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Race Night at the Village Hall – reminder

IT IS not too late to get your tickets for the Village Hall Race Night on Saturday 9th November.

Tickets are available at £10 each – this price will include a fish and chip supper; the doors will be open from 7.00pm and we will be under “Starters Orders” at 7.30pm.

This provides a great opportunity to have a fun evening with a chance of winning a few quid while supporting your Village Hall at the same time.

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At the time of going to press, work should have begun on the new patio area for the Village Hall. At a cost approaching £10,000 this will provide an enhancement to the existing external facilities offered to all residents of the village.

The good news is we have already raised over £900 – but it is not too late for you to help. Please donate a minimum of £25 (there is no maximum) towards the cost of this work by sponsoring a paving slab. We will install a Roll of Honour in the Hall acknowledging our supporters by name.

If you would like to provide sponsorship, contact me at treasurer.msavh@gmail.com or ring 07983 013781 and I will provide bank details. Please think hard about sponsoring this project – it is for the *whole* community!

Nigel Hodder, Treasurer

Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club



THERE was a last minute cancellation for our October meeting, but luckily our booking secretary, Josie Wright saved the day with a very interesting talk entitled ‘Cider with Josie’, which was followed by a delicious tasting session!

This month, our meeting on Thursday 21st November ends our year with the AGM and a social evening. The AGM is short, then we have mulled wine, mince pies, a fun quiz and prize giving.

There is no meeting in December, so Gardening Club meets next on 16th January, 2025.

Cost is just £2 for non members and includes refreshments. Do come along, you will be very welcome!

Angela & Mark Johnson

A sobering message – at the October 2024 WI

SADLY, we live with the ever-present risk of terrorism and extremism. Despite this, our speaker, Alan Jenkins, himself an ex-Counter Terrorist Inspector, stressed how very good we are in this country at tackling this threat. Working on the principle that it is better to prevent, to identify and to spot possible radicalisation, Alan outlined all the measures being taken to do this. Using surveillance techniques, as well as referrals from the general public, established measures are in hand to counter such criminality. He stressed that we cannot underestimate how good the quality of radicalisation propaganda is, using, in particular, the internet and social media.

There are many reasons why people become vulnerable and are thus drawn to radical groups, including poverty, drug use, mental illness, even peer pressure, Alan said. He was keen to stress that we can all play our part in spotting the signs, those little flags which could make alarm bells ring. Be prepared to notice, check it out, and share such concerns. Alan underlined it is a system which has been proved to work; there is room to turn a potential terrorist around – prevention is the key!

After a break for refreshments and a chat with the visitors who had joined us for this open meeting, Jenny took us through business items. The next Pub lunch is on Wednesday, 23rd October. The book club had met to discuss ‘*Young Mungo*’ by Douglas Stuart, set in the 80s in a poor part of Glasgow, and despite the author’s descriptive talent, it was a hard and somewhat depressing read. We move on to ‘*Old Rage*’ by Sheila Hancock.

A sad postscript to the meeting for us – after 50 years’ active membership June Maitland has written to say that, due to ill health, she will be unable to continue to attend our WI meetings. There is no doubt that her absence will be felt and she will be greatly missed by us all. Love to you, June. x

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, 14th November, when our very own Angie and Lin will demonstrate Christmas wreath and decoration making. The exhibition will be a tree decoration. Please do come along and join us; you will be very welcome.

Pat Bull

Milborne Movies One Life

Friday 15th November 2024 at 7.30pm
Village Hall, Milborne St Andrew
Doors and bar open 7.00pm

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Based on the book *If It's Not Impossible . . . : The Life of Sir Nicholas Winton* by Barbara Winton, *ONE LIFE* tells the incredible, emotional true story of Nicholas ‘Nicky’ Winton (Johnny Flynn), a young London broker who visits Prague in December 1938. In a race against time, Winton convinces Trevor Chadwick (Alex Sharp) and Doreen Warriner (Romola Garai) of the British Committee for Refugees in Czechoslovakia to rescue hundreds of predominantly Jewish children before Nazi occupation closes the borders. Fifty years later, Nicky (Anthony Hopkins) is haunted by the fate of the children he wasn’t able to bring to safety in England. It’s not until the BBC show “That’s Life!” re-introduces him to some of those he helped rescue that he finally begins to come to terms with the guilt and grief he carried -- all the while skyrocketing from anonymity to a national hero.

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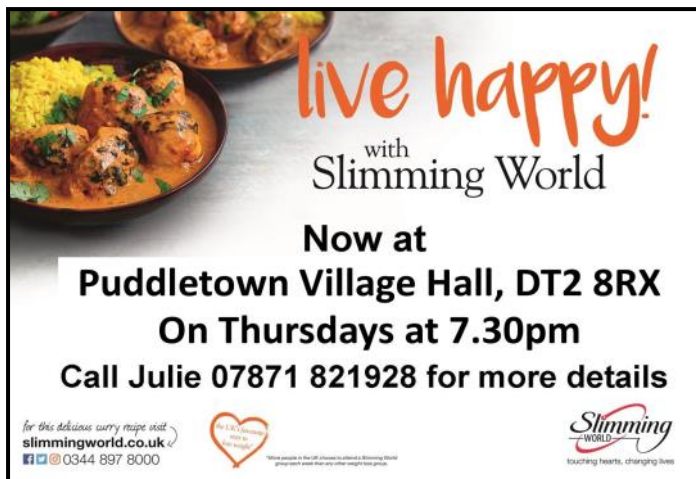
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ONCE again the village moves forward into autumn, the inevitable long winter months, and we begin to think of the annual act of Remembrance. This year we will again be commemorating the event by opening the Village Hall at 10.00am on Sunday 10th November, to welcome one and all for tea, coffee and biscuits before we gather at the Jubilee Stone to remember the fallen.

