



# Reporter

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Milborne St. Andrew

## What a load of Jumble

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# Jumble Sale Success

A HOPE of a good bargain and the thought of helping a local charity brought dozens of villagers to the Jumble Sale at the Village Hall recently. Organisers Di Harris and Val Hodges hailed the day a great success, which raised over £500 for Julia's House, the Dorset Children's Hospice.

There was a variety of goods on offer from bric-a-brac to books and clothes to cakes, all donated by Milborne people. Val said, "People came in with a box of things, and left with a box of different things – it's a great way to re-cycle." The cake stall proved popular and some of the bargains included a bicycle and helmet, fine china, a guitar, an antique clock and a still-packaged pink feathery bra – which was snapped up! The morning also included a raffle, silent auction and an impromptu reading from a Jilly Cooper novel.

The jumble sale was conceived partly from nostalgia – Val said, "Years ago it seemed we had a jumble sale every week in the village. We did it for the village and the people came along and joined in". The feedback they received from everyone was very good and they were pleased by both the generosity and enthusiasm of people.



As well as all the goods donated, the organisers would like to thank everyone who came to help on the day. They said, "We're very grateful to everyone – a great team turned up on the day and made it happen very quickly". They would also like to thank those who made cash donations, including an anonymous donation to cover the cost of the Hall. And of course they are very grateful for everyone that came and bought, contributing to the total of £528.70 raised for Julia's House.

## Windscreen Swiper

WHEN emerging from "The Retreat" to load his vehicle on the roadside, Ian Joyce noticed the rubber was loose by the windscreen. Having opened the rear door, he then noticed, as he stowed things, that the windscreen wipers were away from the screen which was so clean that . . . it wasn't there. It is likely that it had been 'stolen to order' although it is quite an old 4 x 4. Luckily Ian was able to replace it relatively cheaply and nothing had been taken from inside but the upholstery was damp.

JRA

## Point to Point – 14th February 2010

A SUNNY morning encouraged record numbers to leave their houses and enjoy the point to point at Milborne St. Andrew on Valentine's day. The officials wore red roses to mark the occasion! Racing was very exciting with local trainers Monica and Norman Tory's 'Gunner Be Quick' winning the South Dorset members' race with son Rupert on board. There was a great atmosphere around the course with lots of retail therapy for those who won on the bookies or the total! Thank you to all of you who supported us and I hope that you had an enjoyable day.

Katy Davis

## Major eruptions at the Village Hall

THE celebration to mark the end of the People's Lottery Bid was an absolute hoot and the Hall was packed out to the new rafters. Everyone left feeling that they had been to something very appropriate and special that marked a new era for the Hall.

It was a night of two halves. At 6.30pm the show got on the road with some drinks and refreshments and an opportunity to take a tour of the building, check out all the pictures representing the past and the present and to actually get into the Tardis of a control room and marvel at all the hi-tech equipment inside. The YETTIES were on hand to have a chat and once those assembled realised that the refreshments had been provided free of charge for this part of the evening, everyone tucked in to the drinks and the food provided by trustee Margaret Evans.

Bob Walter MP did the 'official' honours bit in a short speech and mentioned the extraordinary achievements over the past year of being able to secure four separate funding bids against intense competition. This included £52k Big Lottery, Peoples Millions; £9.5K Big Lottery, Awards 4 All; £16k from the Government Playbuilder Scheme (Zip Wire and Birdnest Swing) and £46.5K for a Multi Use Games area (yet to be delivered). He also went on to praise the hard work of all the trustees past and present for it was because of their efforts that the Hall is where it is today. A special photo was taken by the Western Gazette of all the current and past trustees present, together with Bob Walter and the YETTIES to mark the occasion.

At 7.30pm the YETTIES with their own particular brand of local wit and music then took the place by storm. The jokes flowed thick and fast and had everyone in stitches and the music was brilliant with everyone joining in singing and waving their arms about, sometimes in tune with the music.



After three 'encores' everyone tramped out extremely happy. The YETTIES packed up and went home. The Trustees settled down to getting the Hall ready for Saturday afternoon's W.I Chocolate Extravaganza when the frenzy of activity and whoops of delight outside came from the newly introduced Zip wire and the Birdnest swing.

