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Longmead history – can you help?

I HAVE been asked if our group can put together a history of Longmead House and farm. I have some information from when it was first built and used for training boys. There seems to be great gaps in its history after that. I invite anyone who knows more to either send me some information (pamshults@btinternet.com) or come along and verbally share your knowledge.

Our next meeting will be 7.30pm on the 8th November in the Function room of The Royal Oak. I hope that you will be able to come and join the group.

Pam Shults

Digital Switchover scams

THE UK's telephone network is changing. Between now and 2025 most telephone providers will be moving their customers from old analogue landlines to new upgraded landline services using digital technology. Services that rely on the old landline system such as home phones and healthcare devices will be switched over.

The new network will provide a future proof, more reliable and dependable broadband service that will support the UK for decades to come.

The Local Government Association (LGA) says the change will be straightforward for most people. However, they have warned that criminals are using misinformation about the switchover to confuse people vulnerable to scams.

The LGA says people who use healthcare telephony devices are particularly at risk of being targeted by scammers, who trick victims into disclosing their personal and financial information over the phone. Around two million people use these devices across the country.

The switchover is free of charge and councils and their homecare alarm providers or contractors will never ask for personal or financial information over the phone.

The LGA says it has seen reports of fraudsters calling people claiming their bank details are needed as part of the switchover or their service will be disconnected. It has also received reports of residents being contacted over the phone by callers claiming to work for the NHS, asking for their personal information.

The LGA expects scam attempts to increase as the switchover date nears. In addition to phone calls, criminals may create phishing emails and fake websites to try to obtain peoples' personal data.

Telecoms providers such as Virgin Media, O2 or BT should contact customers before the switchover to check in to make sure their service isn't affected.

Anyone with telecare services should check how the switchover will affect them, and what they need to do to be ready, so their care isn't disrupted.

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Wednesday Club

OUR speaker for October was Robin Wale, a Somerset man, who talked us through his life, which was all connected with farming. He took us through his time in agricultural college and his early days employed on two separate farms. Although he enjoyed this very much his father then decided that he should work in sales and marketing and in those days you did as your dad told you. Robin spent many happy years in Somerset, working for animal feed companies, visiting farms and noting over the years the changes taking place with mechanisation. At the Bath and West Show for several years he was asked to talk about caring for our cattle. He decided to do this with the help of a placid Jersey cow and dressing up as an old farmer speaking in the style of Jethro, the West Country comedian. One year Jethro himself was there and was very impressed! It was a fascinating talk and many people asked him questions afterwards.

Next month join us at 2.00pm on the first Wednesday in the month at the village hall to hear our own José Thomas telling us about being At The Chalk Face so if she's a bit pale, don't worry. There will also be free tea, coffee and biscuits and plenty of chat.

Josie Wright

WI NEWS – October 2023

SADLY, owing to illness our Julia's House Speaker was unable to attend. At short notice one of our members, Josie Wright, offered to step in with family reminiscences of her own. One of her first, and, for us, most striking, memories related to a family wedding which she attended as a child, along with various relatives, old and young. Whilst waiting in the church for the wedding party to arrive, her Grandad passed away – he was swiftly laid out in a distant pew, shortly before the bride and groom arrived. The happy couple were not told and they were duly waved away in one car, whilst a hearse collected poor Grandad. Although probably not the happiest of occasions at the time, it was clearly dealt with with great fortitude.

Memories of her mother were particularly interesting to us all, as she had lived in Milborne St. Andrew with Josie for a number of years, and attended many village occasions. She compared her own working life with that of her late mother's, who left school at 14 to go 'into service' with a wealthy family. Josie remembers her quiet ways and slender figure with affection, as do we all, from the time she spent in our village in recent years.

We were lucky that Josie was on hand to entertain us with her family memories, all diligently and humorously recorded. A lesson for us all; so much of our own family history can be forgotten if not recorded.

After a break for refreshments and a chat, Jenny took us through business items. The next Pub lunch is on Thursday 16th November. Please meet at The Royal Oak 12.30 for 1.00pm. Details of our proposed New Year lunch were discussed, a likely date to be Friday 12th January 2024. Nelda will distribute menus etc. Lin offered to lay the Remembrance Day wreath on 12th November.

Members of the book club had read 'Silas Marner' by George Eliot, and Veronica reported that this classic had been rated highly by everyone. We move on to 'The Blood of the Flowers' by Anita Amirrezvani.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 9th November, a crafts session led by Sheila Burton. There will be a competition for the best item on the night. Please do come along and join us, you will be very welcome.

Pat Bull

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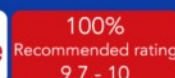


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New challenges for the Village Hall

The departure of the Ladybirds opens up new business opportunities for our Village Hall as well as presenting a financial challenge

FOR almost two decades the village's playgroup, the Ladybirds, has been a fixture at the Village Hall but, as from November, they will move into their very own accommodation at the school. We know that the move has been an aspiration for several years and we are thrilled that, at last, all the negotiations and detailed plans by the managing committee have paid off.

Over the past couple of years, the trustees of the Village Hall have worked hard to plan for this eventuality. It will come as no surprise that the hire of the Hall by the Ladybirds has provided a major part of the Hall's income but we hope that by having the Hall available for hire both weekdays and weekends we will be able to address the shortfall.



Recent grants provided by Dorset Council, the Government and the National Lottery have enabled the trustees to make the Hall massively more energy efficient with new glazing and doors and a solar PV/battery system. In addition, we've installed a new kitchen and been able to provide improved AV facilities, all of which have been aimed at making the Hall an attractive and comfortable venue for community activities.

Outside, our plans to provide additional parking sadly had to be abandoned but now, plans are at last taking off to provide community charging points for electric vehicles under the aegis of the Dorset Council Rural Infrastructure Project. Funds are available and detailed plans are being worked up and we look forward to the installation being completed by late spring next year. The Village Hall will get a small payment for each car charged, which will help our balance sheet, and, the availability of EV chargers will be an added attraction for potential users of the Hall.

