



Reporter

News and Views from around the area

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Millborne St. Andrew

Spring, at last

Royal Oak under offer

Local brewing company Hall & Woodhouse who are the present owners of the Royal Oak have confirmed that the pub is under offer and while no date has been given for likely completion it is understood this could occur by the end of March.

Meanwhile, at a public meeting held at the village hall in late February, more than 40 villagers expressed their support for acquiring the pub on behalf of the community.

The Milborne A.L.E. group, which is leading the effort to buy the pub on behalf of the community, reported that the response at the public meeting had been very encouraging. "A surprising number of people have signed pledge forms indicating how much they are prepared to invest in obtaining and running a community pub", said Tony Dyer, chairman of the group. "There was also an enthusiastic response from people willing to provide skills, expertise or simply a pair of hands to assist with maintaining and improving the building's appearance and to regenerate the gardens for all to enjoy in future. This is very encouraging because that's part of what a community pub is all about".

The group has written to the prospective new owner via the property agent, letting them know of the support in the village for a reopened Royal Oak.

If anyone wishes to pledge their support, but as yet has not done so, please ask for a pledge form at the village post office or contact Geoff Hodgson on 837472 or by email: geoff@foxpound.co.uk.

Village Quiz Victors



THE winning team "Thicker than Water" narrowly beat the "Argonauts" in a keenly fought competition at the village hall.



What's that smell?

THIS picture of daffodils on Dewlish Road has been specially produced using the "Knarploofirpa" reverse printing process. The process gives a fragrance to the picture which lasts for a predetermined time. We expect all traces of the fragrance to disappear by lunchtime on Wednesday.

WI News from Milborne St Andrew

March meeting

The East Wind

THE weather is always a good topic of conversation and our speaker this month did not let us down. Mr Mark Ching admits to a lifelong interest in the weather, fired in his childhood by stories told to him by his great-grandmother of the legendary Victorian blizzards of 1881-1891. He talked enthusiastically about past severe winters, going back as far as 1564 when the River Thames could easily freeze over and Frost Fairs became a popular event. Many of us were in fact able to recall one or more of the particularly severe winters of 1947, 1963 and 1979 and the resultant heavy falls of snow and ice. More recently in 1991 the River Frome at Wareham was cold enough to freeze and the temperature was apparently lower than in Moscow! It is interesting to think that even in these days of global warming we can still be subject to weather of such ferocity. Pat Shipton thanked Mr Ching on our behalf.

Nelda Oakes reminded us about the annual dinner on 24th April, many returns are already in and a seating plan is being arranged. Please let her know promptly if you wish to go. Suggestions were given for the summer outing and members voted for Whitchurch Silk Mill, followed by a visit to Mottisfont.

We congratulate Rita Hart on her poem, 'Magic', which won this month's competition and her poem will go forward to the Group Meeting on 26th March. It is worth a reminder that the Group Meeting is open to all WI members, so please bear this in mind for future years.

Our Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, 9th April, and will start at the earlier time of 7.15 pm. Mrs J Fannon will talk about 'Sir Thomas Fowle Buxton - abolisher of slavery'. The competition will be a short poem on the theme of 'Thoughts on Freedom'. Please do come along and join us, we would love to see you.

Pat Bull

Wednesday Social Club

Cider with Josie

Josie and John Wright very kindly came to our Wednesday meeting at short notice. Peter Lindsley from age concern had car trouble and had to postpone his visit to later in the year.

Many thanks to Josie and John, for a very interesting talk on how cider is made besides giving us a taste of real Scrumpy Cider. They showed us slides of how the good old boys produced their brew.

A few of us went home with flushed faces and all of us enjoyed the afternoon.

Next Month, First of April, A.G.M. followed by a Presentation from Margaret Hanniball, representing the Charity Mosaic. All welcome and please bring a friend

Eve Richardson

Giving the village a makeover

WE have all been enjoying the daffodils which have been planted around the village. This was the start of an effort to make Milborne St. Andrew more attractive and better kept.

The Parish Council aim to identify areas which could be tidied and made more attractive. Special attention will be paid to The Square. Hopefully, with the help of some funding, we can transform the appearance of the main part of our village. This is what passing visitors see.

The positioning of dog bins and litter bins will be addressed to encourage people to keep the village tidy.

I will get a working party together to clear scruffy areas and start planting. If you would be prepared to help, watch the *Reporter* for dates when we will be working. Any time given towards this project will be appreciated.

Please let me know if there is a part of the village you would like to see tidied.

Marion Regan (837174)

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Horticultural Society Report for April

Plans for the Village Show Revealed

IN February, Horticultural Society members enjoyed a very interesting talk on growing vegetables and entering them in competitions by Rob Symes of the Dorchester Horticultural Society. This was followed by a Royal Horticultural Society DVD on growing plants in containers which should help us at our April meeting when we will spend the afternoon at Goulds Garden Centre planting up our own containers and hanging baskets.

We did well in the Village Quiz, taking third place; the team was keen not to have to set the questions next year!

Plans for the village show on September 12th are nearing completion. We plan to call it 'The Show'. There will be no professional judges this year, and classes will be less formal. For those who want to get started now there will be classes for the heaviest individual marrow, onion, and potato, and the longest individual carrot, leek, cucumber, and runner bean.

There will also be classes for individual flowers and flower arrangements, collections of vegetables and fruit from your garden, and photographs of 'Milborne Flowers' and 'Dorset Countryside'.

There will be a children's section which will have a class for the largest sunflower head.

We propose to have a craft exhibition of anything that you would like to display. The full schedule will be published in May.

Our May meeting will be the annual Plant Sale at the village hall on Sunday May 10th for which members are busy growing lots of plants. See you there!

John Wright

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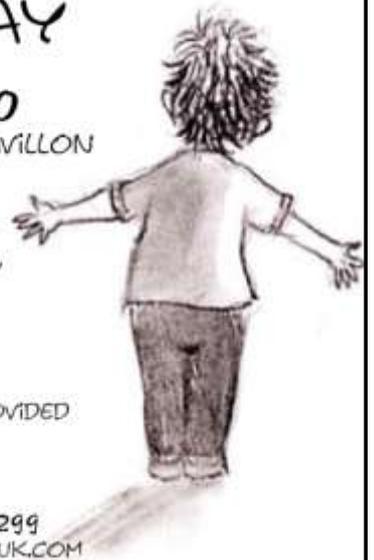
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Vicar on the Piddle – 2

Sponsored Walk 2009

Two years ago, I did a 25 mile sponsored walk entitled *'Vicar on the Piddle'* down the River Piddle to raise money for St Mary's Middle School. We raised over £2,000.

This year we will be raising funds for Milborne St Andrew's Church to get the ball rolling on our plans to:-

- Put toilets & Baby Change facilities into the church including a disabled toilet
- Improve disabled access around the church
- Create a small fellowship area with kitchen servery
- Improve the heating system.

The Walk will take place on Saturday 11th April

- We will start from Milborne St Andrew Church at 9:30am
- We will be Walking to Charminster Parish Church (approx 12 miles)
- Almost all the walk will be on footpaths and bridleways.
- We hope to arrive there for a late lunch in the Church.

Why Charminster?

- Because Charminster Parish Church has recently installed a toilet and fellowship area in their church, so we can see the results of their hard work!
- *Because it's a nice walk!*

If you would like to take part in the Sponsored Walk, please get a form from your church or church wardens, phone to register with Pat Tribe on 01258 837684, get as many sponsors as you can, and turn up on the day!