After proceedings we would like to invite any of our fine bakers to donate a cake for parishioners to enjoy back at the Hall. After the overwhelming success of the Great Dorset Apple Cake event earlier this year we know you can do Milborne St. Andrew proud! If you are willing and able to summon up and coordinate the bakers of the parish, and help out after the act of remembrance please contact me on the number below.

Would you like to play a small part in this year's Remembrance event? To honour the fallen of our village we would like to invite people, young and old, one at a time, to read aloud a name from the inscription on the stone. Anyone interested will be allocated a name. They will be read in alphabetical order. You may stand where you like during the ceremony, the idea being that the names resonate from all directions around our gathering.

If you would like to take part in this please contact Rich Hawker on 07393 309037 for more information

Powerful. Joshua Dyer (aged 14) was tasked at school to write a poem for Remembrance Day. An hour later (without any help) he produced this.

One thousand men are walking

One thousand men are walking
Walking side by side
Singing songs from home
The spirit as their guide
They walk toward the light milord,
they walk towards the sun
they smoke and laugh and smile together
no foes to outrun.
These men live on forever
in the hearts of those they saved
a nation truly grateful
for the path of peace they paved.
They march as friends and comrades
but they do not march for war
step closer to salvation
a tranquil steady corps
the meadows lit with golden
beams
a beacon for the brave
the emerald grass untrampled
a reward for what they gave.
They dream of those they left
behind
and know they dream of
them
forever in those poppy fields
there walks one thousand
men

Joshua Dyer 2019 (aged 14)



October Parish Council update

TRAFFIC calming on A354 – Dorset Council (DC) has confirmed that they will trial traffic calming by the pub, which will consist of an inbuild, the aim of which is to improve pedestrian safety. Following the trial DC will assess the data to judge whether a permanent system be installed. Works are due to start mid October and the trial will run for three weeks. For more information see www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/news/traffic-calming-measure-to-be-trialled-in-milborne-st-andrew. A member of the public questioned the 30 mph signs painted on the road on Dorchester Hill. There are signs in place but are badly worn and hard to see. Cllr Macnair confirmed that they are due for renewal as part of the traffic calming project.

Signage project update – PC have written to DC regarding several signs that were damaged or broken, and need replacing. DC have cleaned some signs. Existing road signs have now been allocated to volunteers around the village who will keep signs clean, take photos and share periodic updates with Cllr Stephens, who is running the project.

HIP at Huntley Down – PC have received an email from a resident reporting a dog being injured due to sharp stones at the HIP. Cllr Greening questioned whether the HIP should be closed for the time being, on the grounds of health and safety, until the concerns were rectified. It was felt that it should be kept open at this time. Clerk Lewin is scheduled to meet a representative from Wyatt Homes and will feedback at the next meeting.

Planning application for land on Dewlish Road – Clerk Lewin has submitted a report to DC. This is now in the hands of the planners. Consultees have 21 days to reply but there is no time frame for the Planning Officer to make a decision.

Steps and/or lighting at the Snicket – PC have received a request for a handrail and or lights on the steps (the footpath between Crown Court and Stileham Bank). The landowner of the walls and fences have said no. It was agreed to contact Sovereign Housing, who are the owner of the path for permission. More people are using this path at this time, especially as the path is closed by Corner House.

Date and time of next meeting – Wednesday 20th November 7.00pm at the Village Hall.

Jo Whitfield

Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers



THE Diocesan Guild of Ringers held its AGM in Milborne Church this year on Saturday, October 12th. The afternoon began with bellringing, when those from the various towers represented had a chance to ring the bells. At 4.00pm, Janet Ranger, who lives in Puddletown, rings at Charminster and is an LPA at West Stafford, conducted the service. Tony played the organ for the hymns, all with bell-themed words set to well-known tunes. Janet read a poem about autumn, written by her mother. A sumptuous tea followed, with a chance to chat. After the AGM, some more ringing took place before people made their way home, some of whom had come from as far away as Tisbury. The Guild kindly gave the collection to St. Andrew's and a donation towards the heating costs.

"The bells will still be loudly calling
When we have seen that other morn,
Their melodies insistent falling
On congregations yet unborn."

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Remembrance

Israel, Gaza, Lebanon, Russia, Ukraine, Myanmar, Syria, Afghanistan, Chad, Burkina Faso, Colombia, Ethiopia, Yemen, Mali, Sudan, Mexico, Libya – just some of the countries where conflict between or within nations is going on today. There are many more. We are all too aware of some of the destruction caused in places like Gaza and Ukraine, but other situations are much more hidden.

The human cost of conflict is high – it's not just combatants that get drawn into these situations, many civilians are killed and maimed too. Poverty is rife in conflict zones; the necessities of life often hard to come by; access to medical care and education become limited; and refugees are created as people look for safe zones in which to live.

Remembrance Sunday and Remembrance Day are important dates in the November calendar. Primarily created to remember the dead of the World Wars, these days have now expanded to remember other conflicts British troops have been involved in, such as Kosovo and Iraq and Afghanistan. With the rise of technology and global connections, we can't ignore current victims of conflict and war too, as we remember.

