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New Year Party at the Wednesday Club

ON Wednesday 4th January, 21 members met to enjoy a Bring and Share lunch, entertainment and friendship at the Village Hall.

José began the entertainment with a story entitled "The Knight" in which everyone entered into the spirit of things by joining in with amazing sound effects.

Dave Andrews then read a very amusing Pam Ayres poem "Embarrassing Moments with a Parrot".

Josie Wright read one of her very own compositions "Rosy Doing a Dinner Party".

José Thomas then read a poem by Keith Waterhouse entitled "How Long Oh Lord" that Harry had specially chosen as he felt it fitted well with a talk we had a few months ago by Brian Burton on Noah and The Ark, a very amusing piece.

Di Harris was next with a poem called "With Good Intentions" followed by Thomas Hardy's "Transformation".

Eva Stockley read a poem "Grandma's Apron" by Tina Trivett.

We really didn't know what talent we had within our club and well done to you all.

José Thomas then finished with limericks that she had written about the committee and others who help. Here they are!

Our Wednesday Club Socials are great
And we treat everybody as a mate.
Each month there's a plan
To take part if you can
And the first in the month is the date.
Jenny's our Chair – we don't doubt her.
I could tell you a great deal about her.
She thinks up hard questions
And lots of suggestions
The fact is we can't do without her.
Sheila's our Sec. just you look.
She keeps all our names in a book.
She sends us a card and works very hard
To finish by hook or by crook.
We send to the hall our Rep Dave
And we hope he can help us to save.
Our int'trest he's keeping,
Rewards we'll be reaping
If only he learns to behave.
The extra from Ian and Lis
By doing a raffle is bliss.
It adds to our money
So accounts look quite sunny
And it don't get much better than this.
Our Lin is on the Committee.
She gets down to the nitty and gritty.
She sells books and all
At the back of the hall
And adds extra cash to our Kitty.
Now José is our Treasurer,
We really can't manage without her,
She looks after our money
And is such a honey.
She keeps us on the straight and narrower.

Our apologies José for taking poetic licence in the last one and bringing down the standard of your limericks.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday February 1st at 2pm when José and Harry Thomas will be in charge of the entertainment so we can be sure of a good time.

Lis Watts

Village Hall News

A NEW year and it's all go at the Village Hall. The Community Café continues to run every second Saturday of the month 10.00am to 12 mid-day. It has proved very popular but there is still room for more people so come along and enjoy a bacon or sausage butty. The film nights continue – fliers are posted through your doors by a small band of volunteers and always advertised in the Reporter.

Have you noticed the solar panels? These were put up ahead of schedule but the technical team haven't attached them yet – we look forward to creating electricity when the sun returns.

We are having a clear up day on Saturday 11th March 12 mid-day to 2.00pm straight after the café. We will also be planting a tree in memory of Mike Mullet. We would welcome lots of people to come and help.

The village quiz will be held on Saturday 4th March (see details on page 14). Please support this event, they are always good fun.

Many people don't like joining committees but are always willing to support events. We are establishing Friends of the Village Hall with a few people already joined. If you would be interested then please contact Sarah Ryan 01258 839230 or anyone on the committee.

Linda Wright

Parish Council meeting update

Following a complaint from a resident regarding the ugly safety barriers on The Causeway, the Parish Council (PC) contacted Dorset Council who said that they were costing up the barriers and will come back to the PC with options.

The Household Support Fund re-opened on 9th January. This is where low income households can apply for funds. To be eligible residents: will live in the Dorset Council area; have an annual household income of less than £30,000; have savings of less than £16,000; did not apply in November 2022.

Recently some planning applications have gone through and local residents weren't aware of them. A proposal to upload applications to social media was discussed and it was agreed that going forward details of applications will be added to Facebook, to noticeboards in the village, as well as the PC website – www.milbornestandrew-pc.org.uk.

An application for a grant of £100 was approved for Artsreach.

Dorset Council have published a strategy and criteria for 20mph speed limits in urban areas and village streets that are primarily residential, to ensure greater safety for pedestrians and cyclists. Cllr Macnair has reviewed these and identified that Chapel Street and The Causeway meet the criteria, as well as there being a strong case for Hopsfield. After discussion around whether it would be good use of spending, it was agreed to place a post on the village Facebook group to get some feedback. At time of writing the post was live and lots of people were sharing their thoughts.

The PC have put aside £500 of community funding for the King's Coronation celebrations in the village. No-one has come forward yet to say they are looking to arrange an event, but funds are available, should anyone wish to do so.

Note that the Clerk's working hours are Monday and Wednesday 10.00am to 2.00pm, and if you contact him outside of these hours then you will not get an immediate response.

The next PC meeting will be on Wednesday 15th February at Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall at 7.00pm. Please come along to find out what's happening in the village and voice your opinion on local issues.

Jo Whitfield

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DID you know you can support our (your) community asset by raising money every time you shop online? Seems too good to be true, well, it isn't and let me say from the outset this penny spending exercise is nothing whatsoever to do with the outside loo!!

We are actually looking to attract 100 supporters to our cause, or should I say survival, and at the time of writing this article three had already done so. Your support will really make a difference to our very survival and what we can deliver for the benefit of the community.

With the cost of living impacting everyone, this isn't about asking you to spend more, but to make you aware that if you are making an on-line purchase anyway that by using the easyfundraising platform you can donate to the Sports Club charity funds at the same time and at no additional cost to you.

The "nuts and bolts" of the scheme is that all you need to do in the first place is to sign up to using easyfundraising.org.uk as your entry platform into over 7,000 online retailers. When you sign up you nominate the Milborne St Andrew Sports Club as your good cause.

Then every time you shop online you start your journey at the easyfundraising website (or mobile app) and you are then directed to (click on) the retailer of your choice.

So, if you are buying these nuts and bolts from Screwfix they will make a donation to the Sports Club but importantly IT **WON'T COST YOU ANY EXTRA.**

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Please support us if you can by registering yourself today as a supporter of our cause, if you need any help Philip in the Post Office is on hand to help you.

Please also share with your friends and family if they would also like to help – the more the better to raise much needed funds!

Tough times ahead

Although our aim is to get 100 supporters, the more that sign up the merrier and remember, despite the spiralling inflationary costs

(feeding and servicing the four gas boilers beasts for instance), the Sports Club is entirely self-financing. We get no financial support whatsoever apart from the loyal users who use us and regularly tell us that we are worth it, and grant funding organisations like the Lottery Fund, Sport England, etc.

