part in street parties on Sunday, I hope that you didn't get too wet. I saw that many of you took to garages or gazebos in the true British spirit. Well, all in all, I think we all had a memorable Jubilee whatever you got involved with.

Thank you to Steve Chappell, Heather the Reporter photographer and others that submitted photographs that will be a lasting account that we can all look back on in years to come. Here's to the next village get together let's have a few more!! Amy Stephens





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## Gardening Club Competition

### Flowers for the Queen

The competition for planted containers run by the Gardening Club for the Jubilee attracted only 14 entries but all who entered seemed to enjoy doing so, even though the unseasonal and changeable weather meant not everything bloomed just as and when we wanted. A great variety of plants was used however, and there were some very original ideas, especially for the royal theme and in the novelty class.

Janet Voke (A) won the class for smaller containers with a silver plant representing platinum among her other red white and blue flowers. The large container prize went to Eva Stockley (B) who had made a gold crown to add to her lovely display which also included rich purple flowers. The prize for the novelty entry was won by Alice Harrall and Dick Bailey (C). Their container was a large wheelbarrow and the flowers in it were in the shape of the Union Jack – very effective. The final prize for the ‘best in show’ went to Sue Benn (D) for an outstanding novelty entry in an upturned umbrella with a wonderful variety of plants.

All prize-winners received a garden token thanks to the Gold Poundbury Gardens. We also awarded a Highly Commended Certificate to Pip Bowell (E) and Val Andrews (F) for their entries which were particularly interesting.

The Gardening Club would like to thank all those who took part in the competition and as it will inspire others to use planters at other times to help brighten our village.

Sally Dyer







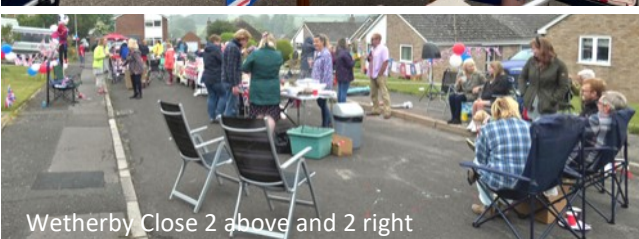
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#### Rabbits Artist Study: Banksy

We spent some time exploring Banksy's street art looking at photographs: we talked about what we could find, what we could see, where it was, what colours we found, could we see anything new. The children loved this art, the simplicity as some of his work is very similar to the children's own drawings. I then asked the children how they thought street art was made . . . I told them about spray paint and stencils. And about how lots of street art is then covered up again or how it fades with time. We decided to 'have a go' in exploring, using stencils provided by Miss Wittman. We made our own 'spray paint' by mixing black paint with water. Unfortunately Miss Wittman's spray bottles had disappeared so we used a syringe instead. Of course it was very messy and the paint did run under the stencil but we had lots of fun spraying like street artist Banksy.

We thought about how street art gets covered up or washed away with the weather and decided that we should create some art work that would last. So we then created our own walls using sponges and paint. We used iPads to take photographs of one another and with an adult's help printed these pictures out in black and white. Next step . . . scissors! Carefully cutting around our outline and gluing it into place.



We held our first ever Dandelion Day in June. Our children and families worked with an artist from Creative Clay for All to produce beautiful individual seeds to create a giant dandelion clock as a collaborative piece of art to be displayed on our outer wall for all to enjoy. Each child worked carefully with materials and tools to create one for school and a piece to take home as a reminder of this special day. Our grown ups even got to taste dandelion coffee if they were feeling brave! It is a yummy alternative to coffee and completely natural and caffeine free. We are really looking forward to having our pieces back from the kiln where they will be double fired and returned in a couple of weeks ready for mounting. The dandelion is a beautiful symbol of hope, childhood and inclusion and we are very proud that it will be our new school logo from September 2022. It reminds us to look differently and to understand the whole story as whether it is thought of as a weed or a wildflower is affected by understanding the whole story. There is so much more to this humble little flower if you can take the time to look. We echo that approach to each wonderful unique child that we are privileged to nurture to grow and learn at Milborne St Andrew First School.



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## Welcome to our new curate

"Won't it be good to have someone to help you with your work?" is the response I've had from a number of people, when mentioning the arrival of Maggie Crosbie, our new curate.

It is indeed wonderful to welcome Maggie to the benefice, and I am looking forward to working with her and having an ordained colleague. As she embarks on this new stage of her Christian calling, she will arrive with energy and anticipation. She will bring new ideas and will see things with eyes not dulled by the passage of time. She will share in the ministry of the benefice that lay and ordained hold in partnership. She will bring with her the experience of her life and the skills she has honed in her previous work.

But above all Maggie is here to learn and to prepare for the time when she will be an incumbent (Vicar or Rector) herself. Initial training for clergy takes place in two stages: stage one, which she has just completed, is college-based; stage two is curacy. Curacy involves practical learning and theological reflection, spiritual development, study and sharing in ministry. There is a check-list of things Maggie must do during her time with us, such as leading worship and preaching, pastoral care, occasional offices (weddings, baptisms and funerals), school assemblies and so on. Much of her learning, though, will be less quantifiable and more about how to experience the role of a deacon and then a priest with all their expectations and responsibilities.