Alternatively, you can get a Sponsor form and ask people to sponsor me for the walk!

Thank you for your help and support!

SUNDAY SERVICES – APRIL 2009

THURSDAY 2nd April		
12.00	Lunch-time Communion	Milborne
5TH APRIL – PALM SUNDAY		
9.30am	Family Service	Tolpuddle
9.30	1662 Parish Communion	Milborne
11.00	Holy Communion	Puddletown
	<i>With Sunday Seekers & Creche</i>	
11.00	1662 Morning Prayer	Dewlish
MAUNDY THURSDAY 9th April		
7 pm	Maundy Thursday Communion	Puddletown
7.00	Agape Supper	Dewlish
GOOD FRIDAY 10TH APRIL		
11am	Good Friday Family Service	Tolpuddle
12-3pm	Church open for meditation	Puddletown
2.00	Easter experience	Milborne
6.00	Good Friday Service	Dewlish
EASTER SUNDAY 12TH APRIL		
8.15am	1662 Said Communion Service	Puddletown
9.30	Easter Celebration	Tolpuddle
9.30	Easter Festival Communion	Milborne
11.00	Family Celebration	Puddletown
11.00	Family Communion	Dewlish
19TH APRIL – EASTER 1		
9.30am	Family Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30	1662 Said Communion	Milborne
11.00	1662 Morning Prayer	Puddletown
11.00	Holy Communion	Dewlish
4pm	Milborne Easter Praise!	Milborne Church
THURSDAY 23RD APRIL		
12.00	Lunch-time Communion	Tolpuddle
26TH APRIL – EASTER 2		
9.30am	Holy Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30	1662 Parish Communion	Milborne
11.00	Family Communion	Puddletown
	<i>With Crèche and Sunday Seekers</i>	
11.00	Family Service	Dewlish

Church Cleaning – w/e Saturday

4th April	Mary Bennett and Pat Tribe
11th April	Sue Lucas and Carolyn Martin
18th April	Margaret Hurley and Eva Stockley
25th April	Elizabeth Walker and Pat Bull

MILBORNE ST ANDREW CHURCH NOTES

St Andrew's gets in the loop

WE have been granted a faculty for the installation of an induction loop and public address system and the work will be done on 26th March. So anyone a little hard of hearing should find it much easier to hear all that is said in services. This is one step towards making St Andrew's Church more "user-friendly" for those with any kind of disability.

Our next step is to remove the front pew rail and the back pew to allow wheelchair access right round the church. This can be done through an archdeacon's licence which gives permission for changes to be made on a temporary basis (for a maximum of 18 months). At the same time the pews on the north side of the church will be taken out and stored so that we may explore the possibilities of a more flexible area that can be used for worship, meetings, fellowship and by all age groups. This again will come under the licence as a temporary measure while we assess its value.

Daphne Knight has been gift aid secretary for the Church since the scheme began. We are most grateful for all that she has done over many years, and at the last PCC meeting members expressed

their appreciation of all her hard work. Now that she has retired from the post we are grateful to Ed Frost for taking on the role.

A Celtic cross at "Milborne Praise"

On 15th March this, our informal act of worship, followed the theme of Celtic praise. Paul Lucas made a splendid wooden cross that was then covered with shoe boxes to give it width, and adults and youngsters alike decorated it with Celtic designs, pictures of Milborne and handprints. Worship songs were played and we ended with a circle of prayer round the cross.

Agape Supper – Maundy Thursday

Please remember that numbers for this need to be in by 31st March. Names should be given to Eva Stockley (Tel: 837468), Pat Tribe (837684) or Daphne Burg (837466). For full details please see last month's Reporter. We would remind people that 31st March is also the deadline for contributions to "Lilies for Remembrance". For several years now St Andrew's Church has been beautifully decorated at Easter with scented lilies donated in memory of loved

ones. All those to be remembered have their names written in a special remembrance book that is displayed in Church. If anyone would like loved ones to be remembered in this way this Easter, please give your donation (no particular amount – just whatever you feel like giving) and the name(s) to be remembered to Pat Tribe, 14 Blandford Hill, MSA, so that the lilies can be ordered. We can't guarantee one lily per name (it will depend on cost) but we can promise that every name will be in the book.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

A reminder that this will be held in Church after the 9.30am service on Sunday, 26th April. Coffee/tea and cakes will be served. All who are on the Church Electoral Roll are eligible to attend, and are encouraged to do so.

Pat Tribe and Eva Stockley

DEWLISH CHURCH NOTES

Don't forget your Easter bonnets!

JUST to remind you that our Spring Sale is being held on Saturday, 4th April, starting at 10am, in the Village Hall. We shall be grateful for any donations to the stalls – Easter Fayre, cakes and produce, bric-a-brac, raffle prizes, etc., and we hope to see as many as possible wearing their Easter bonnets!

The Agape Supper will be held on Maundy Thursday, 9th April, at 7pm in Dewlish Village Hall. We shall be glad to have numbers attending (Tel: 837466) as soon as possible as this will help with catering. The charge (towards food and hall rental) will be £4, and any surplus will be added to our Lent Lunches donations for the Grace Secondary School project in the Sudan.

The All Saints Church Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday, 20th April, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All people on the Church Electoral Roll are invited to attend, and have their say about their hopes and concerns for our Church.

Daphne Burg

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Food and Wine Society

THE recession has hit us slightly as our strength is now only 85% of what it was last year. However we have a broad programme to suit all tastes and pockets.

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We will be celebrating the Feast of St George with a typically English Pudding Club Supper organized by Pat and Margaret Hurley – look out for food and Wine members on the new outdoor multi-gym during the coming weeks!!

Tony Dyer

VILLAGE PLAN

A host of volunteers distributed the questionnaire at the beginning of March and collected them in on 20th/21st. If anyone has not had their copies collected (or has not yet completed them) please give me a call on 837061 so that I can take them from you.

We distributed 890 adult questionnaires and 176 youth versions to just on 590 addresses. People seemed to be genuinely interested in the project and we hope to get a really high return rate. One village in Dorset got 84.6% return (but it was a village of only 68 houses!).

Once we have the forms back a team, led by Peter Anthony, will spend the spring and summer collating and analyzing the answers prior to drafting the new plan. We hope to publish some interim results and comments over the next few months.

Many thanks to all who have taken part in this important step towards determining the future development of Milborne.

Tony Dyer

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Stolen

MARY lives at The Rings, she runs a small gardening enterprise in "The Garden Cottage", and has ornamental ducks. Last week, and the week before, someone came in and picked out the two rarest ducks, Whistling Ducks, and stole them, this is despite there being Appleyards and Whitecall ducks also in the enclosure. They are two tone brown and do not quack, they whistle. Mary thinks they were stolen to order, and is very upset, and also hopping mad. Why would anyone want to do that? To add to this, her large nursery van was also broken into last week, they stole two dog beds, and left the spare wheel propped up against the outside of her van. She has asked us to publish the following statement.

To the thief who stole my two pet rare whistling ducks:

"I hope you realise, but I do not think for one minute that you care, how much you have hurt me by taking my ducks. They were my pride and joy, I would ask you please to look after them as they were so special to me. If you have any conscience at all, this is my phone number, you can leave them somewhere for me to pick up, we do not have to meet."



Mary Swann
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A whistling duck, similar to those stolen

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Sign of the Times?

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Other than the cost of all this work and effect on our ever increasing council tax I was wondering about the state we now seem to live in where people seem to think they have a right to sue for everything and anything they find inconvenient. Who is it that actually wins from all this. As far as I can see it's not the community it's just a handful of individuals that simply seem to think the world is black and white and that it should all suit them.