We actually pay into the parish precept pot of money so that it can then be paid out to others by the Council.



This initiative could be a light at the end of the tunnel, hopefully not a train coming the other way!!

So don't forget, the cost of living crisis is not going to go away anytime soon and we need to be able to ride out the storm. You can now make a big difference to the future shape of the community facilities by raising extra funds for Milborne St. Andrew Sports Club using easyfundraising.org.uk. *Richard Lock*

Welcoming in 2023! Is your organisation ready?

IF you feel ready to tackle 2023 then we have lots of exciting events and courses lined up to help you really make the most of it . . . If you're not so ready, don't quite know where to start or simply wanting to get your efforts off to a great start (and have a bit of fun along the way) then we have an exciting challenge for you!



We'll be sending our 'New Year Challenge' email out on working days throughout January to give everyone the chance to join in, but . . . if you'd like more, then sign up to start gaining more tempting treats for your group or organisation! Sign up at <https://dorsetcommunityaction.beaconforms.com/form/796623ce>.

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Coastline guardians: at the January WI

WITH Christmas firmly behind us, we met for our first WI meeting of the New Year, which will no doubt be as busy as ever. Arrangements have been finalised for our post-Christmas meal this month, and in February we celebrate 78 years as a WI in Milborne, so more celebrations to come. A reminder from Jenny, our President, that the food bank contributions are ongoing.

We are reinstating our monthly lunch meetings at The Royal Oak, the first being on Thursday 16th February, 12.30pm for 1.00pm. As ever, the book club meetings continue, Veronica reporting that we had met to discuss 'Frankenstein' by Mary Shelley. A mixed review, but all agreeing that it is a classic worth the read. Frankenstein, the book, is nothing like the horror film's portrayal of the fictional monster, instead it is a well-written and thought-provoking moral story. The next book is 'The Book Club' by CJ Cooper.

I wonder how many of us have heard of the National Coastwatch Institution? Bob Clark, our speaker, who lives in Milborne, saw long service in the Merchant Navy and on retirement, keen to use his expertise in a different way, offered his services as a volunteer to this little-known charity.

Established in 1994, and unlike the Coastguard service, the NCI is staffed entirely by volunteers and is completely self-funded, relying entirely on public support and sponsorship. There are currently 58 operational stations, manned by over 2,600 volunteers, who keep watch around the British Isles. They provide eyes and ears around the coast and are trained to spot, plot and deal with emergencies during daylight hours throughout the year. During 2022, and on his own watch, Bob recorded over 800 incidents, many of them avoidable if common-sense safety procedures had been followed by the public! The stations are expensive to run, and there is a constant need for funds for maintenance and basic utilities.

Our thanks to Bob, and to all those volunteers who work alongside him, our beautiful coastline is all the safer for their help. Congratulations to Lin, her 'sea poem' was judged to be a winner!

We meet for our birthday party on Thursday, 9th February. Andrew Brewer's topic is 'Puppets' and the exhibition is 'your favourite puppet'.
Pat Bull

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Artsreach host "Coracle"

OUR next Artsreach event will be on Saturday 18th March when we are pleased to be hosting the band "Coracle". Fusing traditional with contemporary in an exhilarating voyage which has British folk tradition at its very heart, cut loose by contemporary classical and splashes of early music, this promises to be a great evening of entertainment.

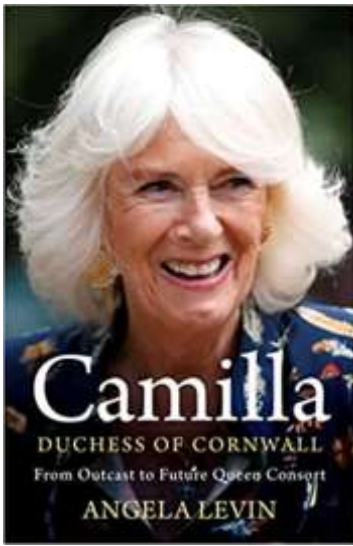
This event will at the Village Hall and starts at 7.30pm.

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Lindsey O'Neill



Camilla Duchess of Cornwall, From Outcast to Future Queen Consort by Angela Levin



THIS book was published during the period between the Late Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations and her death and funeral, so Camilla's titles in the book's title are out of date. This doesn't affect the content of the book.

The author is a journalist and Royal biographer. She has worked for The Observer, The Mail and Mail on Sunday, The Telegraph, Sky, BBC, ITV and GB News as well as Australian and Japanese TV networks. Her previous Royal biographies

include 'Harry: conversations with the Prince' in 2018, 'Diana's Babies: Kate William and the Repair of a Broken Family', 'Raine and Johnny: The Spencers and the Scandal of Althorp' and a detailed Profile of King Charles on his 70th Birthday, when of course he was Prince of Wales. She has obviously spent much time in Royal palaces and company, and has many officially-approved contacts within the staff of all the senior Royals.

The book is a very sympathetic biography of the new Queen, and is full of information about her early life, background, interests and hobbies. It debunks a lot of myths and releases a lot of information that I wasn't aware of. It's well written and easy to read, as you would expect from someone with the author's background, and has some rather nice photos, which I haven't seen before.

I was very impressed by the work Camilla does to improve literacy with children and adults, and was greatly amused by her 'Poetry and cake' initiative, where people read poetry, before scoffing tea and cake. This had to move online during lockdown, and she overcame her dislike of technology to join in enthusiastically, even sharing her cake recipes – apparently she often bakes Victoria sponge with lemon curd or Nutella as fillings.

Camilla is now patron of hundreds of charities. To all the people she meets she is kind, hard-working, self-deprecating and makes people laugh, so they can see she's human. She shows lots of empathy to those who are suffering – she lost her only brother in an accident, watched her beloved grandmother die of osteoporosis and lost her son's partner to cancer. She also supported Andrew Parker-Bowles' second wife through her failed battle with cancer. She has known sadness, marginalisation, unpleasantness and loneliness. She has experienced all this yet doesn't let it define her. Her charities include those less glamorous such as osteoporosis and domestic violence, literacy in prisons and for disadvantaged people all across the UK. Every Christmas she hosts a party at Highgrove for terminally ill children, who decorate the tree (helped by a Welsh Guardsman with his sword!) and enjoy a fabulous time, along with their carers.