The Village Hall is a charity and is managed by a committee of voluntary trustees. We are completely financially independent and get no help from the County Council. Our Parish Council helps us maintain the outside facilities by paying for the regular mowing of the recreation field. All income has to be generated by hiring out the Hall, by running fund raising activities (films, quizzes, community cafe, etc.) or by being successful in getting grants for particular projects. With the loss of the income from the Ladybirds the trustees need to look further afield to generate income so that the Hall remains economically accessible for its core purpose in providing a venue for community activities.

With our new weekday availability, we see the hall as an attractive venue for clubs, meetings, workshops, team-building activities, celebrations etc., etc. organised by clients beyond our community. Our location in the centre of Dorset, just off a main north-south route is perfect for organisations who need to bring



together a widely-spread group of people. An added attraction is that we've arranged with our fabulous village pub, The Royal Oak, to provide lunches, buffets and other refreshments for hirers of the Hall, when requested.

So . . . as the Ladybirds leave, new opportunities present themselves but we urge you to remember that the future survival and well-being of the Hall, Playpark, MUGA and recreation field depends entirely on the actions of a small group of volunteer trustees and those additional villagers who provide support by helping out at community events. More help is always needed from villagers who have the skills, experience and enthusiasm to make things happen.

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Ed Frost (on behalf of the Trustees)

The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry

Friday 17th November 2023 at 7.30pm

Village Hall, The Causeway, Milborne St. Andrew

Doors and bar open 7.00pm

Tickets cost £6, which includes a drink or an ice-cream

Mild-mannered pensioner Harold Fry (Jim Broadbent) takes a stroll to the post-box one bright Devon morning. But for some reason he can't bring himself to post the letter. It's just a few stunted lines on headed notepaper, a reply to his old friend and former work colleague Queenie (Linda Bassett), who, he learned recently, is in a hospice. Then a chance encounter in a petrol station gives Harold a new purpose: he decides there and then to walk over 600 miles from Devon to Berwick-upon-Tweed, to see Queenie. His wife, Maureen (Penelope Wilton), hurt and confused by her husband's abandonment, vacuums despondently.

Critics say – a poignant film, which Broadbent shines as much as he ever has. From the people he meets along the way to the affect his decisions have on those he leaves behind, it's a beautiful story of a simple act that one man made to try to bring some meaning and importance to a life that was just originate but full of regret.

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A vibrant evening of knowledge and camaraderie at our Village Quiz Night

THE 14th of October marked a memorable evening for our community as we came together for the much-anticipated Village Quiz Night. Despite losing some teams due to illness, the event proved to be a resounding success and 15 enthusiastic teams gathered at the Village Hall, ready for a night of intellect and camaraderie.



Steve O'Neill took up the mantle as the quiz master for the evening, with a mixture of intellectual and silly questions written by Linsey O'Neill.



Everyone came armed with snacks to feed their brains but the award for the most impressive table has to go to Jo-Jo and team. Their table, bedecked with a candelabra and mouthwatering dishes, was a visual feast, garnering some covetous looks from the quiz master.

As the night unfolded, the competition was fierce, and the teams battled it out with their knowledge and wit. Ultimately, 'The Old Recs' emerged victorious, and their names will grace our coveted trophy.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to Sandie and Amy, who tirelessly manned the bar, ensuring that the libations flowed freely, and our village quiz night remained lively. Their efforts were indispensable to the success of the event.

A big thank you to everyone that came along, hope to see you all at the next one!

Linsey

Final positions – where did you come

1.	Old recs	190
2.	Morgan's Orchard	172
3.	A bridge to far	153
4.	First daters	146.5
5.	Quizzly bears	134
6.	The young ones	132.5
7.	Weedy players	126.5
8.	The not so lucky ones	125
9.	Lovetts	125
10.	Enfield exiles	124
11.	Bottoms up	122
12.	Amy's lot	80

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Milton Abbas Surgery

Carers Rights Day 23rd November 2023

Carers Rights Day plays a crucial role in increasing awareness about the challenges faced by carers and to help carers get the support they need.

You may not consider yourself a carer, as caring is often something we do for family or friends without question and without defining or labelling it as such. But if you provide care to someone who needs help because of their illness, frailty, disability, a mental health problem or an addiction, and they couldn't manage without your support, then you are a carer.

It is important that we know if you are a carer so that we are aware of the extra pressures you are under and can offer you appropriate support and information. If you haven't already, please let the surgery know you are an unpaid carer and who you care for, and we can record this information on your records. Alternatively, you can complete an Unpaid Carer GP Registration Form online on our surgery website. You can also pick up a carers' information pack at Reception or look at the virtual version on our dedicated carers' page on our surgery website.

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

Moustaches in November!

The Movember Foundation has done heaps to boost awareness of men's health issues, bringing attention to potentially serious conditions like prostate and testicular cancer, as well as mental health and suicide prevention.

We would like to remind all our patients that we are here for you and encourage you to call us to make an appointment with one of the doctors if you are concerned about anything or if something doesn't feel right. Knowledge is Power – Moustache is King!

Food banks

Calling all the wonderful people of Milton Abbas, Milborne St. Andrew and surrounding villages! We would like to do a special 'support your local food bank' shout out.

No one wants to have to choose between fuel, food, or cleanliness. And that's why we would like to encourage everyone who feels they are able, to give a donation to the local food bank

when doing their weekly shop. It doesn't have to be much, and it doesn't need to be an expensive brand – if all of us pulled together and donated just one tin, packet, or tube of toothpaste it would soon add up!

Useful items to donate are tinned meat, tinned veg, tinned fruit, long life milk, loo rolls, soap, toothpaste, shampoo, washing detergents, nappies, and sanitary products. There are collection points in Tesco, Morrisons and Lidl, or you can add to the collection box in the Milton Abbas Surgery foyer.