Once upon a time people used to help one another and to talk amongst one another about things rather than employ some overpaid paper shuffler to send letters and bills to people.

One of the things I like about living here in the countryside is that most of the country folk wave and smile at one another. Watch as you drive through the lanes surrounding the village. People pull over and acknowledge one another's kind thoughtfulness and we return the courtesey a little further along the lanes as we pass another fellow villager. You can immediately spot the town's folk as they usually hurtle right up to you and then try to squeeze past you at the narrowest point in the road all because they don't think about how we could pass simply as a team by working together. Oh another give away is that they are nine times out of ten driving one of those big German cars with the three pointed stars on the front. Why is it these people never ever pull over. It's a shame really as it costs much more to repair the paintwork on their cars than it does on an old Ford.

Try a smile and a wave, more often it's far more effective and a lot, lot cheaper than letters, signs and the bonus is that you make friends instead of enemies too. It works right across the whole age range. It's particularly nice when the children of the village wave at me. There I bet there's quite a few older folk that didn't realise the youngsters of this village like to have some respect too.

Grumpy B

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In your Garden Seasonal notes and tips from Maureen Lock of *designerGardens* A Container full of Ideas

SPRING is here and our thoughts are turning to the garden once again – the garden centres are full of plants ready to go. There are also lots of container plants – **but do be careful and don't buy anything tender just yet** – wait until much later when we can be sure that all frosts have passed. If you notice, most of the garden centres take in all their tender plants and wrap them in fleece too, but leave them out during the day.

One thing you can do to satisfy your desire for planting (after the winter 'blues') is to plant up containers, remembering to protect vulnerable plants from frosts.

It is important to put plenty of crocks in the bottom of the container and old broken terracotta pots are ideal. Then fill your container with an equal mixture of loamy soil, John Innes No 3 and compost. Water all plants well before putting into the container (this also applies to plants you put in the soil), and water them again afterwards.

Now what kind of container are you going to use: wire baskets, terracotta pots or window boxes – the choice is endless. And then consider what style of planting you want – is it Mediterranean, formal or cottage style? Think about where the container is to be placed – in full sun, partial shade or shade and choose the plants accordingly. Is it going to be just a seasonal container where you change it regularly or will you keep some evergreens to act as a basic structure.

Now to the choosing of plants – a container looks much better if you limit your colour palette to just 2 or 3 colours, otherwise it can look a

little 'busy'. Choose plants that will blend well together – pale colours especially white can dominate a display and jump out at you; and bold bright colours i.e. the oranges and yellows of marigolds can stand out like crude blobs of colour. Either however, can be softened by using foliage plants like helichrysum, sage, lavender or cineraria in the mix.

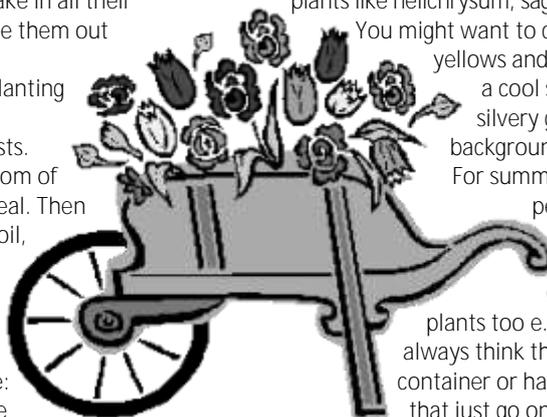
You might want to choose a hot scheme full of bright reds, yellows and orange – great for a sunny position; or a cool scheme using pale blues, soft pinks and silvery grey against a strong or deep coloured background will set off the display wonderfully.

For summer displays lobelia, petunias and pelargoniums provide a long season of flowering. You could also try pretty verbenas, diascias and

Osteospermum. Put in some trailing plants too e.g. helichrysum, nasturtium or ivy. I always think that Scavaeola looks fantastic in a wall container or hanging basket – brilliant blue flowers that just go on and on.

Whichever style you choose, have fun in putting it all together and **don't forget to feed the plants throughout the summer** – either use slow release fertilisers such as Osmocote or a liquid feed such as Phostrogen.

That's all for this month. If anyone has any gardening-related questions that they would like me to answer, please send your questions to Maureen Lock, designerGardens, c/o The Reporter and I will answer them in the next issue.



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VILLAGE HALL REPORT

THE spending of The People's Millions has started at the Village Hall. Readers will have noticed the arrival of the FITPOINT in the recreation ground. This is for everyone in the village to use to help us all get as fit as possible for the many village activities taking place this summer. (Those embarrassed by their feeble muscles can always use it after dark!) Inside the hall a new sound and lighting system is being installed and building of the extra room will start as soon as the planning process is complete. As the weather gets warmer, we shall also be planting the Butterfly Garden.

The Village Quiz was very well attended on March 16th, with fifteen competing teams, finally won after a tense finish by "Thicker than Water", a well known family team. Congratulations to all who took part – it was a close competition.

Shirley Dunkley



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ABOUT Maggie . . .

Mention 'Maggie Redmill' and the first thought that pops into my head is 'Cats'! Maggie used to breed and show Siamese and Burmese cats but nowadays she just has a fair few 'moggies'. Due to ill health she has had to cut down on numbers recently, even so, anyone who walks past her house with a dog on a lead soon learns to pass by on the other side!

For many years Maggie has been an active member of the Milborne Players and the Food and Wine Society. She organises the Artsreach and Moviola events held at the Village Hall and is a long standing and hard working member of the Village Hall committee. She has always played a full part in our community.

Maggie was born in Stoke on Trent in the early 1930's and was the second daughter of Sidney and Edna Walton, her elder sister Joyce being already 9 years old when Maggie was born. Her father, as the eldest boy in his family, had left school as early as possible and worked as a miner to help support his younger brothers. He never uttered a word of resentment about this and in his later years was very proud when one of his brothers qualified as a teacher. The First World War saved him from the mine and when he returned, one of the lucky ones, he married Edna and became an insurance agent.

When Maggie was 4 years old her family moved to Newcastle under Lyme to a new housing estate full of young children who played happily in the streets, and walked themselves to school, enjoying a lot of freedom compared with the children of today.

Then came the Second World War and the children had to adjust to carrying their gas masks everywhere and having air raid practise in the shelters. Later in the war there was a fair amount of bombing by planes on their way to Liverpool, it was never really heavy and evacuees came to where Maggie lived rather than the other way round. Despite the war, education went on and Maggie won a scholarship to Newcastle Orme Girls Grammar School. Maggie loved school and after gaining her School Certificate and Higher Certificate went on to Leeds University to study medicine. Of the 70 students in her year, only 14 were women.

Maggie was married to Dr Julian Redmill and has two sons, Jonathan and Guy. She has lived in Dorset since 1966, coming here as a career move to work as Associate Paediatrician for the West Dorset Group and has lived in Milborne St Andrew since 1967.

We asked Maggie . . .

What do you think is the best thing about living in Milborne St Andrew? I have always found Milborne a very friendly village, but since I no longer drive I have felt it can be very isolating.

As well as the isolation, is there any other downside to living in Milborne St Andrew? I would like to see more community spirit with more people supporting Moviola and Artsreach events which the people on the Village Hall Committee work so hard to make possible.

Are there things you would like to change about Milborne St Andrew? I would very much like to see a thriving Pub in Milborne again as I feel that this is essential for the life of the village.

What are your pet hates? People who punctuate their conversation with 'you know' or 'you know what I mean'!