Richard Lock





**THE BENEFICE OF PUDDLETOWN, TOLPUDDLE AND MILBORNE WITH DEWLISH  
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*Dear Friends*

*Mothering Sunday*

*What do you do on Mother's Day? Do you have any family traditions? I suspect that children up and down the country will be buying chocolates for their Mums or taking them breakfast in bed. Others of us will be taking our mothers out for Sunday lunch or travelling half way across the country to visit them. Whatever we do, it is good to stop and say thank you to our Mums.*

But what was Mothering Sunday originally all about?

In days gone by it was considered important for people to return to their home or mother church once a year. So each year in the middle of Lent on refreshment *Sunday everyone would visit their 'mother' church or the main church or cathedral* in the area. It became the occasion for family reunions when children who were working away returned home. Most historians seem to think that the return to the mother church led to the tradition of children, particularly those working as domestic servants, being given the day off to visit their mother and family. As they walked along the country lanes they would pick the wild flowers or violets to take to church to give to their mother as a small gift.

Nowadays, that sense of a home or mother church seems to be lost. I wonder if you can remember the church where you were brought up? Was there a community of faithful people there? Did they nurture your faith when you were a youngster?

How does the church act as a mother to us? In those olden days when young people went off to work and came back once a year to worship at the mother church, it was important for them to know that people they knew were still there, that something in life was constant. A church that wanted to protect them, keep them from harm, keep them safe.

Mothers have to be good risk takers, allowing children to make mistakes so that they grow into confident adults. Most mothers at some stage have to face their children moving on and let them go. All through the Bible there are stories about mothers who have had to let go of their children. They have had to hand their *children over to God's care and then step back. Loving and letting go are all part of the same deal and they are both full of God.*

Perhaps we should allow the church to be a mother to us, letting us grow, freeing us, and letting us loose to share all the good stuff we have learnt about.

This year Mothering Sunday falls on 14th March. Why not come along to one of the services across the benefice this day. Details of where and when are opposite.

God bless and keep you.

*Sarah Godfrey*

**CHURCH SERVICES  
March 2010**

**THURSDAY 4th MARCH**

12.00 Lunch-time Communion Milborne

**7th MARCH – Lent 3**

9.30am Holy Communion Milborne  
11.00 Holy Communion Puddletown  
*With Sunday Seekers and Creche*  
11.00 1662 Morning Prayer Dewlish  
4.00pm Tolpuddle Praise! Tolpuddle  
Village Hall

**THURSDAY 11th MARCH**

12.00 Lunch-time Communion Puddletown

**14th MARCH – Mothering Sunday**

8.15am 1662 said Communion Service Puddletown  
9.30 Family Service Tolpuddle  
9.30 Parish Communion Milborne  
11.00 Family Service Puddletown  
with Baptism Church  
11.00 Family Service Dewlish

**THURSDAY 18th MARCH**

12.00 Lunch-time Communion Dewlish

**21st MARCH – Lent 5**

9.30am Family Communion Tolpuddle  
9.30 1662 Said Communion Milborne  
11.00 1662 Morning Prayer Puddletown  
11.00 Holy Communion Dewlish  
4.00pm Milborne Praise! Milborne  
Village Hall

**THURSDAY 25th MARCH**

12.00 Lunch-time Communion Tolpuddle

**28th MARCH – Palm Sunday**

9.30am Holy Communion Tolpuddle  
9.30 1662 Parish Communion Milborne  
11.00 Family Communion Puddletown  
*With Creche and Sunday Seekers*  
6.00pm Family Service Dewlish  
**with Drama from 'Awesome'**

Also: Every Tuesday in Lent

7.00pm Compline Milborne

Every Thursday in Lent

6.00pm Evening Prayer Dewlish

**Easter Experience Holiday Club**

**Good Friday 2nd April, 2.30–4.00pm**

**In the village hall and Church**



Come and help us make hot cross buns and decorate Easter biscuits in the hall

and then follow the Easter trail to Church. For further details speak to Rev Sarah Godfrey 839067 or one of the church wardens.



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# MILBORNE ST. ANDREW CHURCH NOTES

Fund-raising has to begin in earnest

AT THEIR last meeting, members of the Parochial Church Council discussed the architect's plans for toilets and a kitchenette in St. Andrew's Church. All members had had a chance to study the plans and it was agreed to accept them with the proviso that some storage space be added. Fund-raising now has to begin in earnest. We can apply for grants but some of these work on a "matched funding" principle and clearly we have to do our share.