Thank you for anything you can donate. Just remember: "Great things are done by a series of small things brought together" – Vincent Van Gogh

Flu Vaccinations

If you are eligible for a flu vaccination and have not yet had one, please call the surgery to book in for one.

We would like to say a massive thank you to all the staff who gave up their weekends and days off to help run the recent Flu and Covid clinics. We would also like to make a special mention of Andrew Cheeseman and David Norman who helped with car parking, and Jenny Norman who looked after the team with a constant supply of drinks. You were all invaluable!

GP Exercise Referral Scheme

The Exercise Referral Scheme is aimed at inactive adults 16 years and over with a long-term health condition such as asthma, arthritis, high blood pressure, diabetes, obesity, depression, anxiety, osteoporosis, and plenty of other conditions, including rehabilitation from Covid-19.

The scheme is designed to help individuals self-manage their condition more effectively and with more confidence. The membership costs less than the usual cost and includes access to the gym, classes, and the pool. For more details, please contact the surgery and ask to speak with Kelly (our Social Prescriber) or send an email to miltonabbassurgery@nhs.net for her attention.

If you would like to be more active but are looking at lower cost options, there are certainly plenty of activities and groups locally. In particular, the surgery Wellbeing Team run a weekly walking group and beginner's line dancing group. For more information, please see our surgery website or speak with Kelly.

Your Church needs you!!



SEVERAL people who have given loyal service cleaning the church in the past have now asked to step down. Is this something you would consider? You do not need to be a regular churchgoer, and all the equipment is provided. The more volunteers we have, the fewer times your name will appear on the rota!

Any offers of help, or if you want to know more, contact one of the Churchwardens.

Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club



WE LEARNT a lot from Steve Jeffries of Dobbies Garden Centre about autumn colour in our gardens in October. This month we hold our last meeting of the year in the village hall on Thursday 16th November at 7.30pm, which will be a short AGM followed by a quiz, mulled wine and refreshments. The annual winner of the monthly competition will be announced.

Visitors are very welcome!

Angela Johnson

Why did the chicken cross the playground?
To get to the other slide.

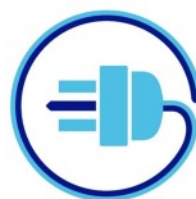
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Telling stories

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November is a month for telling stories. We have All Saints' Day, where Christians remind themselves of the disciples of the past who have made a real difference to those around them because of the way they lived out their faith. Then there is All Souls' Day when we remember the faithful departed, often calling to mind those whom we have loved but see no longer. The story of Guy Fawkes is remembered on 5th, and of course November is the month for the Remembrance Season where we retell horrific and heroic stories from wartime years.

We also remember this year the 60th anniversary of one of the greatest Christian storytellers of the 20th century – C. S. Lewis. Few people will be unfamiliar with the Narnia stories.

Stories are powerful – little wonder that Jesus used many of them to convey his teaching. Story-telling is an evocative medium which connects with people and their imaginations. Stories provide a way of truth – telling, but also allow for different perspectives of the same events to be told. Every human being is different and will therefore experience things in a different way from everyone else. One way we can begin to understand our brothers and sisters more deeply is by listening to their stories.

When did you last feel that your story was heard? What story would you like to tell? Whom do you want to listen?

The story of God interacting with the world is a story that began at the start of time and continues today. It's a story that we are writing daily. As we look back at stories past this month of November, let us reflect on the story that we too are writing.

Some of us are good with words – an obvious tool for telling tales, but we can ensure that the stories continue not just through words, but also through the other gifts we have such as art and other creative modes. And our actions too can often speak so much louder than words.

Best wishes

Sarah

Milborne St. Andrew Church notes

OCTOBER began with our Harvest Thanksgiving, led by Tony. What a joy it was to see so many there! Stephanie made a beautiful Harvest Loaf, which her daughter Hazel presented at the Altar. (Stephanie very kindly made another loaf for the school service.) Thank you to all who brought items for the Blandford Foodbank and to John and Josie for delivering them for us. Next year, we hope to team up with the First School. The Church looked beautiful; we are grateful to those who arranged flowers or brought gifts of fruit and veg, including some magnificent courgettes/marrows. Monetary donations for the produce have been sent to WaterAid. The First School Harvest Service was a wonderful occasion, and it was good to welcome so many families and friends to watch the children. Poetry, mosaics illustrating the four seasons, lively singing and a real sense of thanksgiving made it a joyful occasion. Congratulations to all who took part and planned the service.

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

SATURDAY 4th November

4.00 pm Marriage of Geordie Keelan Puddletown
and Lisi Christofferson

5th November – All Saints' Sunday

9.30 am Parish Communion Tolpuddle
9.30 Celebrate Milborne
11.00 Parish Communion Puddletown
Church Room
11.00 BCP Morning Prayer Dewlish
(traditional language)
3.00 pm Service of remembrance Milborne
and thanksgiving for those
who have died (with tea and cake)

12th November – Remembrance Sunday

10.00am Service of Remembrance Milborne
(followed by procession to
the Memorial Stone for 11.00am)
10.50 Remembrance Sunday Service Puddletown
10.50 Remembrance Sunday Service Dewlish
(starting at the War Memorial
at the Crossroads)
5.30pm Sunday Reflections Tolpuddle

19th November – 2 before Advent

9.30 am Parish Communion Tolpuddle
9.30 Worship in Stillness Milborne
11.00 Parish Communion Puddletown
with emptying of Church Room
Children's Society boxes)
11.00 Family Service Dewlish

26th November – Christ the King

9.30 am Parish Communion Milborne
10.00 Go Fourth Tolpuddle
11.00 BCP Morning Prayer Puddletown
(traditional language) Church Room
11.00am Parish Communion Dewlish

DAILY MORNING PRAYERS

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Parish Council meeting notes

FUNDING for a cricket pitch at the Sports Club was discussed following submission of a revised application for S106 monies. A number of people from the village have shown an interest in playing the sport. It was agreed to support the application in principle, but it would not be considered until after the traffic calming on the A354 has been funded.