Do you have a claim to fame? From an early age I learnt to play the piano and later had singing lessons from a pupil of Blanche Marchesi whose parents Mathilde and Salvadori Marchesi taught the Bel Canto style of singing to many famous singers of their time. I sang solos at the local Methodist Church and competed at music festivals and at one stage seriously considered music as a career, being offered the chance to compete for a local scholarship to study singing.

Who is your hero or has been your inspiration? My GP when I was a child, Dr Henrietta Proctor.

Who would be your fantasy dinner date? Placido Domingo – in the hope that as the evening wore on he would sing to me!

Is there something that people might find surprising about you? I won a beauty contest at the age of one year old! I was placed first of all the 500 babies in the show.

Is there a particular memory you would like to share? Singing had to take rather a backseat when Jonathan and Guy were small, but I took up singing again and also acting when I joined Milborne Players. I was delighted to be asked to join Heritage Theatre for a summer tour with

Alan Bennett's 'Talking Heads' when I took the role of Doris. Many people reading this will remember the late Thora Hird in the same role – Cream Cracker under the settee!

Do you have any funny stories from your days working in a hospital? Working as a Paediatrician could be heartbreaking at times, but often could be full of humour as well. I was recently reminded of one Comic Relief day when all the nurses at outpatients turned up with red noses and the department was buzzing with an air of frivolity. I was examining a 3 month old baby boy who suddenly sighed contentedly and peed all over me, thus proving that 3 months was not too early to demonstrate his own particular brand of comic relief!

When did you last throw caution to the wind? Many years ago, when working in Portsmouth I once smuggled a very handsome young naval officer into the hospital by disguising him in one of my white coats. He wanted a guided tour of the hospital and played the role of doctor with aplomb, looking a bit like James Robertson Justice in 'Doctor in the House'. The nurses were very keen to know who he was, but they never found out.

Do you have a favourite TV programme? Eastenders and Eggheads. I love watching and taking part in quizzes. My team, sadly and controversially, came second in the Village Quiz in March.

We thank Maggie for sharing her thoughts and views with us.



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	Chair: Mike Claydon	01258 837314
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General – Adult

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IT Club (Connecting Dorset)	Sue Gould	01258 837575
Ladies Group – Dewlish	Judith Bridgen	01258 837157
Memory Lane Swing Band	Bob Boorman	01258 839077
Wednesday Social Club	Margaret Evans	01258 837767
Women's Institute	Heather Hogg	01258 837392

General – Youth

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Milborne Players	Roy Sach	01258 837033
Round Robin Ramblers	Steve Lord	01258 839222

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APRIL

Wednesday 1st	Wednesday Social Club AGM 2.30pm VH
Thursday 2nd	Easter Celebration Assembly 9.00pm Milborne St. Andrew First School
Saturday 4th	Garage/Yard Sale. commencing 11.30am at Rangemore, Milborne Wood
Saturday 4th	Youth Club Fund Raising Bingo 6.45 pm Eyes Down 7.15 VH
Sunday 5th	Round Robin Ramblers Bingham Melcombe, Aller and Ansty 4 miles 2pm
Wednesday 8th	Friendly Art Group 7–9.00pm VH Committee Room
Thursday 9th	WI Annual Meeting 'Abolishment of slavery by Sir Thomas Buxton Fowle'. Speaker: Mrs Fannon 7.00pm VH
Friday 10th	Good Friday
Sunday 12th	Easter Day
Wednesday 15th	Round Robin Ramblers Abbotsbury Plains 6.5 miles 11pm
Friday 17th	Ranters Folk Session Sports Centre 8pm
Wednesday 22nd	Friendly Art Group 7–9.00pm VH Committee Room
Thursday 23rd	Horticultural Society Visit to Goulds Garden Centre. Planting a hanging basket or container (afternoon).
Saturday 25th	Village Lunch. April lunch at the village hall at 12.30. Food and Wine St George's Pudding Club Evening VH 7.30 pm
Sunday 26th	British Horse Society Spring pleasure ride Tarrant Rushton.
Sunday 26th	Annual Church Meeting After 9.30am service

Regular Bookings at the Village Hall

Players every Monday 8 – 10pm MH
 Computer Club Monday 6.15 – 7.15pm CR (term time only)
 Ladybirds Playgroup Monday – Fri 8.45am – 1pm MH (term time only)
 Village Hall Committee meetings 2nd Monday of month
 Scouts Beavers/Cubs Tuesday 5.45 – 7.15pm MH/CR (term time only)
 ABC Line dancers every Tuesday 7.30 – 10pm MH
 Karate every Thursday 5.10 – 6.40pm MH
 WI every 2nd Thursday 7 – 10pm
 POPP Drop-In every Friday 10am – 12noon CR
 Wednesday Club 2nd Wednesday 2.30 – 4.30pm MH
 Art Workshop every other Wednesday 7 – 9pm CR
 Youth Club every other Friday 6.15 – 8.30pm MH (term time only)
 Sequence Dancing 3rd Saturday 7.30 – 10.30pm MH
 Milborne Praise! 3rd Sunday 3.30 – 5.30pm MH
 Exercise and Relaxation Class Wednesday 1.15 – 2.45pm MH (term time only)
 Horticultural Society 4th Thursday 7 – 10pm MH
 Village Lunch Last Saturday of the month 11am – 2.30pm MH/CR
 Moviola and supper about every 6 weeks, look out for the posters, 6.30 – 10.30pm MH/CR
 Artsreach Events – look out for the posters.

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

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February 2009 Weather in Milborne St. Andrew

FEBRUARY 2009 weather can be conveniently divided into two distinct halves almost as if they were two different months. The first two weeks were dominated by frost and snow which started on the 1st of the month and was still in evidence on higher ground on the 14th. There was a particularly hard frost on the 2nd with the air temperature falling to -8°C . Total rainfall over that half of the month was 88.3mm which is 110% of February's total average rainfall. In contrast, the second half of the month was relatively mild with light winds and no air frosts. Only 1.9mm rain was recorded in that half of the month.



Daffodils are three to four weeks later flowering this year than in recent years but at a more 'normal' time. The first daffodils to flower locally are usually along the banks of the East Winterborne and Piddle streams. The springs feeding these streams emerge from the chalk at a fairly constant temperature all the year round and this makes the banks a little less cold than the surrounding land. Daffodils are the great heralds of spring and, as Shakespeare described,

That come before the swallow dares, and take
The winds of March with beauty.'

Pluvius

Rose Frost

What is the definition of 'A Village'?

A collection of houses, none of which can get pizza delivered

YES we know that take away food has a bad reputation, but sometimes it's great to have a break from cooking especially on a Friday night after a long week at work. Ken's fish and chip van outside the shop is a godsend and some of us have even driven down to Bere Regis on Saturday night for a second fix!

An alternative way to avoid cooking on Fridays is by supporting the Moviola events. Tickets for the movie are £5 and supper is only £3.50 extra. If you bring your own wine or beer etc. then it makes for a relaxing, enjoyable and economical night out with no worries about transport.

For the last Moviola evening, Alison Riddle cooked a delicious sausage casserole with Yorkshire pudding and vegetables, which proved very popular. Many thanks Alison and also thank you to Margaret Evans who helped her with the washing up.

After a convivial supper at communal tables in the committee room we all went into the main hall and enjoyed 'Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day'. A comedy set in 1939 London, oozing with 'feel-good factor' and with a heart warming happy ending. So, all in all, a great night out for the 40 people who attended.