She is a role model for older women who can carry on achieving a great deal well into their eighth decade. On marriage she had a choice to sit back and enjoy the lifestyle but chose to

become involved in helping, often in the background. When asked to support the Osteoporosis Society, she said 'are you sure?' thinking that she might bring them bad publicity. For years she worked in the background as a volunteer before accepting the role of Patron.

The book covers the years during her and Charles's failing marriages in great detail. I was taken by the differences in royal parenting. Whereas Charles kept Camilla away from the young princes until things became official, Diana encouraged them to help with smuggling her men into the house, making them part of the conspiracy.

I was surprised to learn of the nastiness that went on within the Royal Family. Once a welcome guest, whose first wedding was attended by the Late Queen, Prince Philip and the Queen Mother, she was ostracised during the time that she and Charles lived together. This is partly understandable given the late Queen's view on the divorce of her Uncle, but it was sad to find out that Prince Andrew, along with his ex-wife Sarah and Diana, Charles's ex-wife, petitioned the late Queen to set Charles aside and transfer the monarchy directly to Prince William with Andrew as Regent during William's minority! (Pity Netflix didn't include that in 'The Crown', but rather made up something about Prince Charles approaching John Major to depose his Mother). The Late Queen disagreed with this plot and Andrew became extremely spiteful and unpleasant. Decades later, Charles lent him £7 million towards paying off the blackmailer Victoria Giuffre, a very noble act.

I was saddened to hear about Princess Anne's role in all this. She's always been a heroine of mine, but isn't exactly covered in glory here, particular given events in her own life. Anne and Andrew Parker Bowles dated during the 1970s, which may explain her attitude to having his ex-wife join her family. She seems to have been very unpleasant about it, to the point that her Mother changed Royal Precedence after Camilla and Charles were married, so although Camilla was the senior Royal Lady, Princess Anne and Princess Alexandra did not have to curtsy to her unless she was with Prince Charles. At a time when curtseying seems to be so visible this is something else Netflix seems to have overlooked. The Late Queen also changed the prayers of the Church of England so that Camilla, wife of the heir to the throne, was excluded.

Camilla has spent a lifetime coping with press lies and persecution of herself and her children, insults and nastiness from anyone who cared to be insulting and nasty, plus the frostiness of the Royal Family, and come through having built reasonable relationships with all of them (except Andrew). She offered to help Meghan Markle find her feet within 'The Firm', as 'she doesn't like to see anyone struggle and is fond of Meghan'. Camilla hosted the launch of Meghan's cookbook to support Grenfell victims, making sure that all the dishes served at the launch were recipes from the book. Meghan seemed to find this quiet, supportive approach boring, and preferred to deal with Royal Life in her own way. Yet on Meghan's move across the Atlantic, the Sun's fabricated phrase 'that minx' was attributed to Camilla and has stuck, despite it not being a word Camilla uses or the way she works when tribulations strike. Another Press fabrication is that the then Prince Charles ordered Harry and Meghan to leave his 70th birthday party early because of some slight. It seems that they had originally

suggested that they stay only half an hour so as not to take attention from the Birthday Boy. After Camilla and Meghan held hands when arriving, and giggled like children during Harry's speech praising Charles, the younger couple left as arranged, only for someone to start lies and rumours about why they left so early.

One little snippet that came out, is that Prince Harry sought and received psychiatric help for his grief issues when he was 28. I fail to understand how he can then say, once married, that the 'Royal Family doesn't approve of people seeking this kind of help'.

She is a role model for re-building relationships with those who have been unkind or worse to her; how refreshing that last year she was one of four ladies picked to be the Late Queen's solace after losing Prince Philip. A real tribute to both of them for building bridges of friendship.

She is always herself when doing her thousands of engagements, and doesn't pretend to be anything she is not. We won't see her using 'beauty treatments' to make herself look younger, she wears her age gracefully. She admits to her fear of flying yet she still flies to engagements despite this. Admirably, she keeps her private life private, unless to say that she loves her children and grandchildren. She has stated that her Role Model is Prince Philip, a man who gave unfailing public support to a Royal Spouse and who lived by the motto 'look up and look out, say less, do more'.

I enjoyed reading the book, and was surprised at the vast amount of information in it, from a wide range of people interviewed. I can say that this book has changed my opinion of Queen Camilla, despite the fact that she despoils Victoria sponge with Nutella!

Susan Wilson

Concerned about flooding? Things you can do:

ALL residents are aware that we have excessive amounts of water in the Bere stream, in the ground, on our road surfaces and in our drains and sewers. Problems have been reported to all agencies concerned. Advice is given every year about what you can do to protect your property. It was put onto the village Facebook page in January and is repeated here:

- Think and prepare now for what you'll do if flooding occurs, don't wait until flooding happens.
- Move valuables from basements and cellars.
- If you have a pump and/or other property resilience measures, check it is working effectively.
- Residents with septic tanks are advised to eliminate all non-essential water use and flush toilets as little as possible until the ground is no longer flooded.
- Keep drains and gullies free of leaves and debris, request help from Highways if necessary.
- Visit the Environment Agency website for local water levels and flooding information www.gov.uk/check-flooding.
- If you own part of the riverbank, you should keep the banks and bed of the river clear of debris.
- If you rely on sand and sandbags, make sure they are accessible and that you are physically strong enough to deploy them. There are modern alternatives such as the Gravitas Hydrosnake sandbags, available from Wickes, Amazon etc. which are much easier to store and use.

I hope the above points are helpful.

Mark Johnson Flood Warden

2022 Weather in Milborne St. Andrew

THE total rainfall for 2022 was 1031.9mm which is just OVER my 50 year average of 1001.7mm.

The rainfall for the January to August period was 301.6mm which was 275.6mm lower than average and, at that time, 2022 looked likely to be a very dry year: but nature had other ideas! The September to December rainfall was 730.3mm which was 305.8mm higher than average. This filled the aquifers and reservoirs and the water table became high enough for the springs to break out in the Milton Road at the end of the year.

The rainfall in July was 0.4mm which is the lowest rainfall in any month I have ever recorded. Fortunately, there was 34.3mm of rain in May and 46.2mm in June which was enough to keep crops growing and winter sown cereal crops yielded quite well although late sown spring crops suffered.