Don't forget that the Household Support Fund reopened for applications for low-income households in the Dorset Council (DC) area. The support will be in the form of supermarket vouchers. DC households will be able to apply if they have:

- an annual household net income of less than £30,000 and
- savings of less than £16,000 and
- not applied for a previous HSF payment within the last six months.

The next opening dates for applications are

- Thursday 2nd November 2023;
- Tuesday 5th December 2023.

See www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/household-support-fund for full details.

In the October *Reporter* I referred to Clerk Lewin requesting funding for two Unknown Tommy silhouettes. The request was actually made by Wayne, without his Clerk hat on and as a member of the public. To clarify, the request was approved by the PC. There was discussion about other silhouettes available to purchase including a female silhouette. Wayne, without his Clerk hat on, stated that he would be purchasing two male Unknown Tommy silhouettes, as per his original request.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 1st November at the Village Hall. Please come along, it would be good to have more people from the village attending.

Jo Whitfield



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November is often referred to as the “Month of Remembrance”. All Souls’ Day is traditionally observed on November 2nd. This year’s Service for the Benefice, when we remember “Those we love but see no longer”, will be held in Milborne Church at 3.00pm on Sunday, the 5th. If you would like names remembered, please contact the Vicar or one of the Churchwardens. All are welcome to come and light a candle. The Service will be followed by tea and cake.



Remembrance Sunday falls on November 12th, and we will meet in Church at 10.00am for a Service of Remembrance and then process to the Memorial Stone for the Parish Act of Remembrance at 11.00am. As we recall the sacrifice of former generations, the need to pray for peace in our war-torn world is even more urgent,

The news that Maggie, our Curate, is to leave us was announced on October 8th and came as a body blow. Maggie cares for her elderly parents, and her accommodation in Puddletown is not suitable for the long term. The Diocese has found a house in Gillingham, but it is too far for Maggie to commute, so she will continue her Curacy in the Shaftesbury Team Ministry. Their gain is a most definite loss to us in Milborne and in the Benefice. Maggie’s last Service will be the Benefice Service



on October 29th. A fuller appreciation will appear in next month’s *Reporter*.

In view of various changes, the Service on the first Sunday of each month will be renamed Milborne Praise and will be led by Tony. It will follow a similar pattern to that used for the Harvest Service (but without the vegetable puns) and will be more, or less, formal according to the theme. The first one, on Sunday, 5th November, will commemorate All Saints’ Day. Come along and give thanks for saints past and present. Pam has indicated that she is willing to continue organising Worship in Stillness on the third Sunday of each month, with the possibility of others helping from time to time.

We send our love and best wishes to Daphne Knight, who celebrated her 90th birthday on October 14th. We give thanks for all that she, and Philip, contributed to the life of St. Andrew’s over many years. Thank you, Daphne.

At the end of the month, we celebrate St. Andrew’s Day as we give thanks for our Church and Community.

Tony Fox and Pam Shults, Churchwardens

Dewlish Church Notes

A BIG THANK-YOU to Tina and family who, once more, held a Table Top Sale, and raised £105.20 for our Church Fabric Fund. We know how hard you have worked for us, and are most grateful.

Our Harvest Festival, led by Maggie, was well-attended. The church looked so beautiful, and bountiful. Thank you to everyone who provided flowers and donations of produce.

On the next night we held our Harvest Supper and Auction which, again, was well-attended. We thank Andy for organising the food provision and preparation, ably assisted by Nonie and by Andrew who conducted the auction in such a brilliant way. We all had a lovely evening. The auction raised £206, which has been donated to WaterAid. Thank you to everyone for making the evening such a success.

And so we get to November! Where has this year gone?

Remembrance Sunday is on November 12th, and our service will start at the War Memorial at 10.50am with the laying of the wreath, and this will be followed by the service in church. Afterwards, we invite you to join us in the Village Hall for refreshments.

Just a forward note: Our **Christmas Bazaar** will be held on Saturday 2nd December at 2.30pm in the Village Hall. All the usual Christmassy stalls will be on show so, please, save the date.

Daphne Burg

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SCHOOL NEWS



Honeysuckle Class went to the Dorset County Museum and Roman Townhouse in Dorchester to learn more about the Romans of Durnovaria. We were very fortunate to be able to see the mosaics in the townhouse, we handled real Roman artefacts and we dressed up as Romans from the different social classes. It was great fun!



This term the Bluebell class are exploring where our food comes from and which foods help our bodies. We were very excited to have had a trip to Wessex Wild to kick start our learning. We had a wonderful day for 'The Story of your Lunchbox' workshop where we learnt about the farm and how Chrissy uses a drone and satellites to track where her cows are. The class explored the growing patches where we picked fresh fruit and vegetables, understanding which part of the plant we eat. At lunch we tasted some new fruits and vegetables, with some of us pulling funny faces when tasting celery. We are looking forward to finding out more in the classroom.



We were lucky enough to be awarded a grant from The Harmony Project as a nature premium to develop our school allotment. As a result we have now got three fabulous new growing beds and three new residents! We have yet to name our new chicks who hatched out at the end of summer in Mrs Cheeseman's garden but decided to stay at our school after meeting our children as tiny chicks during the first week back. Learning about where our food comes from and the strength in diversity that nature shows us is vital for a healthy system. These are core aspects of our curriculum and our children are loving caring for the chickens and learning about the hard work that goes into 'growing your own'. Lily and Nicky from The Edible Acre in Crossways, a fabulous local producer, are partnering with us to support our learning. We are delighted that our children now get to visit two local farms every year and get hands on in the allotment as part of their learning in school which helps set them up for a sustainable and healthy future.