Moviola is such a good idea and also environmentally friendly. Instead of us all driving to the nearest town to see a movie – the movie comes to Milborne St Andrew!

Yes, I know the seating is not quite as comfortable as the latest multiplex, but I think it deserves our support and helps our Village Hall to remain viable.

The next Moviola film and supper will be on May 19th so we hope to see you there. Look out for the preview of the film, menu and booking details in next month's Reporter and on the village website.

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1. On what day does the fish and chip van come to Milborne?
 - a. Saturday
 - b. Wednesday
 - c. Friday
2. How much money did the village hall win for the MADCAP Peoples Millions?
 - a. £50,002
 - b. £51,000
 - c. £51,002
3. **Who's going to be the new Head Teacher at Milborne first school?**
 - a. Anne Purdy
 - b. Anne Hurdy
 - c. Pam Hurdy
4. Around how many people live in Milborne?
 - a. 1250
 - b. 1100
 - c. 959
5. On what day is Milborne school wild art club by Mrs Featherstone on?
 - a. Monday
 - b. Tuesday
 - c. Thursday
6. When did the last ten-mile race and fun run take place?
 - a. 21st January 2009
 - b. 5th January 2009
 - c. 11th January 2009
7. In 2001 were there more women, men or Easter Bunnies in Milborne?
 - a. Women
 - b. Men
 - c. Easter Bunnies
8. When was the Milborne Ladybirds Playgroup established?
 - a. 2001
 - b. 2002
 - c. 2003
9. In the 2009 production of Aladdin who did the lighting?
 - a. Ron Karly
 - b. Joe Hitchcock
 - c. Karl Menton
10. Which of these people are not on the *Reporter* team?
 - a. Debbie Bennion
 - b. Ed Frost
 - c. Alice Newton
11. Who granted Milborne a fair, which was stopped in 1925 because it attracted many unsavoury characters?
 - a. Henry III
 - b. Henry IV
 - c. Henry V
12. **In whose garden was the WI's summer supper held in 2007?**
 - a. Eva Stockley
 - b. Heather Hogg
 - c. Shirley Dunkley
13. What was the quickest time to do the 10-mile run in 2009?
 - a. 45.02 minutes
 - b. 53.08 minutes
 - c. 50.26 minutes
14. Since when has there been an adult football team playing in Milborne?
 - a. 1976
 - b. 1977
 - c. 1978
15. In the *Reporter* how much would it cost to have a full-page advert?
 - a. £10
 - b. £15
 - c. £20
16. On what date will the Milborne **Player's next production take place?**
 - a. 7th June 2009
 - b. 3rd July 2009
 - c. 15th April 2009
17. How many people attended the first "Save the Royal Oak meeting" at the Village Hall?
 - a. 100-110
 - b. 110-120
 - c. More than 120
18. Who is the Church treasurer?
 - a. Andy Mott
 - b. James Banks
 - c. Dorothy Robson
19. What year is the old map of Milborne, showing water courses, dated?
 - a. 1854
 - b. 1678
 - c. 1797
20. Since when has Bob Walter been the Member of Parliament for North Dorset?
 - a. 1995
 - b. 1997
 - c. 1999



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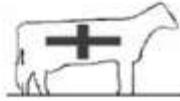
The competition is open to children aged 12 or under who live in or around Milborne St. Andrew.

The correct answer (a), (b) or (c) for each question should be recorded on a piece of paper **along with the competitor's name, address, telephone number and age and be placed in the competition entry box at **Gray's Stores** before the shop closes on Monday April 6th.** If you wish you can download an entry form from www.milbornestandrew.org.uk/reporter.htm

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Competition questions researched and written by Sian and Freya Pugh



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TO THE REPORTER**

A misunderstanding?

I don't want the Reporter to be full of Dog Poo, but feel I must reply to F A Coppen.

I am sorry if this reader misunderstood my article in Issue 1 of the reporter, the essence of which was to encourage bag it and bin it in any of the litter or dog bins around the village or in ones own refuse bin.

I understand his anger at irresponsible dog owners allowing their dogs to foul public footpaths and private property and hope that anybody witnessing these irresponsible acts will report them to the dog warden.

Only when word gets around of big fines will these people give some thought to all the signs I put up and these comments in the village magazine.

The few irresponsible dog walkers give all dog owners a bad name, when I know that most of us do BAG IT AND BIN IT.

Yours sincerely

Councillor Dave Andrews

Street Lighting

As a new-comer to the village I have been forced to come to terms with the peculiar arrangement for street lighting. I understand that planning regulations have imposed street lights in three or four areas where house-building has been relatively recent and I live in one of these brightly lit areas. Well; it was brightly lit until recently when the street light about ten feet from my bedroom window went out. Bliss!

Why don't we turn off all the street lights? In our homes we have been almost forced to replace our old light bulbs with energy-efficient types and are being encouraged into being energy-efficient in all manner of other ways. Even the motorway managers are turning off some of the road lighting on the M3 and M4. Shouldn't we do the same?

Ed Frost

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NEXT WALK DATE? Wednesday 20th May

Contact: Steve Lord – 839222

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Cooking Time: 1½ hours Oven: 180°C, 350°F, Gas Mark 4

Grease a 20cm (8") cake tin and line the base with greaseproof paper. Add flour and butter to food processor and process briefly until like breadcrumbs. Transfer to large mixing bowl (or rub fat and flour together with fingertips) Toss the cherries in the coconut and add to the mixture with the sugar. Add the eggs and milk and mix gently using a wooden spoon being careful not to break up the cherries too much. Turn into prepared tin and bake for 1½ hours or until risen and golden brown. Leave in the tin for 5 minutes and then turn out on to a wire rack to cool, or serve warm with custard as a pudding.

Cost for ingredients: approx. £2.50
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Rose Frost

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Grounds Report

Milborne School Spring 2009

OVER the past nine years the grounds at Milborne School have changed from a bare landscape to a thriving area for education and wildlife. The trees are well established and provide colour, shade, wildlife habitats and a variety of outdoor education opportunities.

The pond has remained healthy full of life and includes Palmate newts in hundreds and tadpoles in thousands. This makes pond dipping a great success for all the children. Wild Art Club regularly explore the Wildlife area and pond, recording the wildlife and plants as the area evolves. Last spring with a volunteer work party we cleared the pond of excess plants as it was becoming choked. and restarted the compost bins with excess weed, having left it for a week allowing the animals to escape back to the pond. It quickly recovered and the whole school enjoyed two days of pond dipping in the summer.

The wild flower areas are hard to maintain, as the mowing regime is often too late or not enough and also a lot of stronger grass species from farmland have invaded and swamped some of the wild chalk down land flowers. However we have many exciting grasshoppers and other insects to identify on the mixture of flowers and grass.

The International Tree Foundation donated the original native hedge to the school and some of us can remember planting five hundred small trees in a day with Rachel Palmer. Rachel has invited the school to join the tree project "My Life, My Tree, Growing Together" funded by the I.T.F. and led by myself. The project follows each child from year 1 to 4, planting, caring for their own tree and finally planting it out into the grounds of local woodland. Rachel introduced the project during a day when all the children planted fruit seeds collected from eating apples and other fruit. We hope to create a wildlife orchard with any trees that grow, starting with a tree nursery, which will be used for the I.T.F. project as well.

Now we have maturing trees we see more birds, Wild Art club have found tracks used by badgers, foxes and also rabbit skulls and other bones in the Wildlife area. Our art is inspired by the evolving landscape seen from the pond area and the children never cease to amaze us with their knowledge.