There are three things we can do particularly in this period as we focus on victims of war:

1. Remember: remembrance is important. It's a way of paying respect to those who have fought in wars and lost their lives, of connecting us with the past that has shaped our nation and of helping us to learn from mistakes so that we have a better future.

2. Pray: for victims of war and for peace and justice. I'm sure God weeps with us when seeing the destruction and pain that humans cause one another, and longs for us to turn away from harming one another.

3. Act: let us become peace-makers in our own communities – homes, schools, workplaces and so on. Let us stand up for justice and be the voices of those who go unheard.

The Dutch theologian Henri Nouwen wrote this in his book *Peacework*: "For Jesus, there are no countries to be conquered, no ideologies to be imposed, no people to be dominated. There are only children, women and men to be loved."

How different our world would be, if we all managed to live like that!

Best wishes

Sarah

Milborne St Andrew Church Notes

OCTOBER began with the Harvest Thanksgiving, led by Tony. Seeing many of you there and having the bells rung before the Service was a joy. Thank you, Robin, for arranging the ringing team. Lin and her team had decorated the Church beautifully. Thank you to all those who brought items for the Blandford Foodbank (now "Nourish") and Pam for delivering them. Unfortunately, the First School Harvest Service had to be cancelled due to illness, but we have been able to display some of the artwork and poems created for the occasion. They are lovely. Thank you to all involved and Holly for bringing them to the church.

A few days before the Harvest Service, we held Margaret Hurley's funeral. It was a lovely tribute to a much-loved and respected member of the community. The Reverend Heidi Merritt, Curate of Dorchester, conducted the service, Adrienne gave a moving tribute to her mother, Laurence read a poem he had written, and Tony played the organ. We are grateful to Robin Mears for arranging for the bells to be rung before the Service – six ringers from six different towers.

November is often referred to as the "Month of Remembrance". All Souls' Day falls on Saturday, the 2nd of November, and at 3.00pm, we shall hold the Service of Remembrance for the Benefice at St Andrew's when we remember "Those we love but

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

SATURDAY 2nd November

3.00pm Service of remembrance Milborne
and thanksgiving for those
who have died (with tea and cake)

3rd November – All Saints' Sunday

9.30am Parish Communion Tolpuddle
9.30 Celebrate Milborne
11.00 Parish Communion Puddletown
Church Room
11.00 BCP Morning Prayer Dewlish
(traditional language)
4.00pm Bubble Church Puddletown Village Hall

10th 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

17th November – 2 before Advent

9.30am 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

24th November – Christ the King

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

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see no longer.” Names to be remembered can be given to 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 10th this year. We will meet in Church for a Service of Remembrance at 10.00am 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 and divided world is even more urgent.

The last Sunday in November is observed as the Feast of Christ the King. A few days later, we keep the Feast of St. Andrew, as we give thanks for our Church and Community. December 1st marks the beginning of a new Church year with Advent Sunday. We hope to hold a Christingle Service during December; look for posters and details in next month's *Reporter*.

Among the things occupying the collective mind of the churchwardens and PCC members now is the floor in the toilets. We have received a report from our architect, with four possible solutions to the problem, any one of which will be costly! We also have a mole problem in the churchyard and extensions. We are looking at ways to deal with the issue in an ecologically friendly way, but one which lessens the upset caused when visitors find family graves have molehills on them.

We send our love and best wishes to Daphne Knight, whose birthday fell on October 14th. We give thanks for all that she and Philip contributed to the life of St. Andrew's over many years.

Tony and Pam. Churchwardens

Dewlish Church Notes

JIM was very lucky with the weather when he took part in the Dorset Historic Churches Trust's Ride 'n' Stride. He visited 21 churches, and must have cycled quite a few miles! He is so grateful to all the very generous donors who contributed to the final total of £1,060! Thank you all so much. Dewlish Church will receive back £530, which will be another great help towards paying the insurance bill!

And now to November (where has the year gone?) . . . The **Remembrance Day Service** is on Sunday 10th November beginning, as usual, at the War Memorial at 10.50am, followed by the service in the church. Please join us afterwards for refreshments in the Village Hall.

And here's a note for your diary: the **Church Christmas Bazaar** will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 7th December, starting at 2.30pm. Further details next month. *Daphne Burg*

Dorchester pedestrian crossings to be improved

THIS autumn, we will be upgrading two pedestrian crossings in Dorchester town centre.

The crossings at High West Street and High East Street are reaching the end of their maintainable life, so updated equipment will make them safer and easier to use by all.

Modern technology will improve traffic management, and the operating systems will reduce the need for extensive digging during future maintenance.

The work will take place in phases, as follows

- High West Street, pedestrian crossing near the Dorset Museum from 28th October for two weeks. During the work,

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Margaret Diana Hurley 1940–2024



MARGARET moved to Milborne with her husband Pat in 1999, to be close to her daughter who'd been living there five years.

She threw herself into village life, making lots of friends and joining the Gardening Club, Food & Drink Club, Wednesday Club and WI, as well as regularly hosting the Sewing Circle and hosting at Safari Suppers. She regularly cleaned the Church, took on the role of organising the WI raffle, and helped at the village lunch and the Film night. This stood her in good stead when Pat died suddenly and unexpectedly 11 years later. She never said no to an invitation and her friends were a great support through the difficult times.

She pursued a wealth of interests – enjoyed gardening, was an adventurous cook, even going on a Cordon Bleu cookery course in France in the late 70s, loved travelling all over the world, and continued writing to her French school penfriend right throughout her life. She was talented at handcrafts, knitting, sewing, dress-making, patchwork, card-making, and her cake decorating was so good she made a small business out of it.