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Happy 65th Anniversary, Maureen and Bob



CELEBRATING your 65th wedding anniversary isn't something that every couple does but Maureen and Bob Lovett celebrated theirs on Wednesday 20th September 2023.

They celebrated by spending a few days away with close family in the New Forest. Lunch on the day was accompanied by torrential rain but certainly didn't dampen the spirits of Maureen and Bob when they opened their telegram from the King and Queen congratulating them on their special occasion. Flowers and bubbles were also in abundance. They had also received a telegram from the Queen on their 60th wedding anniversary.

Who knows what they will do for their 70th!

They moved to the village and have been living in the same bungalow in Bladen View since mid-1960s..



A lovely drawing presented to Tony by Hazel after the Harvest Thanksgiving. On the right is the drawing of a Marshmallow Tree. If anyone knows where I can find one (or enough for a small orchard), please get in touch; none of our local garden centres can help. Thank you.

Hazel



Congratulations to three 90 year olds

Malcolm Applin 90 years old, that cannot be, surely, it's a mistake!

"Isn't he the guy that can be seen in virtually all weathers tending the grounds at the Sports Club, and when fine will be chugging back and forth on his trusty steed (mower)?"

"Yep, you've got him in one".

Malcolm was born in Bere Regis, worked at the Old Milk Factory and lives at The Rings, so in geographical terms he hasn't moved very far. In what he has achieved as a self-taught sports groundsman, he has moved heaven and earth. Mountains of it!

Malcolm is the only founder member of the Sports Club that was formed back in 2001 that is still an active member and trustee.



In 2009 he won the BBC South Unsung Sporting Hero Award. He is considered a legend within the Dorset Football Association and the main pitch is considered to be the best grassroots pitch in Dorset and a pitch that players and referees alike give their eye teeth to play on.

Apart from the match days when his beloved Bournemouth "Cherries" are playing at home, Malcolm can be seen pitch side watching the players, as he put it, "*Mulling the pitch*" and then helping himself to a freebie bacon buttie at halftime.

As soon as the match is over and before the players have left, he starts preparing the pitch for the next game!

This photo on the left was taken on 11th October 2023, just 17 days from his 90th birthday as he set about leaving another mark for others to follow.



DAPHNE KNIGHT celebrated her 90th birthday at the end of October.

She and her husband lived in Weymouth and worked at the Atomic Energy Establishment at Winfrith as a computer operator before moving into the bungalow in Milton Road Close when it was newly built.

She was on the St. Andrew's Church Parochial Council and was its treasurer for many years.



EVA STOCKLEY will be celebrating her 90th birthday this month, having spent nearly 20 years in Milborne after she and her husband John retired. Sadly, John died in 2005 but as Eva says, 'there is always a job for willing hands'.

She has done much for the church, being churchwarden for six years, introducing a Christmas Tree Festival, St. Andrew's Day events at The Royal Oak, curry evenings and cream teas at Stileham Bank, and supporting the Garden Club with Open Gardens for several years.

She now misses her committee work but enjoys meeting people at WI and Wednesday Club, and says Milborne is a lovely place to be.

Autumn – time for a change at Ladybirds

OCTOBER started mild and at times it was as warm as the summer. So Ladybirds have played outside enjoying digging in the mud area looking for worms and filling tipper trucks with soil. “I’m building a house” announces a little boy re-enacting what he’s experiencing watching his home extension. We love it when children connect parts of their lives and experiences.

We currently have a very young cohort which is keeping us on our toes and involves much more sensory messy play. This has included water and rice (not at the same time) for pouring and filling; flour for mark making; corn flour gloop and of course the ever-popular play dough. As we moved into autumn, we painted a group picture of an autumn tree using broccoli florets instead of paint brushes. Plenty of opportunities to



mix paints to produce autumn colours – and it seems whatever colours you start with you always end up with brown!

We have covered the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears, with re-telling of the story with the doll’s house and little teddies. We had bigger teddy bears in the role

play area which ended up as a hospital. Lots of cups of tea (that age old remedy) being made by the youngsters, some things never change. To give the children practice of using a knife for spreading they made teddy-face muffins with chocolate spread, banana slices and raisins. Plenty of mess but the children enjoyed making and eating them.

By the time you read this we hope to have moved into the First School. Rather frustratingly we are dependant on when Ofsted endorse the move. All has been requested and as with all Government bodies we must wait – chasing them is a nightmare as getting to talk to someone is near on impossible. We really are looking forward to being in school – no more setting up/packing away into sheds!!

Liz Dyer



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The Visit

By Josie Wright

A YEAR ago we were trying to decide what to buy John's siblings for Christmas. We are all in our 70s, so what extra does anyone need when you're all trying to get rid of clutter? So I thought that us all meeting up would be nice, as at the moment we only see each other at weddings and funerals. We all thought it a good idea so started planning – where should we meet?

John's brother lives in Yorkshire, his sister in Herefordshire and you all know where we live. Janet invited her brothers and wives to stay with her as she was sort of in the middle.

Our Christmas gathering was in June.

The week before we set out had been very warm, so only at the last minute did I chuck in a big cardi and one jumper.

We decided to take a bottle or two of wine to share, Chris and Jill brought lovely raspberries and some home grown stuff from their garden.

I found that after a three and a half hour drive northwards the temperature was a bit more fresh, so I was glad of the cardi.

The first evening we chatted about our children and grandchildren and looked at hundreds of photos and then settled down to watch the Sewing Bee. I was snuggled up to John and fell asleep, but as I told Janet, 'It's a compliment if people fall asleep, it means you're relaxed and happy' – I think I got away with it!

Next day the five of us squeezed into one car and we visited medieval Ledbury, which was not far away, returning to one of Janet's lovely suppers.