The average temperature for the year in Milborne was 11.24°C which is not the highest I have recorded. 2014 and 2011 years were both slightly higher. The highest temperatures of the year were recorded in the east of the country with a record high of 40.3°C at Coningsby in Lincolnshire on 20th July. There was a particularly cold spell of weather in the first two weeks of December when the temperature fell to -6°C on the night of 10th December and that was the lowest temperature of the year.

The media delight in reporting weather in superlatives and 2022 summer was described as the hottest and driest, but when compared to the last hot, dry summer of 1976, 2022 was neither the hottest nor driest in Milborne St.



Andrew. The January to August rainfall in 1976 was 178.3mm which was 123.3mm less than 2022. Both June and July were much warmer in 1976 with the highest temperature of 38°C occurring on 28th June whereas the highest temperature in 2022 of 35°C occurred on three days 12/13/14th August. The temperature for August 2022 was slightly higher than August 1976. As with last year, there was a very wet autumn in 1976 with the September to December rainfall of 630mm.

The maximum summer sea temperature at Weymouth last year was 19°C which was the same as it was in 2004. According to CEFAS, the maximum summer sea temperature at Weymouth actually fell by 1°C between 2004 to 2012. Statistics since 2012 are not available on the CEFAS website and it needs to be updated.

After the drought year of 1976, 1977 had a much more 'normal' pattern of rainfall and the average temperature for 1977 was some 1°C lower than 1976 so it is unlikely there will be a repeat of the hot, dry summer again this year. At the time of writing, there had been more than three times as much rain in this January than there was in January last year. *Pluvius*



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A SURVEY by the Chartered Trading Standard's Institute found that many people did not understand what to look out for to make sure that the goods they bought online were safe.



Counterfeit perfumes have been found to contain dangerous levels of methanol, which can cause irritation to the skin, eyes and damage the nervous system. Counterfeit toys have been found to contain illegal levels of phthalates, a plastic-softening chemical than can cause cancer, asthma and fertility problems.

Toys and other electrical items which are operated by lithium-ion button or coin-cell batteries are also a particular concern; by law they must have lockable battery compartments, because if a button battery is swallowed by a child it can cause serious internal injuries.

Products such as electronic scooters that use lithium batteries also pose a risk to safety, and there have been several recent cases of these devices catching fire while charging. Poor-quality chargers have also been known to cause electrical shorts, which can lead to house fires.

Consumers are urged to:

- Only shop at reputable retailers, as not only does this increase the likelihood that the product will be safe, but it also means that you will be entitled to a refund if there is a fault.
- Don't always trust online reviews, these can easily be faked.
- Look for the UKCA mark on products such as toys, electrical goods and cosmetics. This ensures that the product has been tested to comply with safety standards.
- Make sure toys and other goods are suitable for children by checking the age range of the item, and never leave a child unattended with a toy that contains small parts.
- Ensure that any item that uses button batteries has a lockable battery compartment.
- Do not buy fakes or counterfeits, it funds criminality, can be poor value for money and is a serious potential safety risk.

If you have seen or have bought something that you think is unsafe, then report it to Trading Standards, by calling the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 0808 2231133.

Fisherman's Friends: One and all

- Friday 17th February 2023 at 7.30pm
- Village Hall, The Causeway, Milborne St. Andrew DT11 0JX
- Doors and bar open 7.00pm
- Tickets cost £6, which includes a drink or an ice-cream

The sequel to the 2019 hit UK comedy charts the next instalment of the Fisherman's Friends uplifting true-story. Following the unexpected success of the band's debut album "No Hopers, Jokers and Rogues" we re-join them almost a year later, struggling with the pressures, pitfalls and temptations of their newfound fame. **Fisherman's Friends: One and all** continues the journey with the loveable 'buoy band', as they navigate the choppy waters of fame, second album syndrome, and performing on the pyramid stage at Glastonbury.



LETTERS to the Reporter

I would like to thank all friends for their kindness during my recent spell in hospital, after having a stroke. It is a slow recovery.

June Maitland

Turning In By Jan Beaumont ©

It's cold here in New Zealand
So there's something to be said
For grabbing my warm hottie
And toddling off to bed.

'Who is this man?' I hear you ask
'You're taking to your room?'
Could it be perchance that somehow
Romance is now in bloom?'

I hate to disappoint but it
Is nothing that exciting
This hottie's filled with water
And is so much more inviting!

It doesn't hog the duvet and
It doesn't have cold feet
It doesn't snore or let off wind
And it is quite discreet.

If it gets too hot I simply can
Just push it to the side
It never sulks or whinges
It just takes things in its stride.

So I'm as happy as can be
All snuggled up and cosy
And life Down Under my duvet
Just couldn't be more rosy!



Jokes

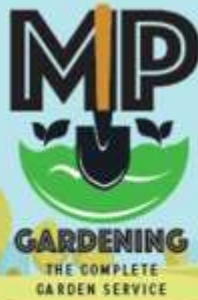
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Winterborne Stickland quiz

We are delighted to announce that the monthly Pub Quiz at The Crown in Winterborne Stickland raised and donated £2,000 for the surgery which will go towards a new ECG machine for our branch in Milborne St. Andrew.



Those of our team who were able to make the quiz night on the 19th December had really good fun and would recommend it to anyone fancying a good night out. They are now raising money for the Dorset Air Ambulance. A very big thank you to Graeme Gale and the staff at The Crown from all of us here at the surgery and patients who will benefit from the new equipment!

Carers afternoon tea

We would like to warmly invite all our amazing unpaid carers to a Carers Afternoon Tea on Wednesday 15th February 2023 at the Winterborne Whitechurch Village Hall 2.00pm till 4.00pm.

Whether you would like to come on your own for some 'me time' or with the person you care for, it would be great to see you. Tea, coffee, and cake will be available. If you are interested in coming along, please let us know either by calling the surgery or by sending an email to our surgery Wellbeing Team mawellbeingteam@dorsetgp.nhs.uk. Alternatively, please feel free to just turn up on the day. We would love to see you!

First contact physiotherapist

New muscle or joint pain? Did you know that you can book in to see our First Contact Physiotherapist Clare Rushton?