Jennie Wise has resigned as foundation governor of St. Mary's Middle School because of lack of time. We are grateful to her for the work she has done and also to Richard Macnair who has agreed to take on the role.

Spring-cleaning has sprung!

Calling all church cleaners – and anyone else who is willing to lend a hand. St. Andrew's is, of course, cleaned every week by our hard-working volunteers but every two years we give the church a really thorough spring-clean. This year it will take place on Friday 26th March, from 9.30am onwards. We will probably be "at it" for most of the day but you don't have to commit yourself for a long period. Anyone who can spare an hour to help will be welcomed gratefully. Coffee and home-made cake is available for the workers!

Have your say about church matters

This is an early notice that the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place in St. Andrew's after the morning service on Sunday 25th April. Everyone on the church electoral roll is eligible to attend and we hope as many as possible will do so. This is your chance to hear what has been happening at church and what is planned for the future, and to voice any opinions you may have.

Christian Aid Week

For many years Margaret Evans has co-ordinated the house-to-house collection for Christian Aid Week in Milborne each May. As many people know, Margaret has moved to Blandford and therefore can no longer act as co-ordinator. Is there anyone who would be willing to take on this role? If you would be willing to act as co-ordinator, please contact Eva (Tel: 837468) or Pat (837684) and we will put you in touch with Margaret who will supply full details of what is involved.

## 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, (837684) by 23rd March so that the lilies can be ordered. I can't guarantee one lily per name (it will depend on cost) but I can promise that every name will be in the book.

Pat Tribe

## Church Cleaning – w/e Saturday

6th March Mary Bennett and Pat Tribe  
13th March Carolyn Martin and Elizabeth Walker  
20th March Margaret Hurley and Eva Stockley  
27th March Geoff and Pat Bull

Come into the gardens, June!

Yes, our biennial Open Gardens event is happening again! This year it will take place on Saturday 5th June. This is a joint venture between St. Andrew's Church and Milborne Gardening Club. Profits will go to Church funds. If you have opened your garden in the past you will by now have received a letter asking if you are willing to do so again. But is there anyone else who would be willing to open their garden between 10.30am–5pm that day? Your garden does not need to be big and it certainly does not need to be perfect (is there such a thing as a perfect garden?). It just needs to be interesting and, in fact, we have found in the past that visitors enjoy looking round small gardens because most of them have limited garden space themselves.

If you would be willing to open, please contact Peter Dunkley (Tel: 837446) or Pat Tribe (837684). We shall also need plenty of helpers on the day to sell brochures, raffle tickets, coffee, cream teas, and to man the church tower which will be open for anyone energetic enough to climb it! If you can help, please contact Peter or Pat as above. Many thanks.

Pat Tribe

## DEWLISH CHURCH NOTES

Special events during Lent

BY the time this is published we shall be into Lent and looking towards Easter. At All Saints Church, Dewlish, we are holding an Evening Prayer service each Thursday at 6.00pm, starting on 25th February, and finishing with the Agape Supper on Maundy Thursday. Details are available from me (Tel: 01258 837466). We are also holding Lent lunches. Again, please contact me for dates and venues.

Mothering Sunday is on 14th March, and we shall be holding our service at 11.00am when we hope also to have small posies for all the Mums. Hopefully, the flowers will be re-appearing then after our cold and icy winter!

Daphne Burg

## Weather in Milborne St. Andrew January 2010

TOTAL January rainfall was 90.8mm which was 83% of average. The first 14 days were particularly cold with air frosts each night. 2.5cm of snow fell during the 6th with further falls of snow on 11th and 12th. All snow melted on the 14th. The second half of the month was less cold but **most of the month's rain fell during that time. It was the coldest** January in Milborne since 1987.

Candlemas Day (2nd February) was always considered to be the mid point of winter and there are many sayings in Weather Lore for that day which indicate the weather for the rest of the winter. Most of the sayings are remarkably consistent and claim that if the sun shines on that day, there will be more winter to come but if it is cloudy and wet that day, the worst of the winter is over. These sayings claim the same thing in most European languages. Candlemas in America and Canada has become known as Ground Hog day when it is claimed that the Ground Hogs emerge from their hibernation, but if the sun is shining, they will return to their burrows as more winter can be expected. There is no logic to these claims and no evidence to substantiate them. Candlemas Day in Milborne this year was dull and rainy but we seem to be still firmly in the grip of winter.