Key to all this is the relationship that I, as her training incumbent, will have with her. But equally important is the contribution the people in our churches and communities will make. Let God surprise you through what she brings to our villages. Celebrate when she does things well. Allow her to take risks and to fail on occasion as we all do. Times when things don't work out are probably the experiences from which we learn most. Enjoy her company, encourage her gifts and let her do the same for you.

Please pray for her, as she will do for you. Do welcome her, introduce yourselves to her when she is out and about in the benefice and, if you can, come to our formal benefice welcome on Sunday 3rd July at 6.00pm in Puddletown church. We will have a service of welcome with holy communion followed by a bring-and-share supper. Everyone is welcome – we'd love to see you.

With best wishes

*Sarah*

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

### SATURDAY 2nd July

2.30pm Marriage of Matthew Tolpuddle  
Carter and Steph King

### 3rd July – St. Thomas

6.00pm United Benefice Holy Puddletown  
Communion and welcome to  
the Revd Maggie Crosbie  
followed by bring-and-share supper

### 10th July – Trinity 4

9.30am Parish Communion Milborne  
11.00 Puddletown Praise Puddletown  
11.00 Parish Communion Dewlish  
5.30pm Sunday Reflections Tolpuddle

### 17th July – Trinity 5/Martyrs' Festival

9.30am Worship in Stillness Milborne  
11.00 Parish Communion Puddletown  
11.00 Martyrs' Festival Songs Tolpuddle  
of Praise  
11.00 Pet Service Dewlish

### 24th July – Trinity 6

9.30am Parish Communion Milborne  
10.00 Go Fourth Tolpuddle  
11.00 BCP Matins Puddletown  
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11.00 Parish Communion Dewlish

### 31st July – Trinity 7

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## Milborne St. Andrew church news

WE begin July with the celebration to welcome Maggie Crosbie as our Curate; we hope as many people as possible from Milborne will be in Puddletown for the Eucharist on July 3rd at 6.00pm, to welcome her to the Benefice, and to join in a Bring and Share Supper afterwards when we can say "hello"!

I write this as the four-day celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee draws to a close. Special events across the benefice, the United Kingdom and around the world have paid tribute to our Monarch on this historic occasion. Our church was decorated with red, white and blue flowers, and an exhibition highlighting some of the history of the church, and the various items used during services. It was good to see the union flag flying proudly; thank you to John Wright for ensuring that it flew then, and on other special occasions. A correction: the bells were increased to five in honour of Queen Victoria's *Diamond* Jubilee in 1897, not for the Golden Jubilee (three bells bear the date, 1898).

July 2nd marks another Jubilee, although there won't be street parties and bunting on this occasion. For fifty years ago to the day I first played the organ in Milborne Church for a service (yes, I was remarkably young!). It was for a BCP service of Morning Prayer

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# Royal Voluntary Service 'Royal Knitting' display in Dorset libraries

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would like to thank everybody who has so kindly and generously contributed to our project.

We are currently setting up our display at Dorchester Library and Learning Centre, and it will

then 'tour' a number of Dorset Libraries before the items will be sold to raise money for Royal Voluntary Service in Dorset and BCP. We are hoping to promote the Home Library Service at the same time, which is provided by Dorset and BCP Library Services and delivered by RVS volunteers free of charge to anybody who cannot easily get to the library; books and talking books are chosen for each person individually according to their personal preferences and delivered every three weeks, combining the provision of new and interesting reading materials with a regular visit by a trusted volunteer.

For more information on 'Royal Knitting' or the Home Library Service, please contact Maria Jacobson, RVS Service Manager Dorset and BCP Home Library Service, on 01305 236666 or e-mail [maria.jacobson@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk](mailto:maria.jacobson@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk).



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(Matins), led by The Rev'd. John Spruyt; and Daisy Cooper (organist over a period of more than 60 years), decided I was capable of doing so! That evening I wrote in my journal, "NEVER again"! Ah, well! Bishop Fison, then Bishop of Salisbury died that same afternoon – I do not think the two are linked. Although, All Saints' Church, Dorchester, where I first played the organ as a schoolboy at Hardye's Grammar School, was declared redundant shortly after! If you happen to be in Milborne Church on July 10th there may be cake. Mention of cake reminds me that there will be our popular Cream Teas during July in aid of church funds – keep an eye open for posters.

We are now in the long season of "Sundays after Trinity" – also known as "Ordinary Time" which reminds us that God is present in the ordinary things of life, as much as in the Festivals and celebrations. It seems appropriate to thank all those, many "behind the scenes" who keep our Church open, clean, decorated and welcoming throughout the year. You know who you are, so "Thank You"!