Clare works with us on a Wednesday, and can prescribe pain medication, order blood tests and x-rays, and refer you on to hospital services where necessary. Our GPs encourage you to book an appointment with Clare first before seeing them because seeing Clare gives you faster access to expert diagnosis (for example Clare can order MRIs if needed whereas GPs cannot) and you'll leave with the advice and exercises that you need to start tackling the problem.

Please speak to one of our receptionists to book an appointment.

Breast screening

Starting in January 2023, all eligible women will receive a letter from the NHS inviting them to book an appointment for breast

screening. In the past, you would have automatically been sent a fixed day and time, but this time once you receive your letter, they would like you to follow the instructions to book.

We would encourage all who receive a letter to book in for their breast screening appointment

GP exercise referral scheme

Regular physical activity can help you manage your weight, have a positive effect on you mentally, improve your muscle and joint functions, and benefit your heart health too.

Most people with long-term health conditions can be accepted onto the GP Exercise Referral Scheme. These include asthma, arthritis, high blood pressure, diabetes, obesity, depression, anxiety, osteoporosis, and plenty of other conditions, including rehabilitation from Covid-19. The 12-week programme is designed to help individuals self-manage their condition more effectively and with more confidence. Activities vary but may include group exercise classes, swimming, water-based activities like Aqua Fit, and gym-based exercise.

For more information or to have a chat about joining the scheme, please contact the surgery and ask to speak with Kelly or send an email to miltonabbassurgery@nhs.net for her attention.

Send a Card to a Friend day – 7th February 2023

Everyone loves and appreciates their friends, and we all just assume that they know how much we care and that we are always thinking about them. Sadly, many of our friends will experience loneliness and some may be struggling with their mental health. A small gesture could be all that is needed to make their day!

If you are struggling with feeling isolated or your mental health, please do not feel that you are on your own. We all need support at one time or another, and we are here to help. So, if you would like a listening ear about anything that is worrying you, please contact the surgery and they can put you in touch with Kelly, our friendly Social Prescriber.

Anyone for bridge?

CHRISTMAS and New Year festivities are now over for another year and the opportunities for all the enjoyable outdoor evening activities are still a few months away. So now is a good opportunity to learn a new skill (or improve your existing skills) by joining the MSA Bridge Group?

The MSA Bridge Group has now been going for around 10 years and several 'novices' have learned and developed their expertise in a very social and 'blame free' environment. 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.

We meet at The Royal Oak in Milborne St. Andrew with meetings being held on Wednesday evenings in weeks when the pub is staging a Pie Nite or a Theme Nite (normally on the second and last Thursday of the month) and on Thursday evenings when the pub has no events scheduled. All sessions start at 7.00pm. Meetings in February 2023 are planned to be held on Thursdays 2nd and 16th and Wednesdays 8th and 22nd.

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.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Laurie Benn



MILBORNE ST. ANDREW FIRST SCHOOL

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SCHOOL NEWS

We started reading the story 'Lost and Found' and thought that the best way to help the boy was find out more about penguins . . . we tried moving our body like a penguin, talking about how our body differed. We jumped, waddled and slid but decided we needed a surface more like ice so how could we create it! We talked about different surfaces and created an area using tarpaulin and water to slide like a penguin. This is called tobogganing! As we were investigating (which was a lot of fun) we discovered not only different techniques for travelling but also that some materials are better than others which led us to think about a penguins feathers. We found out that penguin's make an oil that waterproofs their feathers and those children who had similar material were far more slippery than those that had winter coats.



In their design lessons this term Raccoon Class will be designing and making their own biscuits. They had lots of fun completing their own product research and sampled some of the UK's most popular biscuits. Yum!

Raccoon Class enjoying sharing their favourite reading books.

The children at Milborne St. Andrew First School enjoying 'Lunch Time Club'. Today was an obstacle course in the sunshine! They had so much fun.



CONTACTS

If you require any information about the school, including admission details, or would like to arrange a visit please contact the school office

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Have you met . . . Michelle Cheeseman?

YOU will definitely have met Mrs Cheeseman if you have a child at first school, as Michelle is the Head of School in the village. She has been in that role since the start of school year in September but initially came to Milborne in 2020 as the Year 4 teacher. She remembers well her first impression, she says, "You just get a feeling about certain schools and as I walked up the path on a sunny day with the roses at the entrance in full bloom, I had a feeling I was going to like it here! I shrieked with delight when I was offered the job and have never looked back."

Michelle's career in education began in 2000 and she fell in love with Dorset soon after and decided she wanted to put down roots and raise her family here – she has three children, who are in school and college locally. Michelle spent her first 14 years growing up in the North East, but her family moved south due to work commitments, and she finished her secondary education in Surrey. Her father works in construction and her mum was a "fabulous" teaching assistant but is now enjoying retirement. Michelle went to

university in Norwich at UEA and after this, worked in recruitment in London. However, after a year of travel in Australia and Indonesia, she had a calling to education, so was Bristol-bound to study there for a PGCE. As well as working in education since then, Michelle also owned and ran Munchkins Play Café in Dorchester, which was popular with local families.

Her experience of Milborne First School has been a very positive one. She says, "Every step of the way has felt very natural and I have been made to feel so welcome in our school and village". Michelle is keen for the wider community to enjoy the school and future events. One of these is what is hoped to become an annual tradition – Dandelion Day – of which the first was held last year. The new school logo, the dandelion, was created by Michelle after being given the opportunity to do so by Mrs Staddon, the previous head teacher.

She says, "I had mentioned wanting to do a time capsule to mark the 20th anniversary of the school. One of our lovely team told me there was a time capsule in the resources cupboard and when I took it out, it was painted beautifully in navy with nothing less than a dandelion design, hand painted all around it! It felt as if it had been waiting for me! No one has any idea of the origin of the capsule or of the artist responsible for the lovely design. When I started the logo project, I did not think I

would be adding a letter to the time capsule from me as Head of School and now we have popped it into the school attic for a future generation to discover.

"Our dandelion represents our celebration of every unique child and links strongly with our emphasis on learning in, and

from, nature. The humble dandelion has so many unique strengths if only we look a little closer." The dandelion brings joy to children as they send their wishes into the wind, Michelle adds, "I hope I can always maintain that relentless optimism of childhood".

What's best thing about living in Milborne St.

Andrew? I don't live far and have attended a few village events. I love Milborne because of the strong community and willingness to help one another. I am hoping to help our school be at the heart of such a wonderful community.