This March we had to say goodbye to the Silver birch tree that was transported from the old school in 2000, it did not survive the move, but has provided a totem pole silhouette as you walk through the school gate. Wild Art Club worked out how and where, before pulling it down with a long rope and 16 children shouting "Heave!" We now have another dead wood pile, already full of insect life and decomposing nicely. The Holly from the old school is thriving and with Christmas trees from 2004 and 2005 we have a small evergreen forest.

Mary-Ann Featherstone (Grounds coordinator)

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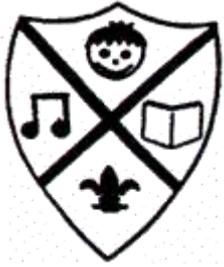
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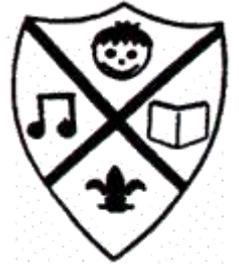
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SCHOOL NEWS

AFTER the snow in February we were somewhat surprised to find some more on our doorsteps in the first week of March, so the children enjoyed one last day this year (we hope) of snowy activities. Now however the sun is shining! The grounds are showing the welcome signs of spring with daffodils bringing some cheerful colour after the recent grey weather. Our year 4 rugby club children took part in a tag rugby festival along side other Dorchester schools, so the sun couldn't have come at a more perfect time. They played very well and finished fourth out of the eight schools represented.

The last two weeks have been very busy in school with our "One World Fortnight". Linking with the UNICEF rights and responsibilities of children the school has enjoyed many varied activities. The project was opened with the lively African drumming led by Noah, who went on to tell the children stories from Africa. Then at the end of the day Class 4 gave a performance to family and friends of their drumming skills. Local headteacher Peter Farrington joined us for a day of Indian celebration, sharing his experiences of time spent in India. With each class he explored a different right of children that in some cases we take for granted here – the right to clean water, the right to an education etc. The classes were involved

in Indian cooking throughout the day and the school was filled with the fabulous aromas of homemade samosas and curries. At lunchtime many of the children enjoyed yoga and after school great fun was had by a lively group of children, staff and parents enjoying Indian dancing. Mary-Anne Featherstone worked with all the children to plant native trees, increasing their environmental awareness. We also enjoyed visits to further the children's knowledge of Judaism and Hinduism. The last day of the fortnight saw classes 1 and 2 take a trip to France. They had to show their passports at the checkpoints before being welcomed by their hosts in classes 3 and 4. The older children have been learning French which is new on the curriculum for First schools. They were keen to share all they learnt, including French songs and food with the rest of the school.

Linked in with global awareness, we have also enjoyed a very successful bring and buy sale, which was planned and run by two of our children to support the current Blue Peter charity appeal "Mission Nutrition" and we all had fun for Comic Relief.



African stories and drumming with Noah



Children dress up for comic relief and plan a bring and buy sale!

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

As mentioned in last month's *Reporter* on the last day of the Spring term, Thursday 2nd April, we would like to invite you to join with us at 9am for our final celebration assembly of the term, which will be followed by the traditional egg rolling on the school field. When this event is completed Friends of the School will provide refreshments in the hall for all to enjoy. Please come and join us and take the opportunity to see this successful school at first hand.

CONTACTS

If you require any information about the school, including admissions details for children please contact the school office.

Headteacher: Mr Tom Leech, Secretary, school office: Mrs Helen Pugh

Chair of Governors: Mr George Legg, FOS Chairman: Mrs Sally Taylor

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CIRCULAR WALK FROM MILBORNE ST. ANDREW TO TOLPUDDLE AND BACK

5½ miles (3 hours) – can be muddy in places after rain
Look out for Deer and Buzzards

LEAVE The Square and walk along The Causeway, turning right when you reach Little England. Follow this short path to a track, then turn left and then right to pass alongside Manor Farm Buildings. Continue along this track (muddy at times) for about 600m until you come to Snag Lane. Turn right and follow the track down to the stream and the row of beech trees.

Take the well worn track straight ahead, slightly uphill, towards a wooded area and a gate. Once through the trees the path continues straight ahead across 2 fields. You will pass through a farm with buildings on your right. From here you can see the bridge over the Tolpuddle By-pass. Continue to the bridge and cross it. The walk then follows Whitehill, downhill into Tolpuddle.

When you reach the main road, you will see The Martyr's Inn on your left – a possible refreshment stop. Turn right for the walk and continue along Main Road. On your left at a road junction, you will see a small green with the Martyr's Tree and a thatched shelter which has seats in it – an ideal picnic spot. The Shelter was erected in 1934 by Sir Ernest Debenham as part of the Martyr's Centenary Celebrations.

Continue along the Main Road past the church and a milepost, both on your left, and take the Bridle path signposted to Dewlish. This path is well worn and proceeds slightly uphill. On your left you will see the Martyr's Cottages – a row of bungalows.

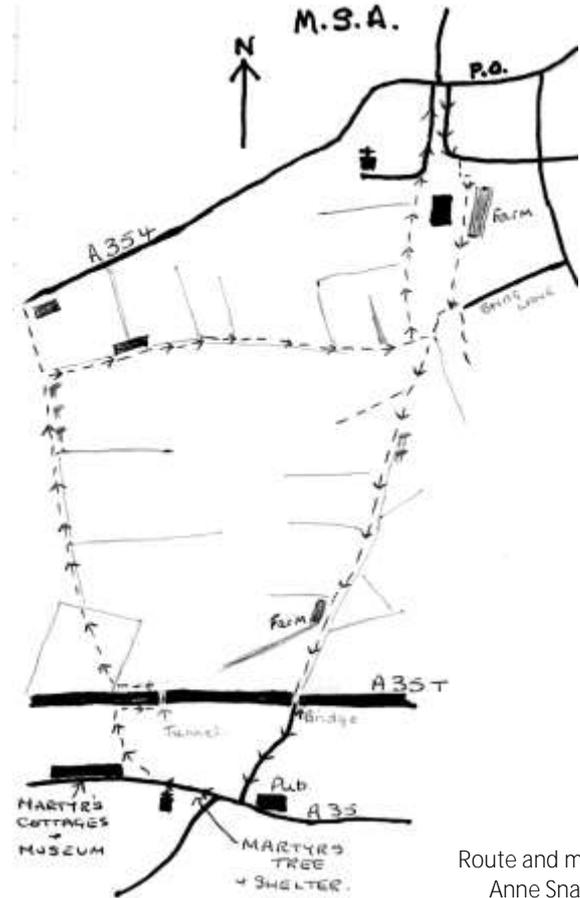
As you reach the top of the slope you come to a gate and a tarmac path which runs alongside the by-pass. If you look straight ahead of you at the top of the path you can see a large pipe jutting out from underneath the by-pass. This tunnel was laid for the benefit of badgers.

Follow the tarmac path for 200m, then turn left to pass under the by-pass. Left again on the other side for 200m. At the end of the

tarmac you can see the other end of the badger tunnel.

Turn right here to cross a field diagonally. Cross 2 more fields, keeping the hedges on your right. The path then enters a wooded track where you will see signs warning of "active badger setts". Beware of any holes. Follow this path for 300m looking out for a gap in the hedge on your right. It is signposted. Turn right and follow the hedge on your left along this field. You will pass some dilapidated farm buildings on your left. At the end of the field zigzag left then right to pass through a gate and follow the path along a shallow valley, back to the beech trees.

Cross the stile on your left at the far end of the beech trees and follow the stream back to Manor Farm House and into the village.