She had two daughters, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, and they all have fond memories of baking with her – or eating the delicious meals and treats she made.

In recent years Margaret struggled increasingly with dementia, but was still regularly seen at village events or going for her daily walks.

Margaret died on 10th September 2024 after a short illness.

Wednesday Social Club

ON Wednesday 2nd October we travelled to Athelhampton House for a cream tea. The food was delicious and the service was excellent and so a good time was had by all.

Our meeting on 6th November will be a talk on “Antarctica” by Pip Bowell. Please come with copies of your chosen menu and the monies for our Christmas meal at Ashley Wood Golf Club on THURSDAY 5th December at 12.30pm for 1.00pm.

José Thomas

“24 Peaks in 24 Hours”

We did it!

ON THE last weekend of September, 29 courageous hikers ventured up to The Lake District and submitted 24 peaks in 24 hours in aid of Julia's House. It was an epic weekend which was made all the better with the lovely weather. It was the toughest physical challenge I have attempted but it needed to be something big to justify all the amazing support and sponsorship that I had been given. To date, I personally raised £2,757 with the total being just shy of £41K across the team! Julia's House is a charity providing care, as well as end of life care, for children with life limiting needs. Annual running costs are £5 million, with just 8% coming from government support, so every penny counts from the general public and local businesses.



For anyone considering joining a challenge such as this, I highly recommend it. The experience was wonderful, with full support along the way. I met a wonderful bunch of like minded people who were so encouraging and fun. Roger, 71, was given the honour of being named our “Mountain Goat”, as he often led the pack, and with women in their late 60's outdoing many younger ones it really was inspiring. It was definitely ‘mind over matter’ at times. The terrain was so mixed that you never knew what you would find over the next peak. We climbed, boulder hopped, scabbled and ascended 3,500 metres



over the two days, which was the equivalent of 3.5 Snowdons. And, for every step up, there was a step down!! But we did it, and my break away team of 10, summited peak 24 at sunset which is something I will never forget. We laughed, cried and screamed – WE DID IT!! I know that so many people donated money along the way but I want to thank Sandie Sach who supported my training and with the fundraising night which raised a huge amount.





Ladies Night was a great success with everyone making a wonderful effort to dress up and bring fabulous food for the tables that they decorated. Dirty Dancing went



down well with many of us singing along and dancing by the end of the night!! The cocktails, provided by the Sach mixologists, went down well with plenty of bubbly along the way too. Thank you to everyone who came to Ladies Night and sponsored me to raise money. I have been overwhelmed. I will do something again but . . . not just yet! My friends, partner, customers and family need a break too!! However, if you would like to come to a Carol Concert in Dorchester on 3rd December in aid of Julia's House it would be lovely to see you there. I will share, in due course, about getting tickets and location, or DM me if you wish to know more. Once again, thank you from the bottom of my heart and the hearts of all the families you have supported.



Amy Stephens



Milton Abbas Surgery

Flu, Covid and RSV Vaccinations

If you are eligible for a flu vaccination and have not yet had one, please call the surgery to book in for one. There are still some covid vaccinations left for those who are eligible; if there are not any appointments available when you call, we can put you on a waiting list.

RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus) is an infectious disease of the airways and lungs. Everyone turning 75 years old on or after the 1st September 2024 will be offered a single dose of RSV vaccine. For the first year of the programme, the vaccine will also be offered to those who are already aged 75 to 79 years on 1st September 2024 as part of a catch-up programme. If you are eligible and would like to have the vaccine, please contact the surgery to book.

We will not have any covid vaccinations beyond November, but flu and RSV vaccinations will continue.

We would like to say a massive thank you to all the staff who gave up their weekends to help run the recent Flu and Covid clinics. We would also like to make a special mention of David Norman who helped with car parking, and our amazing surgery Health Champion volunteers Dotti Bryan, Jacqui Vallard, Jenny Norman, and Victoria Ladjadj who looked after the team with a constant supply of refreshments.

Finally, thank you to Dunbury Academy for use of your courts for patient parking.

You are all invaluable!

Mid Dorset Primary Care Network Family Wellbeing Day

On the 2nd of November 2024, 10.00am – 3.00pm at The Dorford Centre, Dorchester

You're invited to a Family Wellbeing Day hosted by Mid Dorset Primary Care Network! Enjoy a day of free refreshments and activities while connecting with local support organisations. This event provides valuable advice on topics such as mental health, carer support, youth clubs, financial assistance, and much more. Activities for all ages include – for kids, Free Lego Club and Storytime (11.00–11:30am) and for adults, Yoga and Pilates sessions (book via MidDorset Eventbrite)

No need to book for general activities – just drop in at any time! Everyone is welcome to join and explore the support available in your community.

Moustaches in Movember!

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 to 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, especially as we get closer to Christmas.

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*

Carers Rights Day 21st November 2024

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. The theme for this year is "recognizing your rights".

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!



Hookers adorn our boroughs' post boxes with themed toppers

THESE amazing yarn creations began adorning our iconic post boxes in 2012 to celebrate the festive season. Most recently for DDay accompanied by thousands of crocheted poppies sold to raise funds for charity. They appear “Banksy” style like phantom visitations in the night. In Puddletown the Punch and Judy themed topper is carefully preserved by Post Office staff by taking it in at night and putting it out again in the morning, ‘Minions’ in Lytchett Minster is just one of many springing up across the nation as a way to cheer us all up. Tribute has been paid to the late Queen for her Platinum Jubilee, Charles III coronation, workers during the pandemic and members of the armed forces. Special days like World Book Day provoke crocheted and knitted scenes and have become a treasured part of local communities across the country.