What are your pet hates? Tailgating!

Have you got a claim to fame? I was in *Far from the Madding Crowd* as a farm worker carrying a basket and got to see myself on the silver screen! I also had a funny moment when I realised there was a large head shot of me (alongside

other winners) on a Bournemouth public bus as a Venus Award Winner for Small Business of the Year in 2018!

Who is your hero or inspiration, and why? My inspiration is my love of my own education and the power of being given an opportunity to learn, whether that's musical instruments, a new sport, fabulous teachers or a new language. I am inspired by my mum as to what hard work and resilience look like.

Tell us something that people may find surprising about you? I am a rugby player! I haven't been able to play for a few years following an injury but I am still involved at Dorchester RFC and yes it was full contact and I was a forward!

What are your hobbies or interests? I love to draw, read and bake when I get time!

Is there a charity close to your heart? NSPCC and The Trussell Trust, fighting to protect our children and feed those who have no food. More locally, I think the work Mosaic does is fantastic.

What's your favourite TV programme? Currently I love the *Lord of the Rings* series.

What has been your most embarrassing moment? When I jumped off a swing at the top of its trajectory but hadn't realised that as an adult, my hips might get stuck so rather than glide gracefully through the air for a perfect score, I landed with a splat on my front! It didn't hurt and I laughed a lot. *Ed Richards*





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FEBRUARY – St. Valentine’s Day Champagne Chicken with Kir Royale

Boom Radio was launched on the 14th February 2021, aimed at baby boomers, it is a commercial radio station playing music from the 60’s, 70’s and 80’s. Radio 2 has a policy of playing more up to date music to try and attract a younger audience and that’s fine but once I’d tried Boom Radio, I quickly became hooked. Although the ads on Boom can be a bit repetitive, so are the constant jingles and plugs from the BBC. When listening to music from my teenage years I can be transported back over the decades and I feel young again. I have such clear memories of those times, one morning I was listening to Spencer Davies’ ‘Keep on Running’ and this memory suddenly popped into my head.

In the mid 1960’s I was invited out to a Valentine’s Day disco by a new boyfriend. The venue was a pub (The Cow and Calf at Ilkley) and the food offered was a very new innovation in those days, chicken and chips or scampi and chips ‘In the basket’. This was the first time I’d ever come across any sort of food served not on a plate or in a bowl.

The meals were brought out from the kitchen in wicker baskets lined with red paper napkins. The problem was that the juices from the chicken or the tartare sauce accompanying the scampi soon soaked into the napkins and, together with the dim ‘romantic’ disco lighting, if you weren’t careful, you ended up inadvertently ingesting half the soggy napkin along with the food. My new boyfriend even managed to get some of his red napkin wrapped round one of his front teeth as well, so not an evening of burgeoning romance.

This idea of using novelty food containers has been grossly overdone in my view. At one very smart restaurant recently (Coast in Saundersfoot, Pembrokeshire) I asked for soup as a starter and although the soup arrived at the table conventionally in a bowl and the bread was on a piece of Welsh slate, the ‘charcoal salted butter’ to accompany this was smeared across a seaside pebble from the beach. It looked like something a dyspeptic seagull might splatter from mid-air.



Although in theory it should be lovely to have a romantic meal out to celebrate St. Valentine’s Day,

in reality it can be expensive and disappointing. Packed restaurants, overwhelmed and inexperienced staff coupled with an over ambitious and overpriced menu, are not conducive to intimacy and romance.

So perhaps best to forget about the restaurant option, what could be better than a homemade meal, lovingly prepared and served by your beloved in the comfort of your own home? The Yorkshire woman in me likes the fact that it is so much cheaper too, even with a bottle of champagne . . .

St. Valentine’s Day Champagne Chicken

This is a deceptively simple dish, no cream or any exotic ingredients apart from the champagne, but it tastes delicious.



Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 large chicken breasts or 4 thighs
- salt and black pepper (to taste)
- 1 medium onion finely chopped
- 250mls champagne or sparkling wine
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 150g sliced mushrooms or whole baby mushrooms
- 1 tablespoon fresh tarragon or parsley or thyme (chopped)
- a squeeze of fresh lemon juice

Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 375°F/190°C/gas 5. Heat the olive oil in a large heatproof lidded casserole.
2. Add the chicken to the casserole and fry for 3 minutes on each side.
3. Remove the chicken, and place on a plate.
4. Using the same casserole, add the onion. On a medium heat, cook, stirring from time to time until the onion is pale golden in colour and soft.
5. Add the Champagne or fizz and scrape the bottom of the casserole to remove all of the cooked bits.
6. Place the chicken back in the casserole, baste with the champagne sauce and place in the oven with the lid on. Bake for 30–40 minutes until thoroughly cooked.
7. Heat the butter in a non-stick frying pan. Add the mushrooms and cook, stirring constantly for 5 minutes.
8. Remove the chicken from the oven, and add the sauteed mushrooms. Stir in the chopped herbs, salt and pepper and drizzle with lemon juice.
9. Serve with rice or baby potatoes and vegetables.

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Kir Royale

The sound of a cork popping from a bottle of champagne or sparkling wine is so evocative of celebrations and happy memories from both past and present.

Kir Royale is made by mixing champagne or sparkling wine with Creme de Cassis which is a blackcurrant liqueur, a bit like Ribena for grown-ups. Just add a small amount to top up each glass of fizz. If the wine is a bit sour or harsh in flavour then the intense sweetness of the blackcurrants helps to disguise this.

We have a couple of blackcurrant bushes in our garden and if I can get enough ripe berries before the blackbirds eat them all then I make blackcurrant gin or vodka in a similar way to the more usual sloe gin. This makes a good substitute for Creme de Cassis.

Kir Royale is suitably pink for the occasion and it's a nice romantic touch to garnish the glass with a heart shaped slice of strawberry. Another variation on this is to mix the champagne with a schuss of Sloe gin, although this sounds like an unlikely combination it is delicious and a vibrant red colour.