Visiting Westbury on Severn, an hour's drive away, was a must the next day. This was where the three of them spent their childhood. As we got nearer, the 'do you remembers' came thick and fast as childhood adventures were laughed over, then we lingered for a while, peering through the gate at Hunt Hill House, their old home.

That evening we treated Janet to a meal at a posh restaurant, in what used to be a muddy farmyard, as a big thank you for putting up with us.

On our last day we went to Stratford to see, 'As You Like It', but were surprised to see and hear several street entertainers before we went into the theatre. There was an Alfie Boe type singer that we listened to as we ate our sandwiches, when we walked across a bridge nearby, a young girl was playing a violin and further on a man on a very tall unicycle was

juggling with torches (the old fashioned type with flames). 'As You Like It' was amazing too!

And now we're home, lots of new memories and looking forward to meeting again soon.



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By Jan Beaumont ©

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For so many years I've been focused on weight
And been trying my best just to shed
Those extra few pounds that I've gained over time
But I'm going to look elsewhere instead.

Instead of just ditching those kilos I've gained
Other things really should go
I need to enjoy the last years of my life
Without worry or stressing, and so

There are several things that I should just throw out
That have made life quite tough through the years
Anger, anxiety, frustration, are three
That have caused quite irrational fears.

Impatience can go, there's no hurry at all
I'll just let things work out in good time
Positivity will now be my go-to MO
Negativity will be a crime.

And I will be happy with things that I have
No more will I look and compare
So goodbye comparison, you're out the door
There is nothing I covet out there.

Intolerance will be a thing of the past
I'll put up with all manner of things
And when I have lost all those things that I've tossed
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I'll feel so much lighter when I've thrown away
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Northumberland here we come!

JUST when we thought things couldn't get any more exciting our friends turned up in their tin box on wheels and pitched up right next to us again – yippee! – Bulmer and Tilly to play with for another week. First trip was a lovely walk to Bamburgh Castle, we didn't have to traipse around the boring castle (although it did look impressive) – instead we got to go paddling and swimming in the North Sea, a bit chilly but we had lots of fun chasing sticks.

Next day Mum got excited as she got Dad to drive to a different country, we went over the border to St. Abbs in Scotland. Dad tried to put me in the boot with the other three dogs, doesn't he know I like to travel in the front on Mum's lap (safely strapped in of course)? It was a pretty little harbour and we went on a walk along the cliffs, very impressive, we had to stay on the lead for a bit in case we got too close to the edge, do they think we are stupid?! (Well maybe Katie is a bit).



Next day was nice and sunny so Mum and Colin went on the boat trip to see the puffins and pufflings on the Farne Islands. Dad and Mandy took us dogs to the beach which was much



more fun for us dogs. Mum said they saw millions of birds (well thousands at least) and she got some good photos of the Puffins so she was very happy.

We were staying near a place called Seahouses, there were lots of houses by the sea so it was a good name for this town. It seems like all the people here eat is fish and chips as there were lots of places selling take aways, of course we had to have some, it would have been rude not to.

Next trip was to Holy Island or Lindisfarne, funny sort of place, we could only go when the tide was out, what's that all about? We had a good



walk around the little island with Dad while Mum and Mandy went up to the Castle, luckily dogs weren't allowed in. There was a pretty little garden made by someone called Gertrude Jekyll, mum said she was more famous than Alan Titchmarsh in her day, I don't believe that!

All good things come to an end and finally it was time to say goodbye to our friends and head south to our lovely home in Dorset. My goodness it was a very long drive home, we were in the tin box on wheels for hours but we did need a rest after all our adventures so it wasn't too bad.



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WITH winter fast approaching and as the cost of living continues to rise, many families in Dorset are feeling the strain. Dorset Council is encouraging residents to donate clean and undamaged children's coats, hats, and gloves for those aged 0–16.

This heartfelt initiative aims to ensure that no child goes without essential winter clothing during these challenging times. The council recognises the importance of addressing this issue and is calling on the community to join forces in helping those who are struggling.

Cllr Byron Quayle, Dorset Council Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Early Help said: "In the face of rising living costs, we urge our Dorset residents to come together and make a difference. By donating, you can provide vital warmth and support to local families this winter.

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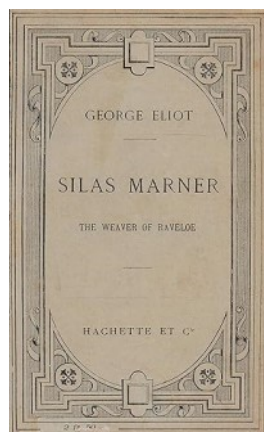
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Bookends' Good Read: "Silas Marner, The Weaver of Raveloe" by George Eliot



SO far, in this new Bookends' year (since July) this has been the highest rated book for enjoyment. So much pleasure was gained by members for its gentle irony, true realism, and emotional intensity. It is the story of Retribution, moral outcomes and early 19th century rural life in a small Warwickshire village. An outwardly simple tale in the "literary realism" tradition prevalent until the 1920's and at its peak in the 1900's, it was George Eliot's third novel written in 1861 and set thirty years earlier. Like