*Tony Fox & Pam Shults, Churchwardens*

## Dewlish Church Notes

PLEASE note that there will be no service in Dewlish Church on Sunday 3rd July. Instead, we are invited to attend the United Benefice Holy Communion at St. Mary's Church, Puddletown, at 6.00pm, to welcome Sarah's Assistant Curate, the Revd. Maggie Crosbie. This will be followed by a bring-and-share supper.

On Sunday 17th July our Family Service will be our **Pet Service**, which will be held in the churchyard at 11.00am. Please do come – with or without a pet. We do love to meet them all!

There is another **United Benefice Holy Communion** and bring-and-share lunch in the offering, this time at Milborne St. Andrew, on Sunday 31st July at 11.00am.

*Daphne Burg*

## Paddington's big day out

**By Jan Beaumont ©**

Paddington Bear went to tea with the Queen  
He saw things at the Palace he never had seen  
He sipped from his cup but there wasn't a doubt  
That no way could he hold his pinky straight out!

If the Queen noticed she said not a word  
And no mention was made of the thing that occurred  
So Paddington Bear breathed a sigh of relief  
That his manners had not seemed to cause the Queen grief.

They sat and they talked and they ate lots of food  
And Paddington hoped that he didn't seem rude  
When the marmalade sandwich caused such a loud burp  
Then Elizabeth smiled and he felt such a twerp!

Then off they both toddled, his paw in her hand  
And Paddington suddenly felt very grand  
And a little bit special that they'd become mates  
As the Queen and the Bear walked on out through the gates.

And he knew he'd remember this day ever more  
As he clasped the Queen's hand with his wee furry paw  
He just hoped that there would be much more marmalade  
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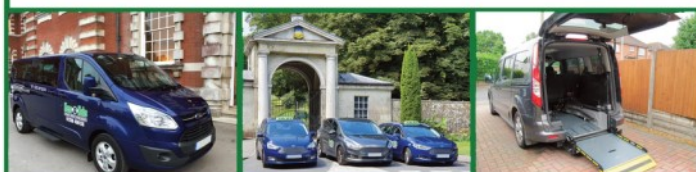
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# Community Contacts

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

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

## COUNCILS

Dorset Councillor	Emma Parker	07411 149997
Parish Council – Dewlish	Clerk:	
	Chair: Andrew Booth	01258 837284
Parish Council –	Clerk: Wayne Lewin	07419 136735
Milborne St. Andrew	Chair: Richard Macnair	07774 081551

**Dorset Council Services:** For matters relating to roads repairs, bins, litter, environmental health, planning, footpaths and parking, [www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk) or call 01305 221000  
**Flooding:** Environment Agency Floodline 03459 881188  
**Environmental Incident:** Environment Agency Hotline 08008 807060  
[www.gov.uk/government/organisations/environment-agency](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/environment-agency)  
 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

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

## 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	

## SPECIAL INTEREST

Bellringers	Pip Howell	01258 837329
Bridge Group	Laurie Benn	01258 837720
Cribbage	Peter Anthony	01258 837089
Dog Training Behaviour	Natasja Lewis	07896 275357
Food and Wine Club	Steve O'Neill	07490 691121
MSA Allotment Society	Joy Robinson	01258 837661
MSA Gardening Club	Sally Dyer	01258 837061
Milborne Players	Gren Davis	07876 793319
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

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ourselves on being inclusive, so any enquiries are welcome on [funatthefarm@longmead.org](mailto:funatthefarm@longmead.org) or telephone 01258 837960 with enquiries.

You are invited to welcome the Revd Maggie Crosbie as Assistant Curate to the Benefice of Puddletown, Tolpuddle and Milborne with Dewlish at a service of Holy Communion on Sunday 3rd July at 6.00pm at St. Mary's Church, Puddletown

## What's on in Milborne

### JULY

**Friday 1st**

**Saturday 2nd**

**Sunday 3rd**

**Wednesday 6th**

**Thursday 7th**

**Saturday 9th**

**Tuesday 12th**

**Wednesday 13th**

**Wednesday 13th**

**Thursday 14th**

**Thursday 14th**

**Friday 15th**

**Sunday 17th**

**Saturday 23rd**

**Quiz Night** in aid of Friends of School The Royal Oak.

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

**United Benefice** Holy Communion at St. Mary's Church, Puddletown, at 6.00pm, to welcome Sarah's Assistant Curate, the Revd. Maggie Crosbie.

**Parish Council** Village Hall, all parishoners welcome 7.00pm.

**Bridge** The Royal Oak 7.00pm.

**Community Café** Village Hall 10.00am to 12.00 midday.

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

**Milton Abbas Lunch Club** between 1.00 and 2.30pm. See page 3.

**Bridge** The Royal Oak 7.00pm.

**Ploughman's Theme Night** The Royal Oak.

**WI** when Ellen Savva will talk about Zero Waste. Village Hall 7.30pm.

**Milborne Movie** *The Duke* Village Hall 7.30pm.

**Pet Service** Dewlish churchyard 11.00pm.

**Live Music** with Chasing Dust 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 Sundays.

**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).

**Badminton** Wednesday 6.30–7.30pm (term time only).



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