There are so many love poems to celebrate St. Valentine's Day. The most popular love poem in a recent poll was 'How do I love thee?' by Elizabeth Barrett Browning

How do I love thee? Let me count the ways.
I love thee to the depth and breadth and height
My soul can reach, when feeling out of sight
For the ends of being and ideal grace.
I love thee to the level of every day's
Most quiet need, by sun and candle-light.
I love thee freely, as men strive for right.
I love thee purely, as they turn from praise.
I love thee with the passion put to use
In my old griefs, and with my childhood's faith.
I love thee with a love I seemed to lose
With my lost saints. I love thee with the breath,
Smiles, tears, of all my life; and, if God choose,
I shall but love thee better after death.

The next two most popular are – William Butler Yeats' 'When you are old and grey and full of sleep' and William Shakespeare's Sonnet 116 'Let me not to the marriage of true minds speak'.

But I've chosen to finish with, in complete contrast to the more serious love poems, this short and simple rhyme which caught my eye, made me smile, and remember times past . . .

Roses are red.
Champagne has bubbles.
Let's drink two bottles
And forget all our troubles

Have a happy St. Valentine's Day!

Rose Frost



Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club



Heaven Scent this month!

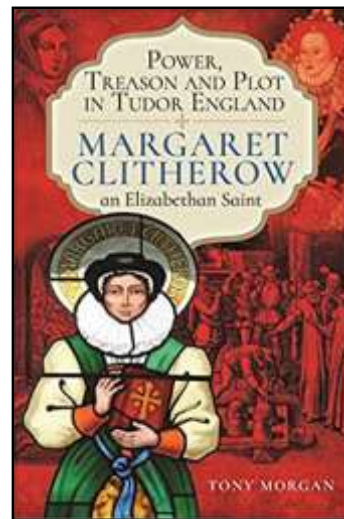
UNFORTUNATELY, due to flooding and icy conditions, we took the difficult decision to cancel last month's meeting and our 'Companion Planting' talk. Apologies to anyone who didn't get our message.

This month, Thursday 16th February, we are looking forward to a talk by Jenny Short on 'Fragrance in the Garden'. She says: 'Memories of garden fragrances can stay with us for many years, so choose aromatic plants for yourself and the generations to come.' Jenny is providing lists of the best plants so that we don't have to make notes!

It won't be too late to join the club for the year, or do just come along for this one talk. Tea and biscuits at no extra cost!

Angela Johnson.

Power, Treason and Plot in Tudor England – Margaret Clitherow an Elizabethan Saint by Tony Morgan



THIS book tells the tale of Margaret Clitherow, née Middleton, born a Protestant, converted to Catholic, recusant under the reign of Elizabeth I, and martyred very painfully for her beliefs. Against the background of religious turmoil in Tudor times, political upheaval in York (which I learned was a haven of the Catholic Faith at the time) and the ambition of her stepfather, her life progressed remorselessly to its end.

The author writes in an easy style, packing lots of background information to the politics of Tudor religion, the structure of political society in York, England, and the wider world as well as the day-to-day lives of ordinary citizens. Amongst the references to contemporary documents and a biography published shortly after her death, there is a great deal of information about her, her character, her behaviour under duress, and the treatment of those who refused to attend Church because they retained their Catholic religion. There are a few repetitions and one or two references to feminism (husbands were fined if their wives didn't go to Church, and wives were tried in court as 'wife of Mr.' – hardly surprising in the 16th century, and not worth campaigning about nowadays), but the book is eminently readable and I enjoyed it very much.

I leave other readers to decide the sense of the Catholic Church making her a saint in 1970, 'martyred for her Christian faith', having been killed in 1586 for being the wrong sort of Christian at a time when her sort was actively planning the invasion of England, overthrow of the Monarchy and perpetual subservience to Rome.

I really enjoyed this book.

Susan Wilson

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Back into routine at Ladybirds

HAPPY New Year! After all the excitement of Christmas it is good to be back into routine at Ladybirds. We welcome a few more children who have quickly settled into the group. We started our term talking about what we had for Christmas - it seems a variety of vehicles that do amazing things were very popular. Discussion took place on New Year's resolutions - what we could try and do better this year. I must admit my resolution not to eat biscuits didn't last long. Hopefully the children's resolutions to help tidy up and use 'inside' voices will last longer.

We welcome Ella to our team, so we now have full staffing. The children are enjoying playing with Ella who has a quiet and efficient nature. Some of you may know Ella from Longmead Farm and a few years back she did her work experience with us while studying at Weymouth College.

This month we have read Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs and used this to look at facial expressions that show emotions. The sad, grumpy and happy faces have been enacted out in play and painted faces are displayed on our artwork board. We can't let Chinese New Year go



without enjoying role play restaurant, trying some foods, making lucky money envelopes and even dragon dancing. A repeat of the 'fireworks in a jar' experiment is planned. Jess bravely did this without a trial run during the Ofsted inspection and although it didn't initially go as planned (the children enthusiastically squeezed too much food colouring in) the Inspector was very impressed by the learning and participation of the children pitched at their level of understanding. I can now say Ladybirds were rated Good with the Inspector saying it was a 'secure' good. The report can be found on the Ofsted Website, our reference number EY217717, for anyone to read.

This time of year is peak time for colds, flu and other illnesses. We are following Government guidance on managing Group A Strep infections by reinforcing rules of handwashing, disinfecting toys, surfaces and touch points. The Ladybirds have played Hospitals with some dressing up as Doctors and Nurses while others preferred the reception desk with phones and keyboards. The ambulance was called and always responded arriving quickly. Although we usually include an insight into what is happening in the real world I think including strike action may be a step too far.



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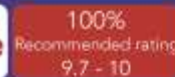


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War and peace

On 24th February 2022, Russia began its "special military operation", otherwise known as invasion into Ukraine. There had been tension between the two countries for a number of years, heightened in 2014, when Russia annexed Crimea. Last year it moved onto a completely different level.

The response from Ukraine has been fierce and resolute, with military support from a number of countries. The United Nations has condemned Russia's incursion into another nation. People the world over have rallied around the Ukrainians offering help and refuge. There are a number of Ukrainian people living in the villages of the benefice who have been welcomed into our homes, schools and communities.

There are other conflicts too going on around our world, one estimate is 110 places are involved in some kind of violence between people and places.

How should Christians respond? It is a complex question and one with no easy answers. While I am firmly on the side of Ukraine, I also find myself deeply troubled by the violence and destruction that is being meted out by both aggressor and defender.