Carole Fornachon



St. Mary's CE Middle School, Puddletown

Inspire today to shape tomorrow

St. Mary's church in Puddletown is very special to our school, and in September our new Year 5 children spent the morning at the church exploring its significance to their new school. The Reverend Sarah and her wonderful team of volunteers did a fabulous job of bringing the church to life for our children. The Year 5s learned how St. Mary's has been at the heart of the village for hundreds of years, and has had an important impact on the lives of generations of villagers. They found out about the beautiful stained glass windows around the church, the history and significance of the font and the altar, and got to experience first-hand the importance of the church as a setting for contemplation, reflection and thought.

While Year 5 were at St. Mary's church, Year 8 were being inspired by the wonderful Jurassic Coast on a geography trip to Swanage and Durlston Head. The students were lucky to have been bathed in warm autumn sunshine as they investigated the patterns of coastal erosion in the area and the impact of the sea defences along the Swanage sea front. Although everyone enjoyed the buzz (and ice cream!) in the town, the highlight of the day was without a doubt a thrilling, high-speed ride, skimming across the waves of the bay, in a speed boat! The rib took the students out along the cliffs to view the stacks and stumps of Old Harry Rocks as well as other interesting features of the coast that are inaccessible and invisible from land.

As September drew to a close, we celebrated harvest festival at St. Mary's with a special assembly and extremely generous donations of food and household products. At the end of the event, we were delighted to have been able to take several car loads of goods to Dorchester's food bank where the children's donations were very gratefully received. Many thanks to all our



families who, as always, so generously give to such a worthwhile cause.

In October we were excited to welcome a group of 30 students to St. Mary's from a school in Strandmolleskolen, Denmark! The Danish students visited St. Mary's for a day as part of a week-long stay at Lulworth. They were keen to experience first-hand school life in the UK and our students certainly obliged as

they welcomed our guests into lessons and spent time sharing experiences of each other's schools. We couldn't let our visitors leave without laying on a traditional afternoon tea of scones, jam and cream just to complete the authentic Dorset experience!

Finally, with Christmas just around the corner, we are delighted to share that following the success of last year's event, Saturday 30th November sees the return of our big St. Mary's Christmas Fair! Come along to the school between 10.00am and 2.00pm to snap up a bargain and enjoy the festive atmosphere!



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CELEBRATE the festive season with a mesmerising one-man performance of Dickens' timeless, transformative story: *A Christmas Carol*. Bah! Humbug!

David Mynne, veteran Cornish actor and a founder member of Kneehigh, returns to Dorset with a one-man performance of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*.

Spend an evening in the company of a mean, tight-fisted, squeezing, grasping, clutching old miser. Bah!

Watch horrified as Ebenezer Scrooge is haunted by four creepy ghosts (wooo-oooh) each one more terrifying than the last. Bah!

Sob at the bedside of a tiny, malnourished child riven with rickets. Bah!

In their inimitable style, the team that brought you *Great Expectations*, *The Odyssey*, *Canterbury Tales* and *Dracula: the Vampyr* will now take you on a grim journey through the dark, dismal streets of Victorian London.

This is Dickens' original words with added silliness. Silliness? Bah!



He's making a list and checking it twice . . .

. . . SANTA *is* coming to town! Milborne has been added to the big, jolly chap's village list! Listen out for the bells on Saturday 14th December as Father Christmas will be visiting Milborne in his sleigh as he does a pre-Christmas Eve tour of local villages, spreading festive cheer along the way. Timings of when you'll be able to catch him coming through will be announced nearer the day. Milborne has been added to his itinerary this year, which includes Dewlish, Cheselbourne, Ansty, Hazelbury Bryan and Kings Stag, in a Christmas event that was started in December 2021. As well as giving cheer to young and old alike there will be a collection, which is for local charity Ducks and Drakes Cancer Trust.

The idea for the sleigh ride through mid-Dorset came to Kirsten and Mark Walbridge just after Covid when their daughter was very young. Kirsten says, "We were sad that she wouldn't see Santa so we came up with the idea to make a sleigh and go through our village to also cheer other children."

"My husband and best friend built the sleigh at our garage, Walbridge Motor Co. in Kings Stag, and it's just grown from there!"

The first year they collected donations along the way for the Kingfisher and Special Care Baby Unit at Dorset County Hospital, raising £593. For Christmas 2022, they collected for Ducks and Drakes, raising £300 and will be hoping to raise some more funds for the charity again this year.



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Davis, Biles, Brown and Way Episode 6 of “The Ways of Milborne St. Andrew” by Andy Way: Population changes in the late 19th century

IN RECENT issues of the *Reporter*, we’ve been featuring characters from Andy Way’s book *The Ways of Milborne St. Andrew*. Last month, we looked at how the population in MSA changed from the censuses of 1841 through to 1891. This month, let us delve a bit more into the inhabitants of the village itself.

Firstly, where did the people in the village come from? In 1841, everyone for whom their county of birth is entered in the census was from Dorset; there was no-one in any of the three parishes (MSA, Milborne Stileham and Milborne Churchstone) from outside the county *at all*. In 1851, we do see a few people in MSA from outside the county, including people born in the neighbouring counties of Devon, Hampshire, Wiltshire and Somerset, plus two people from London (one just visiting).