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# 65 years with Milborne WI

WI February meeting

MILBORNE WI celebrated its 65th birthday this month, the date – not necessarily the age – was shared by some of our members, so congratulations to Dot Karley, Lynne Morris and Sheila Burton. Interestingly, the original minutes as well as the WI book were on display.

Annual Dinner: Nelda has arranged this for Saturday 10th April, at The Royal Oak and, as always, husbands and partners are welcome. Replies please by, or at, the March meeting.

**May Fair:** Our stall at the fair will be “anything in a jar” – jams, biscuits etc – anything you like that will appeal and sell . . . All contributions welcome. It was reported that arrangements for the Chocolate Extravaganza in the Village Hall on Saturday 20th February, were well in hand. Hopefully, chocolate-lovers from far and wide will heed the call! Feedback from this event next month. Monthly lunches are now well established. Please do come along to The Royal Oak – staggered dates as published.

A fascinating talk by Mr David Peel on the subject of Charles Dickens followed.

Many of Dickens' books are well known to all of us, whether we have read them for pleasure, as set books for examinations, or viewing some brilliant television adaptations. Our speaker looked at how the author's childhood experiences influenced not only his stories and characters, but his moral outlook and championing of social issues as well as his negative attitude to women. He also stressed Dickens' conflicting sides: while the public perception of him through his work was of kindness and a strict morality, he was very unkind to his family, wife and children, a huge fault only really perceived after his death. Nevertheless, he earned the adulation of all Victorians, so much so he was buried at Westminster Abbey. Shirley Dunkley thanked Mr Peel for his “absolutely fascinating, warts and all” talk.



Ann Mepham cutting the 65th Birthday Cake which she iced, the cake was made by John Wright.



WI 65th Birthday Cake depicting the activities of the WI.

Our next meeting on Thursday 11th March, is again open to all (visitors should come at 8.00pm, to allow for our usual business meeting), our guest speaker being Christopher McColl who will be giving us the inside story of the TV favourite, Dad's Army. Please do join us, we would be delighted to see you.

Pat Bull

# Milborne Friendly Art Group



THE Milborne St. Andrew Friendly Art Group had their Christmas/New Year get together in The Royal Oak pub in February 2010. A great night was had by all with lots of plans and ideas to improve the format of the Art Group in 2010. The Art Group are hoping to join in with the May celebration day event on 22nd May on the village hall green by displaying some of the members art work as well as hosting a life drawing session with a singer/guitarist as the sitter. Mr Alan Newport, a local Musician and Engraver from

Stalbridge, is willing to come along, sing and play his guitar whilst being sketched and painted by one of the Art Group members. We are also planning to have a children's painting table for young artists to paint a picture and then be able to display their paintings.



The MSA Art Group, first started in 2008 and has a regular attendance of around eight members. They meet twice a month in the committee room between 7.00– 9.00pm, the annual membership fee is still only £5 and each session costs £3. If anyone is interesting in finding out more about what we do please come along or ring Sue Marsh on 837414 for more details. *Exciting News* – From April 2010 the Art Group members have been offered gallery space in a new Engravers Shop/Art Gallery in Sturminster Newton where Mr Newport is setting up his new shop, so if anyone is in Sturminster Newton after 15th March 2010 why not look in on the Blackmore Vale Gifts and Trophies shop and see some of the group's art work displayed in the upstairs gallery.

# Milborne Flood Issues

I HAD a very successful meeting with Roxanne Parsons, newly appointed to Flood Incident Management, and her colleague Guy on Friday 22nd January. I raised the areas of concern – Ashley Barn Bend and Milton Road and gave her a tour of the village. I have copied her e-mail to me following this meeting.

Hi Dave,  
Just a quick e-mail to say thanks again for taking the time to meet with Guy and myself on Friday.

Guy has raised some of the things that we discussed so that they may be passed to Malcolm Munro in enforcement. He may decide to come and inspect etc but if you don't hear from him then I can keep you posted.

I was very impressed with your knowledge of local flooding issues; this helps us especially as you are currently a warden. Obviously you're not in one of our highest risk areas, but it is important for community members to have the information and resource there just in case. Therefore I would like to reinforce the message that I am here to help should you wish at a later date to put a flood plan together or do any awareness work within the village.