Route and map by Anne Snape

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It's a dog's life . . .

AS I sit and write this, I can hear a baby crying in the room. Which is a bit strange since my wife is still seven weeks or so away from giving birth to our first. The infant noises are coming from a CD playing, which is entitled "Sounds Soothing" (what a misnomer that is!). So I must be mad eh, to spend the last couple of months of child-free existence listening to a baby crying?

Well, not entirely. We realised that our three dogs knew something 'was up' a few months ago. Frankie, top dog, would sit and stare at Mrs R with a worried look in his eye. And when I say stare, I mean the kind of stare Paddington bear would approve of – for half an hour.

Not threatening, just kind of anxious, almost "what have you gone and done?!"

Georgie, his sister, is much more accepting. She always wants to be close to the pregnant one and on the odd occasions they are on the sofa together, she knowingly rests her head gently on the burgeoning bump of my beloved. She seems to be saying "Don't worry girl, you'll be alright – I've had a litter, actually, what you humans would call septuplets. Easy peasy. Well, apart from scrawny number two pup, which was breach. Why on earth did you decide to keep that one?!"

(I should say that we were a 'dogs-off furniture' household, but this all changed when Georgie was in the later stages of her pregnancy a few years ago and allowed 'up' as a special treat. Quite what Mrs R will be expecting from now on as special treatment I'm not sure).

It's no surprise that some dogs have the ability to detect pregnancy, what with all those hormones whizzing about. Finely tuned noses pick up these new scents. And the rapidly changing shape of their pack leader (well, deputy) is clocked too. So the aim is to jump in now and try to prepare the pack for its new member.



The CD is obviously dedicated to the aural part of the future baby experience and aims to naturalise these sounds, which can be distressing for some dogs. And brushing this potential problem under the carpet could lead to further issues, ultimately to tragic ends as is witnessed in the national press.

A dog's hearing, being acutely sensitive especially in the higher pitch range, will be affected far more easily by baby crying. So far, they don't seem to be bothered by the crying from the CD. Which is good; but it's on low volume. The next step is to increase the volume gradually. So if you see three spaniels with their paws over their ears in the next few months, you'll know why.

Ed Richards

Milborne St Andrew Parish Council

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Dorset League Three

Westover Spartans 1 Milborne Sports 1

With midfield dynamo Carl Tewksbury missing away on holiday along with Kevin Seel's long term injury, Tom Lane's long term injury and Skinner – work commitments Milborne had to dig deep into their squad for this important fixture with fellow promotion rivals Westover Spartans.

The game, as was expected from this top of the table clash, was played in a fiercely competitive nature. An even first half ended with Milborne leading 1-0 following a finally taken goal by Wayne Gifford following good work from fellow striker Carl Clements. Milborne continued to catch Westover with some fine counter attacking football and three further opportunities were missed with strikers bearing down one on one with the Westover goalkeeper making a fine save on each occasion.

Westover equalised with a very hotly disputed penalty when Andy Draper was alleged to have tripped a Westover forward in an off the ball incident. Following the resultant penalty the game erupted when Milborne's Mike Tawfig and the Westover forward were red carded following a scuffle.

The last seconds of the game saw Milborne once again bearing down on the Westover goal. Carl Clements bringing a fine save from the Westover goalkeeper the ball rebounding to Wayne Gifford who hit a superb volley towards the top right hand corner of the goal. Somehow the Westover goalkeeper managed to get his fingertips to the ball touching it on to the underside of the crossbar where it crashed down back into open play and was frantically cleared by the Westover defence.

Chairman's comments – whilst frustrated in dropping two points this was overall a fine performance on a very difficult pitch. A game that should have been won easily had we taken the chances that we created. We now look forward to our next three games being played at home on the superb playing surface that is Milborne Sports.

The Man of the Match was Wayne Gifford.

Milborne Sports 6 Stourpaine 1

AFTER three consecutive away games Milborne celebrated their return to their fabulous home facilities by beating local rivals Stourpaine 6-1.

Milborne's early dominance was rewarded when Carl McClements was tripped in the box by Josh Burton despatching the penalty. Against the run of play Stourpaine equalised after a slip from Adams in the right back position. Stourpaine's forward's cross was met by the inrushing Stourpaine centre forward who side footed past Mat Hall.

Milborne continued to apply pressure and this was rewarded in a fine move involving Paul Myatt, Carl McClements and Wayne Gifford that ended with McClements firing the ball home.

Half time Milborne Sports 2 Stourpaine 1.

Stourpaine started the second half the livelier of the two sides and for the first twenty minutes Milborne was on the back foot.

Carl Tewksbury was having an inspired game and it was from a **ball out of defence from Carl that Milborne's third goal was created.** Carl McClements shot being parried for Wayne Gifford to lob into the roof of the net. Josh Burton scored a typical thirty yard drive into the top corner to make it 4 to 1. Carl McClements added a fifth and finally the new signing Aaron Antonrudi outpaced the now static

Stourpaine defence to smash the ball home for his first goal for the club on his first appearance as a substitute.

Manager's comments – we were delighted with the boys today, their passes were fast and crisp and the game was played at a high tempo that ultimately the Stourpaine boys could not match. I was particularly pleased with the boys who stepped in to replace our ever growing list of injuries which is showing that we have great strength within the squad.

The man of the match was Carl Tewksbury.

Milborne Sports 3 Okeford 1

AFTER the snow of a few days previously the pitch for this game was in great condition and credit must be given to Milborne's groundsman. The Lanenders started off well and looked as though they might score on several occasions but the final touch was lacking. Chris Skinner even rounded the keeper but then managed to put the ball wide. Playing with the wind Okeford battled hard and against the run of play took the lead after about twenty-five minutes **from a free kick on Milborne's left flank. From about thirty yards the ball flew across Matt Hall and ended in the top corner.** Milborne continued to attack and fine goalkeeping meant that the opposition went in to the break with a narrow one goal lead. The second half continued in the same vein with Milborne unable to unlock Okeford's defence but also susceptible to breakaways.

Simon Kibler was showing good form again in the middle of the park but with twenty minutes to go it did look as though Okeford might steal the points. Manager Paul Hammond then made an inspired tactical decision reverting to a back three with Ian Whiffin making way for Francis Hammond. The change almost immediately resulted in a goal with fifteen minutes to go from Josh Burton to increase his already impressive tally. A second followed very quickly with Skinner sliding the ball past the keeper from close in. Okeford still looked dangerous on the counter attack but the game was finally put to bed when Burton's long range free kick was beaten out by the keeper only to be bundled in to the net from very close in by an alert Aaron Aldom just beating Paul Myatt to the finishing touch. Milborne showed resilience in what could have been a rare defeat and moved a further three points towards promotion in consolidating their second place.

High Flying Milborne in Shock defeat

Milborne Sports 2 Granby Rovers 5

AFTER drawing earlier in the season Milborne went into this game confident of their chances at their home Lane End ground. On an immaculate pitch for which the groundsman must be congratulated, Milborne started confidently and scored first with an effort from close in by Simon Kibler after the offside trap had been breached. Paul Myatt's fine run and cross gave Chris Dean an opportunity from close range which unfortunately he was unable to take advantage of. Encouraged by this Granby broke down Milborne's right flank and after some sloppy defending the ball was driven into the corner for the equaliser. Milborne scorned some excellent opportunities to go back in front and then let Granby take the lead with a speculative effort from about twenty yards. With no further score at half time Milborne came out for the second period looking to get back into the game with Carl Tewkesbury giving another reliable performance. They did so when Josh Burton equalised from the penalty spot, sending the keeper the wrong way. Rather than going on and winning the game, Milborne were punished again when Granby scored a third. The influential Kibler then suffered an injury and Granby grabbed two further goals to return to Weymouth with an unlikely victory. Credit must be given for their never say die approach whilst the Milborne team with the exception of a couple of players will need to show improvement as the season reaches its climax. Indeed, Paul Hammond will be looking for more passion from his charges in the coming weeks to match their undoubted ability.