other pieces of literary and musical creations at the time it gave attention to the ordinary; faithful pictures of, often, monotonous, homely existences, telling of banal everyday activities and experience. They were faithful representations with no artificiality. Many at the time told of the romantic lives of contemporary men and women, no gods or fantasy! This book centres on religion, (with which Eliot struggled), industrialisation and a sophisticated treatment of the dissenting Calvinist sect to which Marner initially belonged before his expulsion from Lantern Yard where he lived and the meetings were held. Through a false accusation of theft he is forced to leave, losing his faith and his fiancée. In Raveloe his isolated existence is made bearable by the gold he accumulates for his labour. When this is stolen he is bereft and becomes even more isolated and grief stricken. His life is paralleled with Godfrey Cass son of a rich family who hides marriage to an opium addict who bears his child whilst he longs to marry Nancy. Despite his ability to heal using herbs Silas is never integrated into the community on whose edge he exists, spinning his cloth and simply "weav(ing) like a spider from pure impulse" This was the only "nourishment of his soul in exile". Until a baby, attracted by the light and warmth in his cottage crawls into his life as her drug addicted mother dies outside in the snow. The gold of her hair encourages Silas to believe that she is the return of his gold. The "locked casket" of his soul "long stupefied..was unfolding trembling gradually into full consciousness". He names her Eppie after his mother and sister and with the help of a kindly neighbour, Dolly Winthrop, brought her up until the age at which she married for love and the whole village into which they had both been accepted, rejoiced. Although Godfrey had to eventually claim her as his, offering her a new privileged life, she refused, happy with her position as Silas' daughter. It is a neat, well balanced and satisfying tale without preaching or criticism. It reveals a great deal about Eliot especially her use throughout of authentic Warwickshire dialect. There is much to savour and appreciate in this book as the group discovered often to our surprise!

Carole Fornachon

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The Big Dorset Apple Cake

This month: Versunkener Apfelkuchen

A GERMAN theme for this month's article. I'm featuring a German apple cake recipe, to remind everyone that, although it is not until next year, the Big Dorset Apple Cake event will be taking place in the Village Hall on Dorset Day, Saturday 1st June 2024. It will be a celebration of our own iconic food here in Dorset. We are hoping to assemble the biggest Dorset Apple Cake in the world from lots of individual smaller cakes made by volunteers in our village.

Thank you so much to all who have responded to last month's appeal and for some very helpful suggestions emailed in for our consideration. It was suggested by someone that we might have different classes to encourage everyone to take part. Some classes suggested are, (I think rather tongue in cheek!) men, women, boys, girls, rainbow, unicorns, Milborne born and bred, Incomers/Townies. However, the project is not planned to be competitive but thank you for all the light-hearted ideas.

Someone else suggested all the cakes be labelled if gluten free, vegan, vegetarian, fruitarian, flexitarian, beegan, fat-free, dairy-free, macrobiotic, breatharian, old-fashioned fussy eaters etc. I had to look up the meaning of some of those categories; apparently Breatharians have the ability to live without consuming food or water. They absorb "prana", the Hindu concept of energy or lifeblood, provided from solar rays, the air and the energy around them. Certainly, it sounds a lot cheaper than my weekly Tesco bill, but somehow, I'm not really tempted.

Perhaps you have other ideas? Please email them (address at the end) and don't forget to send in your name if you would like to help by either baking an apple cake, or be willing to buy a portion of cake. Or both. I'm still hoping someone in or around the village has an old-fashioned Dorset Apple Cake recipe, perhaps handed down through the generations. If you would like to share this recipe then please e-mail this in or bring it to the monthly community cafe at the Village Hall, this month it is being held on Saturday 11th November (see page 2).

The aim is to get 100 small square apple cakes, to be assembled into one enormous cake. So far, we have been promised 35 cakes, so still some way to go.

Versunkener Apfelkuchen (German Sunken Apple Cake)

- 2 large eggs
 - 4 oz (110 g) self-raising flour
 - 1 teaspoon of baking powder
 - 4 oz (110 g) butter
 - 4 oz (110 g) caster sugar
 - 4 medium Bramley or Granny Smith apples
 - Apricot jam to glaze
1. Preheat the oven to 325 degrees F (170 degrees C, Gas Mark 3)
 2. Sift the baking powder and flour into a large bowl from a height so that plenty of air gets into it.
 3. Add all the other ingredients into the same bowl.
 4. Blend with an electric hand whisk until it is completely smooth.
 5. Add 1 or 2 drops of warm water if it doesn't drop off the whisk when shaken and whisk it a bit more.
 6. Peel the 4 medium apples, cut them in half, and remove the core.



7. Score them with a sharp knife about halfway down - so that you have lines running across the back of each apple. If you prepare these first, then put them in water with 2 tablespoons of lemon juice, this will stop them from going brown.
8. Grease and flour your cake tin, or line with baking parchment, I use the ready-formed greaseproof paper cake tin liners.
9. Pour in the cake mixture.
10. Place your apples round on top of the mixture. Don't push them into the mixture.
11. Bake in the oven for about 30 minutes or until the apples are cooked and the sponge has risen around them. Brush immediately with warm Apricot jam to glaze.
12. Serve this cake warm.
13. As a variation on this recipe, you could use tinned or fresh pineapple instead of the apples. Or substitute a heaped tablespoon of the flour with cocoa and use fresh or tinned pears.

Bonus tip – the cake is called "Versunkener Apfelkuchen" which means "sunken apple cake" because the apples look like they sunk into the batter. However, they actually don't sink in the batter. The batter pushes upward and around the apples. So do not push the apple into the batter, just lay them on top carefully.

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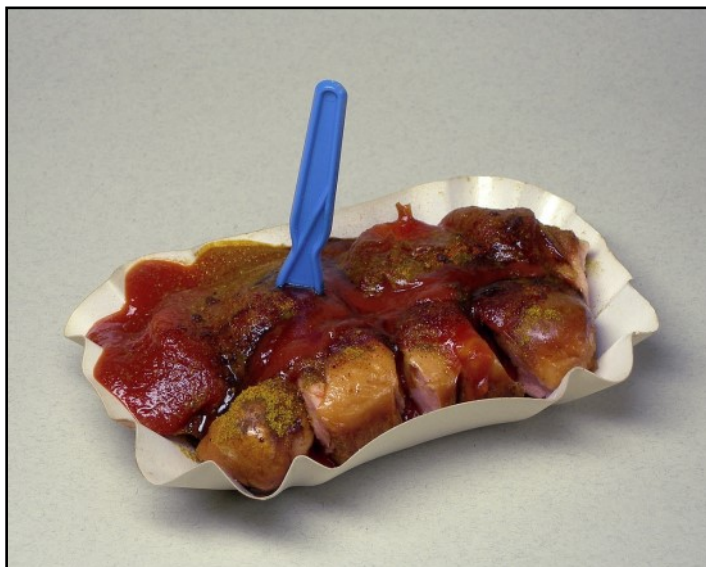
Regular readers will know that I spent quite a few years living in Germany, first going there to live and work in the early 1970's. Having lived all my life in Yorkshire previously, it was such a very different culture. So many things seemed strange at first, but I quickly adjusted and learned to appreciate the orderliness of the way of life.