One of the problems is that war and conflict dehumanise the enemy. This is perhaps clearly seen in this quotation from Prince Harry: "When I found myself plunged in the heat and confusion of combat, I didn't think of those 25 as people. They were chess pieces removed from the board. Bad people eliminated before they could kill good people."

A sentiment almost as far from the words of Jesus who told his followers to love their enemies as possible. In taking on that attitude, we learn to see value of every human being, even those with whom we may be at odds.

There is always the temptation to declare that "God is on my side", which sometimes becomes the justification for religious conflict. We humans are all too good at trying to make God in our own image rather than aligning ourselves with the compassionate, peace-loving, healing, forgiving, justice-seeking values of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Lent begins this month. It is a season in which we can commit ourselves to a deeper commitment to God through prayer and self-sacrifice. It is a time when we are encouraged to strip back the luxuries of life to help us become more aware of our dependence on God. It is a time for penetrating honesty with ourselves about those areas of our lives which we would rather hide.

The roots of the Ukrainian conflict are found in one man's desire for power and his willingness to destroy all that might prevent him in achieving what he wants. What a terrible tragedy has been unleashed because of that attitude!

In Jesus God shows a different way - a way where true strength is found in a desire for love not hate, hope not despair, mercy not injustice, light not darkness and freedom for each of us to be ourselves without diminishing the value of others. May Lent be a time when we pray for peace to triumph over discord in and between nations, individuals and within ourselves.

With best wishes

Sarah

Milborne St. Andrew Church News

CHRISTMAS was, as usual, a busy time for our church. We had a well-attended Carols by Candlelight service, a Christmas Eve communion service and the Christmas morning service. As I write this, we are still in the church's Christmas season of Epiphany which is when the wise men/kings/magi arrive to see Jesus.

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Services in the Benefice of Puddletown, Tolpuddle, Milborne with Dewlish February 2023

Saturday 4th February

2.00pm Marriage of Luke Prescott and Puddletown
Bethany Woodington

5th February – 3rd Sunday before Lent

9.30am Parish Communion Tolpuddle
9.30am Celebrate . . . Milborne
11.00am Parish Communion Puddletown
11.00am BCP Morning Prayer Dewlish
(traditional language)

12th February – 2nd Sunday before Lent

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

19th February – Sunday Next Before Lent

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

22nd February – Ash Wednesday

6.00pm United Benefice Holy Puddletown
Communion with imposition of ashes

26th February – Lent 1

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

DAILY MORNING PRAYERS

Monday to Thursday 8.30am; Saturday 9.00am

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Thanks to Richard Ferguson, owner of the Business Centre, a lovely Christmas tree was provided; the school had it until their term broke up after which it was transported to the church. Becky managed to organise the tree's transportation from school to the church and as a bonus for us, she decorated it as well. Thank you, Becky.

We are very lucky to have such dedicated flower arrangers who provided lovely displays in the church, many thanks to them. Our cleaning team have been challenged a lot this winter with leaves being blown in and muddy footprints on the carpets, thanks ladies for all you do. New cleaners or flower arrangers are always welcome.

It has been lovely to hear our bells being rung more frequently thanks to Robin and his team. We hope that they will continue to ring regularly and will welcome new ringers. See posters for more information.
Pam and Tony, Churchwardens

Dewlish Church Notes

OUR Carol Service was very well-attended and was a most joyous occasion. Jim had struggled to get young children for the Nativity Story but, amazingly, on the day we had nearly a full cast, all thanks to some parents who contacted friends to bring their children. Thank you everyone!

A host of thanks must also go to Aiden and his superb musicians, the older children for their beautiful story-telling and, of course the young people. Jim, who created the service, and Mandy, who typed up the scripts, are also deserving of the warmest thanks. Additionally, we are immensely grateful to David of Western Marquees, who lent us the staging and microphones.

The collection, which amounted to £217.17, has been donated to the Children's Society. After the service we all enjoyed refreshments at the Village Hall.

On Christmas Day the church was beautifully decorated, so many thanks to all those people who provided flowers and foliage and decorations. A big thank-you to Jim, too, for decorating the Christmas tree so well, and for the crib scenes. The very well-attended service was led by the Rev. Rosemary Bassett.

The final total for our Christmas Bazaar was £592.79. Again, many thanks to everyone who supported the event in so many ways. We have so much in Dewlish to be thankful for.

The church does not have anything planned at present but spring will be upon us soon, and there will be plenty going on then!
Daphne Burg

Get your tickets for the panto!

AT the time of writing (mid January), tickets are selling fast for our long awaited 2023 pantomime, Cinderella. If you've not yet bought your tickets – and any remain – don't delay and get yours now!

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Our performances are on Thursday 2nd, Friday 3rd and Saturday 4th February at 7.30pm. The Saturday matinee starts at 2.30pm.

We look forward to seeing you there. *Kate Hawker*

Deadline for the next issue 14th February

What's on in Milborne

February

Wednesday 1st

Thursday 2nd

Thursday 2nd to

Saturday 4th

Wednesday 8th

Thursday 9th

Saturday 11th

Tuesday 14th

Wednesday 15th

Wednesday 15th

Thursday 16th

Thursday 16th

Thursday 16th

Friday 17th

Wednesday 22nd

March

Saturday 4th

Wednesday Club 2.00pm – see page 3.

Bridge The Royal Oak 7.00pm – see page 13.

Milborne Players present *Cinderella*

Village Hall Evening performances 7.30pm
Saturday Matinee 2.30pm – see below and page 27.

Bridge The Royal Oak 7.00pm – see page 13.

WI birthday party *Puppets* – see page 7.

Community Café Village Hall 10.00am to 12.00 mid-day – see page 16.

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Milton Abbas Surgery Carers Afternoon Tea Winterborne Whitechurch Village Hall 2.00–4.00pm – see page 13.

Parish Council meeting Village Hall 7pm.

Bridge The Royal Oak 7.00pm – see page 13.

Gardening Club *Talk on 'Fragrance in the Garden'* Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 19.

WI lunch meeting The Royal Oak 12.30pm for 1.00pm.

More than a movie *Fisherman's Friends: One and all* Village Hall Doors and bar open 7.00pm for 7.30pm Tickets £6 which includes a drink or ice-cream – see pages 10 and 11.

Bridge The Royal Oak 7.00pm – see page 13.

Milborne Village Quiz Village Hall 7pm for 7.30pm start – see page 16.

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 5.30–6.30pm.

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.

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