Roxanne Parsons, Flood Incident Management

I hope some action will be in place soon and will be back on the case when I return from holiday. If you have any further concerns please contact me or Brian Cullum.

Dave Andrews Flood Warden

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# Ladybirds

Visit from Mrs Purdy

IN February Ladybirds had a visit from Mrs Purdy the Head teacher of



Milborne First School. She joined in activities with the children and then sat with them at snack time. It was a popular visit and the children asked her to come and play the next day.

Pancake tossing takes a lot of concentration and **there's no telling** where it will land!

On our last day before half term we enjoyed making pancakes and all the children had a try at pancake tossing.



Liz Dyer

# 'Everything comes to those who wait!'

THE Parish Council have, for some time (at least two years), been working behind the scenes to secure the opening of an access from St. Andrews View to link the footpath running behind the Church



with the A354 and other rights of way. When St. Andrews View was first built a tarmac path had been created running between the houses up to the existing footpath, but stopping at the original school boundary and closed with the existing chain link fence. It seemed the obvious

eventual desire of this was to create an access to the public right of way yet there seemed no formal process in place to open up the fence. Councillors and the Parish Clerk had investigated the original plans for St. Andrews View and finally, in collaboration with Dave Ackerley and his team at DCC Rights of Way, we have



been able to get this new route opened. The Parish Council wishes to thank all those involved in this and especially Dorset County Council for working with us and for their works to remove the chain link and vegetation and create a augmented right of way for our community. Enjoy! *Photographs by Peter Wright*

## Sponsor a bench

"Would anyone wish to fund a small two person bench for the new Milton Road corner landscaping?" Simon Curtis Howitz, the chair of the Parish Council, asks.

If the bench is funded privately, they would expect it to carry a plaque acknowledging them or maybe commemorating a loved one – what ever the sponsors propose. It will sit between two new planted borders and a new bin. The costs will depend on the design but if anyone is interested maybe they could give Simon a call to chat over the options 01258 839000 or 07770 763337. If no residents come forward then the seat will be funded from existing Parish Council funds. Works are expected to be completed by April.

Is there a precedent for having somewhere to sit on that corner? Well yes – there is. Before the terrace of houses were built, and before I lived in the village, there was an old cottage on the corner. By the time I moved here, the cottage had gone, and it was empty land with a nice old flint wall surrounding it. This was a daily meeting point for a group of elderly retired gentlemen. They sat and watched the world go by, and always had a friendly word for us youngsters. *Sue Gould*

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# Have you met . . . John Kane

JOHN was born in 1947 and lived in Moss Side, Manchester. His father was a manager at Donald MacPherson Foochow Paints. When he was four years old Donald MacPherson re-located their factory to larger premises in Bury, Lancashire where he spent the rest of his childhood/teenage years.

Joyce, John and two year old Helen, moved to Milborne in 1977, and shortly afterwards their son **Matthew was born.** John says, "I was working for the Prudential Insurance Company and they transferred me from the Bury office to the Blandford office to take over the agency when **someone had retired.**" He felt that by having two young children, and also being "the man from the Pru", it was much easier to meet people and join in activities. They both became members of Friends of the School, which of course involved helping in all the school based activities that were common then, like the village bonfire, fun days, day trips and many more events.

The Milborne St. Andrew football club was building its popularity at that time, with a field at the top of the village behind Wetherby Close. So at the age of 30 John became part of the successful team that were promoted from division IV to division II in consecutive seasons. I asked, *What do you think is the best thing about living in Milborne St. Andrew?*

John thinks it has been its location and facilities. The main one being all the "fantastic schools" that his children were able to attend. At that time at Milborne First School, Mr Herridge was the Headmaster, then on to Puddletown Middle School where John McCormack and Rod Oakes were the Headmaster and Assistant Head and then finally Thomas Hardy and Castlefield Schools. John thinks that this continuity ensured that their children got a very good education and he is sure with the new school in Milborne things are even better.