In 1861, the picture is much the same, but in 1871, some of the inhabitants hail from Staffordshire, Warwickshire, Kent, London, and even one person from Scotland: 30-year old John Elliott from Jedburgh, Roxburghshire, a farm bailiff. In 1881, there are people from Wales, Suffolk, Scotland, Hertfordshire, Lancashire, Yorkshire, London, Northamptonshire, Buckinghamshire, and Gloucestershire, as well as from counties bordering Dorset. In 1891, we see people born in Kent, Wiltshire, Hertfordshire, Surrey, Lancashire, Kent, Sussex, Staffordshire, Worcestershire, Buckinghamshire, Cornwall, Westmoreland, and London. We also find in Milborne Churchstone a ‘David C Smart’ from Ireland, the village vicar, and his wife ‘Katharine C’ (from Scotland) both aged 49. Consulting the list of vicars in St. Andrew’s church, we can see that the ‘C’ stands for “Colquhoun”, and that David was vicar from 1889–1907.

More exotically, there are people from much farther afield, including Canada and the East Indies. The Canadian is 55-year old Martha Farquharson, born in East Canada, who is visiting Edmund Morton Mansel-Pleydell, a Lieutenant-Colonel in the 12th Lancers regiment as well as being a Justice of the Peace, at Longthorne House. Pleydell’s 14-year old son of the same name was born in the “East Indies” (more likely East India), probably in Kolkata where the East India Company was based, and where Edmund Snr. was presumably serving his country. Mansel-Pleydell Snr’s father John built the Milborne Reformatory, which became the Industrial School (whose inmates are excluded from these discussions).

Delving into more detail still, if we examine the censuses from 1841–91 for MSA, there are only four surnames – Biles, Brown, Davis and Way – that have double-figure representations across all six surveys. Davis and Biles were by far the most popular names for most of this time; in 1841, there were 49 inhabitants with the name Davis, and 47 named Biles – out of a total population of 577, there was a one in six chance that if you stopped a random person in MSA at that time, they would have one or other of these surnames! Adding in the 16 Browns and the 14 Ways, almost 22% of the MSA population were covered by these four names! In next month’s issue, we’ll drill down into these families a bit more, and start to meet some of the actual inhabitants themselves.

If you would like a copy of Andy’s book *The Ways of Milborne St Andrew* (mail andy.way@adaptcentre.ie).

Andy Way/Carole Fornachon

Are you new to the village and need to know the shops?

KNOWING where the shops are is easy if you only need grocery and are brand loyal. But even then, they vary in size and character. Probably the commonest used is Tesco but which to visit. Dorchester is closest but Fleets Bridge in Poole is the largest. Blandford has an interesting slant towards exotic ingredients as a result of the Nepalese community associated with Blandford army camp. There is a Morrisons in Weymouth as well as Blandford and Bridport. Waitrose has shops in Dorchester and Bridport as well as Wimborne. There is a Marks and Spencers food hall in Blandford and Sainsburys in Wareham, Weymouth and a small food hall near the hospital in Dorchester. The Co-op has a shop in Dorchester, Wareham and Swanage.

There are a lot of small valuable village shops in the area with the one in Milborne St. Andrew being a most useful one on our doorstep. There are also small village shops in Milton Abbas, Okeford Fitzpaine and delightful one called the Red Barn at Hazelbury Bryan. Having recently lost our Post Office it is necessary to go to Bere Regis or Milton Abbas or the larger ones in Dorchester, Blandford or Sturminster Newton. There is also a small one in Briantspuddle generally only open in the morning.

For more interesting shopping in the area Harts of Sturminster has a large range of DIY, gardening and household goods as well as clothing. For a rewarding shopping experience I would recommend Ponds of Wareham. This family run shop is a classic for garden, tool, farm and DIY material. It has a vast array of nuts, bolts, screws, farm hardware, plumbing and as I found at the far end of the shop, all the components for making up bee hive comb frames. Go and browse and be amazed. This is not the only quirky shop of its type in the area as a similar but more urban shop can be found at Boones in Poole High Street. You ask, and they will disappear into the back and come up with the goods.

One last shopping venture I would suggest you try is the Workhouse Chapel in Sturminster Newton on the road out towards Hinton St. Mary. This is open from 1st November to 24th December 9.30am to 4.30pm. Is it a gallery? Is it a gift shop? Is it a craft fair? I suggest you go and find out. You might find that great Christmas present (for yourself).

This is clearly not comprehensive list of all shops in the area but a start if you are new and would benefit from these suggestions.

Pip Bowell

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signs will direct pedestrians to an alternative crossing nearby.

- High East Street pedestrian crossing, near the High Street, Fordington turning, from 11th November. We aim to complete this section by 13th December, weather permitting. During the work, temporary signals will replace the existing crossing, so traffic flow is maintained and disruption kept to a minimum for drivers and pedestrians.

Cllr Jon Andrews, Dorset Council’s Cabinet Member for Place Services, said:

“We are upgrading these crossings as part of our ongoing traffic signal refurbishment programme. The equipment at these locations was installed nearly 20 years ago and modern signalling has moved on a lot in that time.

“Using the latest technology and installation methods, the new crossings will improve the experience for pedestrians and the

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Exploring autumn's bounty at Ladybirds

LOTS of learning is going on with autumn being a backdrop to much of our play. The weather isn't always on our side but we take the opportunity to get our waterproofs on and splash around.