Mike Lathbury, Chairman

A Long Time Coming

Dorchester Stars 1 Milborne St. Andrew 3

AFTER a season and a half of almost constant defeats, Milborne St. Andrew Under 13s have finally won their first victory, triumphing over Dorchester Stars in a hard fought battle played in blustery conditions.

Dorchester took an early lead against the run of play when Griffiths, Dorchester's captain, converted a penalty after the referee had adjudged, to the mystification of most observers, that he had been pushed.

The old Milborne would have folded at this set back, but they are now made of sterner stuff. The promise the Milborne lads had shown over the last few games has come to fruition. Within a few minutes Charlie Rideout, Milborne's lightning-fast striker netted a precise pass from local boy Tom Whiting and Milborne were back in the game. As half time approached Rideout, this time supplied by a Whiting header found the net again, giving Milborne the lead.

The second half saw a fight-back as Dorchester, led by Denis Calcraft, battled furiously for domination of the midfield. But they hadn't bargained for the steely determination of Milborne's irrepressible Callum Perkins, ably supported by Declan Murphy, Chris Taylor, Henry Jeffs, Antony Tucker, Matt Smith and Ollie Melbourne. On the few occasions the Milborne midfield was breached, Milborne Captain Dominic Sawyer, James Northover and Joe Cook coolly smothered any danger.

With ten minutes to go Milborne ensured victory when Rideout, this time supplied by a monster kick from power-house goalie Mike Ross burst through to complete his hat-trick and give Milborne an unassailable lead.

Milborne St. Andrew U13s are a team of local boys, supplemented by a sizeable contingent from Blandford and Dorchester. Over the last two seasons players have come and gone, but the core of the team, those lads with unflagging faith and commitment are finally being rewarded. The rest of the season will hopefully be a very different affair to what has gone before.

Milborne St Andrew U13 team is run by Grant Taylor, last year's 'Manager of the Year'. Grant is also a Level 2 Coach and a qualified referee. He is supported by Dave Smith and Glen Chadwick, Glen bringing his military experience to club discipline and fitness training. The fourth member of the team is David Tucker who previously spent four years as Mini-Soccer Secretary in Dorchester

David Tucker, 01305 268057

Under 12s manager wanted

Milborne St. Andrew Under 12s are having a very successful season currently 3rd in their table, but due to personal reasons Mark Miller, current manager is stepping down at the end of the season. So if anyone is interested in managing the team for next season please contact one of the committee. The Club will pay for the new person to attend a FA coaching course.

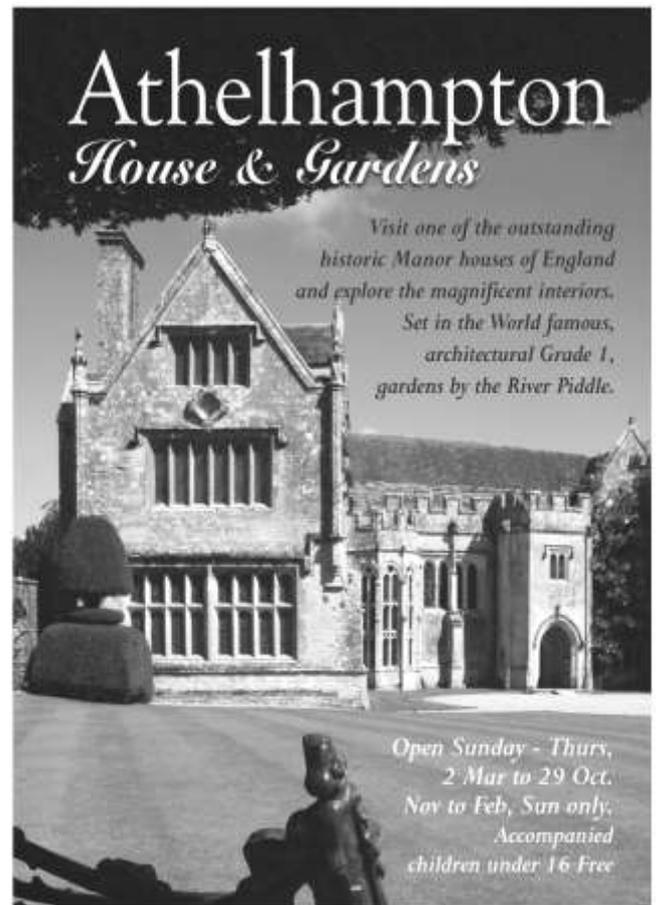
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Forthcoming Events

Easter Weekend - April 10th - 13th

We will be opening all day from Good Friday to Bank Holiday Monday. On Easter Sunday itself we will be offering our normal traditional Sunday lunch or a special three course Easter lunch at only £19.95. We suggest that you book early, as we expect it to be a very busy weekend. Our normal menu will be offered over the rest of the weekend.

Mexican Evening - Saturday April 25th

Come and join us to sample food from south of the Rio Grande...

Start with a platter including all of your Mexican favourites. Follow that with a choice of four authentic dishes. Eat as much as you like for only £16.95. Accompany your meal with a margarita.

Charity Quiz Night - Sunday 26th April.

As usual, our charity quiz nights will be hosted by Graham Senior. All entry fees (£2 per person) will be donated to the beneficiaries. This month our charity is the Rainbow pre-school. Please come and support this worthwhile cause.

Gourmet Evening - Saturday May 16th

After the Easter break, the Gourmet season continues. Our new head chef and his team had fantastic reviews for our March event.

This promises to be another very special evening. Why not get a group of friends together.

There will be five mouth-watering courses, with fine wines to accompany each course.

All five courses with fine wines only £39.95. Please avoid disappointment by booking early.



Mexican Evening

Saturday 25th April

Come and try a selection of Mexican dishes
Food from south of the Rio Grande....

To start

Mexican platter including:

Chicken tacquitos, stuffed jalapinos, chicken quesadillas, mex-fries
all served with a queso dip, sour cream & tomato salsa

Main courses

Burrito bean casserole with Mexican rice

Tortilla beef lasagna

El Monterey green chili and beef burrito bake

Enfrijoladas - taquitos in a five bean sauce

Come and eat as much as you like
Only £16.95

Reservations advisable

Gourmet Evening

Saturday 16th May at 8pm

Starter

Quail egg salad with pancetta and black and white pudding
With a glass of Côtes du Rhône La Reclotrie (France)

Fish Course

Seared Lyme Regis scallops with nero risotto and a sweet pepper sauce
With a glass of Robertson Winery Chenin Blanc (South Africa)

Intermediate Course

Barford Farm Orange and cranberry sorbet

Main Course

Spiced rack of Dorset lamb served with a warm bulgar wheat
and aubergine salad
With a glass of L'Enigme de Foncalieu Cabernet Sauvignon (France)

A fish alternative is available if requested in advance

Dessert

Marbled chocolate brioche bread and butter pudding served
with an exotic fruit compote

With a glass of Concha y Toro Sauvignon Blanc (Chile)

Coffee and mints

All five courses with wines only £39.95
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