For example, the law was that no machinery was to be operated during the 'quiet times' between 1pm and 3pm and after 7pm in the evening. For anyone who has struggled to get their baby or toddler to sleep, or invited friends round for a drink in the garden while a neighbour operates a slightly faulty lawn mower, or strimmer, this rule was very sensible. Another good idea was that bonfires were only allowed on one



designated afternoon a month, washing wasn't permitted to be hung outside on Sundays, and it was prohibited to wash your car on the street at any time. Recycling was something I had never come across before but was practiced by everyone. Concern for the environment was very important in Germany over 50 years ago, long before we adopted these ideas in this country.

Another new thing to get used to was the schnellimbiss, a sort of roadside fast-food kiosk, selling Bratwurst and Currywurst sausages. It seemed incongruous to me at first to see



smartly dressed fur-clad and behatted German matrons standing in the street eating sausages held in their fingers. I rapidly adjusted my ideas and was soon scoffing Bratwurst like a native.

It was in the news recently that Currywurst was no longer the number one fast food choice in Germany. The condiment-laden currywurst is said to have been created in 1949 by a Berlin sausage stand owner named Herta Heuwer, who reportedly obtained the magical ketchup and curry powder mixture from British soldiers stationed in Berlin.

Despite its cultural legacy, recent years have not been kind to currywurst, with public opinion and government policies exhibiting a change of heart towards the saucy street food. A 2022 poll by *Apetito*, a German catering provider, found that the dish was no longer the most popular meal served at workplace cafeterias, dethroned by Spaghetti Bolognese and vegetarian pesto pasta. This follows the 2018 closure of the official Currywurst Museum in Berlin, which first opened in 2009 on the 60th anniversary of the dish's creation and featured the slogan: "Currywurst is more than just a sausage – it's one of life's experiences in Germany."

Perhaps the biggest blow came in August 2021, when Volkswagen announced a ban on their traditionally pork-based product at the main Wolfsburg factory, replacing it with a vegetarian version. This

move played into a larger government strategy to reduce national meat consumption, stirred by concerns over climate change, rising costs and animal welfare. The online backlash was swift, led mostly by former German chancellor Gerhard Schröder who coined the hashtag #RettetdieCurrywurst (#SaveTheCurrywurst) and made angry social media posts about currywurst being "one of the power bars of the skilled production worker."

Such responses turned out to be a lot of fuss over nothing – the ban only ever affected one canteen within the Wolfsburg factory, which has since been reversed following a survey on their workers. While it might no longer be Germany's favourite fast food (a 2022 YouGov poll found that 45% of those surveyed preferred a döner kebab), currywurst is still very much an icon of German cuisine. An estimated 800 million servings of the dish are eaten every year – 70 million of those in Berlin alone. So, whether you'd prefer a plant-based pasta or plate of sliced sausage soaked in curry powder and ketchup, rest assured that this saucy, iconic German street food isn't going anywhere any time soon.

Part of a poem by William Barnes was featured in last month's article, so to continue the Dorset connection, here is a poem by Thomas Hardy. This is an anti-war poem written from an unusual point of view. It points out that the old Dorset dialect and the German language have many similarities.

"The Pity Of It", is dated April 1915. Although Hardy had protested against the Boer War of 1899 (hence poems such as "Drummer Hodge"), he was ambivalent about "The Great War" that broke out against Germany in August 1914. He was convinced of the rightness of Britain's cause, and therefore supported the war, but he was also profoundly regretful that the war had to be fought at all. His patriotism was based on a feeling that the nation had to stand together to defend itself against foreign injustice, but he felt no common cause with the "jingoists" who regarded everything German as necessarily evil. "The Pity Of It" is one of the poems that conveys most clearly this sense of protest against the necessity of war.

The phrase which sticks in my mind is "kin folk kin tongued". A similar sentiment is expressed in "The Man He Killed".

"The Pity of it" by Thomas Hardy

I walked in loamy Wessex lanes, afar
From rail-track and from highway, and I heard
In field and farmstead many an ancient word
Of local lineage like 'Thu bist,' 'Er war,'
'Ich woll', 'Er sholl', and by-talk similar,
Nigh as they speak who in this month's moon gird
At England's very loins, thereunto spurred
By gangs whose glory threats and slaughters are.
Then seemed a Heart crying: 'Whosoever they be
At root and bottom of this, who flung this flame
Between kin folk kin tongued even as are we,
'Sinister, ugly, lurid, be their fame;
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Friday 3rd

Bridge The Royal Oak 2.30pm.

Saturday 4th

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Wednesday 8th

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Thursday 9th

WI Crafts session led by Sheila Burton Village Hall 7.30pm.

Saturday 11th

Community Café Village Hall 10.00am.

Sunday 12th

Remembrance Sunday Service of Remembrance St Andrew's church 10.00am (followed by procession to the Memorial Stone for 11.00am).

Tuesday 14th

Reporter deadline for the December issue – see page 2.

Thursday 16th

Gardening Club a short AGM followed by a quiz, mulled wine and refreshments. Village Hall 7.30pm.

Friday 17th

Milborne Movie The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry Village Hall 7.30pm.

Saturday 25th

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December

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