There are leaves to collect and scrunch, blackberries to pick and conkers to count: so many experiences are free and available to all once you step outside! Especially in the beautiful area that is Milborne St. Andrew. We are so very fortunate to have the school grounds to explore whilst here at Ladybirds and have been out with the children on nature treasure hunts: feathers, daisies, sticks and leaves have all made

their way back into the classroom for us to explore.

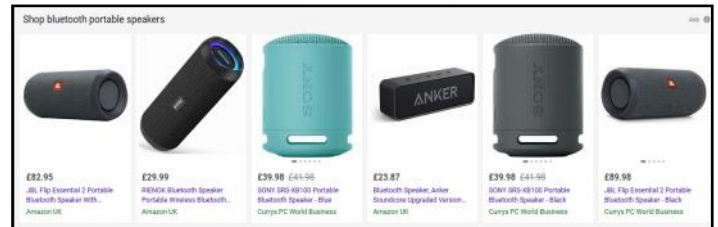
Exploring is what children do best and play is exploring and learning.

So much happens in a day and so much of it stays here as the experience that they've had rather than a product for them to bring home. We value the process that they go through in their play and there is not always a product at the

end to show. Three things that are very 'current' in the world of Early Years Education is 'open ended', 'loose part' and 'process not product' and we are looking at how we can achieve this more for all the children. The photo of a nature activity demonstrates this to some degree.

Our theme this half term is 'All about me'. And we look to see how we can follow the children's interests to make learning relevant and interesting for them. As they had been bringing in conkers and leaves we provided a large tray and pictures for inspiration. – Did they have to make family grouping pictures? No. There was talk about who they might be and the children gave names to the characters they saw, talked about Stickman and then: made bonfires, nests, conker collections and banged the sticks. They did their own thing, they explored, they played, they copied but they were creative! Creativity is not just about art and an end product its about thinking and making sense of their world. Or as Albert Einstein put it 'Creativity is intelligence having fun'.

Does anyone have an unloved working Bluetooth speaker they no longer need? We are looking for one for our classroom – if you do please get in touch.



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OUR Great Works are part of our Harmony Curriculum, exploring six key principles that nature shows us we need for a healthy and sustainable life and planet; Health, The Cycle, Diversity, Adaptation, Interdependence and Oneness. Our children celebrate or publish their learning with their families and take on the role of expert after investigating an enquiry question that they begin each half term with. Honeysuckle Class have been learning 'What was life like in World War II' linked to the



concept of Adaptation. Linked to the concept of Health, Bluebell Class have been learning 'How can the outdoors support our wellbeing' and linked to the concept of Diversity, our Buttercup Class have explored the question 'What makes me special?'

Our Harvest Festival is something we really look forward to each year so we were so disappointed to have to cancel it due to illness. However, this didn't stop our children from creating some fabulous Harvest artwork and writing some brilliant poetry to put on display at the Church.

Thankfully, we are now all back to full health and we are looking forward to celebrating Harvest 2025 already!



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We have a superb cast; some familiar faces and some new faces. We are so happy to have new cast members and the extra buzz they are bringing to the pantomime. We are also lucky to have our long-term loyal members supporting the cast each Monday at our rehearsals; they look after us very well!

We are retaining ticket prices at £8.00. The performance dates are:

Thursday 13th February
Friday 14th February
Saturday 15th February 2025.

Pop these dates on your calendars and take pride in being so organised! We shall let you know via the *Reporter*, Facebook, posters and word of mouth when tickets are available to buy.

Although on-stage opportunities are no longer available, if you'd like to help us out on show nights – perhaps assisting with the raffle or behind the bar – we'd be very glad of this.

For any further information or for just a chat, please call or WhatsApp message Kate on 07804 600204 or Gren on 07876 793319. Or message us via our Facebook page, The Official Milborne Players.
Kate Hawker, Chair, Milborne Players

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Bookends' Good Read

"Young Mungo" by Douglas Stuart



UNUSUALLY there was an almost unanimously high scoring for the prose style of this book but extremely low for enjoyment. It was a popular choice following the plaudits Stuart's first novel "Shuggie Bain" received from the group. However, although all the same themes were present, rape, domestic and sexual abuse, neglect and alcoholism there were no light moments despite the

beauty and tenderness of the prose. It is a very detailed and comprehensive account of a 15 year old boy's life in 1980's Glasgow. Mungo Hamilton is a sensitive, loving child fixated on his alcoholic (and mainly absent) mother, Mo-Maw. His older brother, Hamish is a brutal thug, the leader of a gang of Protestant boys who regularly fight with Catholic gangs. His sister Jodie takes on the role of their missing mother and cares for the boys whilst studying well at school and having a sexual relationship with one of her teachers.

The book is heavily loaded with toxic masculinity and homophobia. The characters' emotions and violent events overshadow Stuart's literary skill. Amongst all this horror Mungo forms a fragile friendship with James who has built a dovecot grooming stray pigeons. His mother has died tragically. This keeps him occupied and interested whilst his father is away working on oil rigs. Love and tenderness grows between them. There is a sense of doom and threat overhanging the story felt by all the group, which moves forward and backwards between the present time, a "fishing trip" for Mungo organised by Mo-Maw with two questionable men she knows at her AA meetings, and the background to the life of the Hamilton family. It is a grim tale set in tenement blocks with little to gladden the hearts of the characters we followed. Some members found it too painful to read, this "pulled the strings of suspense excruciatingly tight" (as one critic wrote) others that concern about the action sequences woke them at night. Little pleasure was gained except in some exquisite passages. Everyone agreed that it was a bleak experience, tales of damaged and torn children in a broken world. There was little let up of the violence. Wherever there was gentleness there was punishment. Mungo had been named by his mother after the patron saint and founder of Glasgow city, St. Mungo and there was certainly something sacrificial about the child. He had literally been thrown to the wolves. Of Mungo's love for his mother Stuart wrote "His loving wasn't selflessness he just couldn't help it. Mo-Maw needed so little and he produced too much, so that it all seemed a horrible waste. It was a harvest no one had seeded, and it blossomed from a vine no one had tended. It should have withered years ago like hers had . . . yet Mungo had all this love to give and it lay about him like ripened fruit and nobody bothered to gather it up . . . everything about the boy was about his mother he lived for her in a way she had never lived for him". It wasn't until the ultimate abuse, that the scales fell from his eyes. Despite the bombardment of the group's senses all agreed that this was a story that would live on in their memory, And at the end Stuart tells us, "James was watching, he was waiting, he was leaving all at the same time". I venture to suggest that all readers felt those same conflicting emotions both during and after reading this immensely dense text.

Carole Fornachon

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Sylvia Margaret Thelma Ham

I SPENT hours visiting Tom and Sylvia (but always “Tom and Mrs Ham” until I was told to call her “Sylvia!”) at their house on the corner of Milton Road. Tom’s homemade wine meant I would often stagger down the road in the early hours of the morning!! After Tom’s death, I would visit and listen to records; she particularly enjoyed “Hinge and Bracket”! She had a wicked sense of humour but always without any malice. Most of the information below was gleaned from Sylvia, who said, “Just in case!”

Sylvia Lyons was born on the 20th of June 1918, at East Stonehouse (Plymouth), where her father, Harry, was a Coastguard with the Admiralty. She was christened at St. Paul’s Church, East Stonehouse. She had an older brother, who died in 1932, aged 25 years; Sylvia’s life would see many such tragedies, and an elder sister, Evelyn (“Auntie Ev”). I remember Sylvia telling me the family moved around quite a bit due to her father’s work; she mentioned Hastings and Deal.

Sylvia married Thomas Austin Ham in Seaton Parish Church on April 26th, 1941. Two children would follow, Thomas (“Tim”) in 1943 and Neil in 1955. Sylvia was to lose both sons in tragic accidents, Tim in 1967 and Neil in 1989. Tom died in 1977 and, after a service in Milborne Church, was buried in Tim’s grave in Seaton Churchyard. Sylvia lived on in The Corner House with Rose, Neil’s wife, for some years before moving to a nursing home in Colyton, Devon, where she died on November 17th 2009. Her funeral took place in St. Gregory’s Church, Seaton, a place very dear to her heart. After cremation, her ashes were interred in the family grave, along with those of Neil and Tim’s German wife, Charlotta.

Sylvia’s sister, Evelyn, who used to stay at the Corner House regularly, married in 1936, but her husband was killed in 1942 when he was just 29. He was a Warrant Officer, Class 1, with the Royal Army Ordnance Corps. He is buried in Kanji War Cemetery in Singapore, and “Auntie Ev” was able to visit on one occasion. Evelyn died in Seaton in 2009. Her daughter, Ann, was a frequent visitor to Milborne.

Sylvia was a very devout Churchwoman all her life. I once asked her if she hadn’t ever felt like turning her back on God and the Church after all she had been through. “How would I have coped if I had?” was the reply, and nothing more was said. I can still see her in Church on Good Friday when we kept the Three Hours from Midday until 3.00pm. She would spend the whole time there, much of the time kneeling. Quite a remarkable lady.

Tony Fox

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What’s on in November

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Friday 8th	Bridge The Royal Oak 2.30pm.
Saturday 9th	Community Café Village Hall 10.00am.
Saturday 9th	Race Night Village Hall 7.00pm <i>see page 3.</i>
Sunday 10th	Act of Remembrance St. Andrews Church 10.00am. Memorial Stone 11.00am.
Thursday 14th	WI Christmas wreath demonstration Village Hall 7.30pm.
Thursday 14th	International Curry Theme Night The Royal Oak.
Thursday 14th	Deadline for December’s <i>Reporter</i> . Send your articles and photographs via email to msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk or give to a member of the team.
Friday 15th	Milborne Movies <i>One Life</i> Village Hall 7.00pm.
Wednesday 20th	PC Meeting Village Hall 7.00pm.
Thursday 21st	Gardening Club AGM Village Hall 7.30pm.
Thursday 28th	Pie Night The Royal Oak.

Regular Bookings at the Village Hall

Players Monday 7.00pm weekly.
Line Dancing Tuesday 7.30pm weekly.
Wednesday Club 2.00pm 1st Wednesday monthly.
Yoga Thursday 3.30pm weekly (term time only)
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

Pilates Monday 6.30–7.30pm.
Yoga Tuesday 6.15–7.45pm.
Stitchcraft (kids) Wednesday 4.15–5.15pm and 5.30–6.30pm, Thursday 4.00–5.00pm
Surgery Wellbeing Papercraft Group 1st and 3rd Wednesdays 1.30–3.30pm.
Sewcial Crafters (adults) Thursday 1.00–3.00pm and 5.30–7.30pm
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Kickboxercise Thursday 7.00–8.00pm (school holidays only).
Yoga (Mellulah) Friday mornings.
Beavers Friday 5.30–6.45pm.
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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