Also the location of the village, near to the coast but not too near with the holiday crowds. John is particularly pleased to be one of the instigators of the Save the Pub Campaign, "we now have a fabulous facilities pub – of which I am very proud". Together with a great village hall, village shop, post office and a amazing sports club. "If I were writing a CV for Milborne St. Andrew I am sure it would figure very highly in most desirable villages to live in" he commented. And the sticky question – *Are there things that you would like to change about Milborne St. Andrew?*

"I am not one of these people against change, I think the changes that have occurred in the thirty-three years that we have lived here have generally been to the advantage of the village. There have been many new properties, built tastefully, which have added character to the village and, of course, new people to the village has meant that many of the clubs and societies continue to survive and thrive.

You have to be careful not to wear the t-shirt that says the older you

get the better it was, but there have been changes all over the country where society doesn't seem to want to organise or participate in events. Probably this is less in Milborne, but it still affects us. For instance, the old village bonfire, not only are there less willing

volunteers, but the seemingly unrestricted freedom to do things like this has gone. Health and Safety issues seem to dominate every committee meeting I have attended in recent years.

I also think it is a great shame that whilst we have many thriving groups and societies, sports club, Milborne Players, fantastic village hall facilities, etc we do not seem to be able to maintain a full membership of Parish Councillors. When we moved to the village we regularly had to vote for who was going to be on the Parish Council, as so many people put their names forward. That was despite a much smaller village population. I think to get the best out of living in the village you need to participate and

become involved. Taking on the role of Parish Councillor seems a very good way of being involved in village life, or maybe become a member of one of the many societies' committees. For example we at the Sports Club will always welcome volunteers to come to help run the facility. If you cannot become actively involved at least be a supporter."

*Would you have a Fantasy Dinner Date?*

"As far as having a celebrity to wine and dine, I am not a great believer in the celebrity culture that we seem to live in these days so I think I would just be happy to have close friends and family to dinner. There are a number of people in history that I would just like speak to – for example, the Captain of the Marie Celeste to ask him what really did happen!

*What about heroes and inspiration?*

"This is a difficult one, there are lots of people that I have admired and been inspired by over the years, some public figures, some sporting heroes, some just ordinary people working in the community, people like our own John Sanderson who has dealt with his cancer in such a positive manner."

*Tell me about your hobbies and interests.*

"I think it is well recorded that most of my hobbies are sports related, particularly my involvement raising the funds for the building of the sports club facility. I am now a keen skier, which seems to have taken over from my footballing activities.

When it comes to IT I am a luddite so computers and web sites are not my cup of tea. I watch little television preferring to read or listen to the radio but there are two programmes that I will watch if they are on. One is Quantum Leap and the other is Goodnight Sweetheart.

My most recent challenge has been to join the Dorchester Toastmasters Club. This is proving to be great fun and, whilst it is quite terrifying to make your first speech in public, I am now really enjoying it. I would urge anyone to come and join us as it is a really friendly group. If you are interested in this it is held once a fortnight on a Wednesday evening and you can contact me on 01258 837108."

*Do you have a favourite charity?*

"I have found myself involved with a number of charities over the years. For the last ten years I have organised a day's golf tournament, calling on business contacts and friends, to raise funds for Milborne Sports which is always an enjoyable day. The sports club have been able to share some of the fund raising monies with a number of charities such as CLICK, Sargent, and also the Children's Heart Foundation. I am currently in discussion with the organisers of the forthcoming special Olympics (not to be confused with the Paralympics) to see if the Milborne facility can be involved.

You probably see the results of the successful Hundred Club draw each month in the magazine, it raises money for the church and sports club and is always something of which I am quite proud."

Thank you John for letting us have a glimpse into your world, and many congratulations on all you and your friends have achieved at Milborne Sports Facility.

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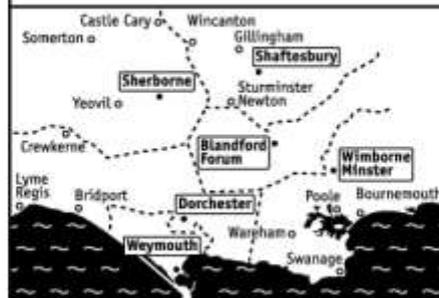


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FROM Milborne St. Andrew enter Bere Regis and cross five road humps before turning right down Manor Farm Road, then left into Turberfield Road to the car park.

Leave the car park and turn left down Manor Farm Road until you come to Elder Road. Cross over Elder Road onto open ground. The river is in front of you. Do not cross the river but turn right along the footpath (Jubilee Trail) keeping the river on your left. This part of the walk is very picturesque and the trees are full of birds.

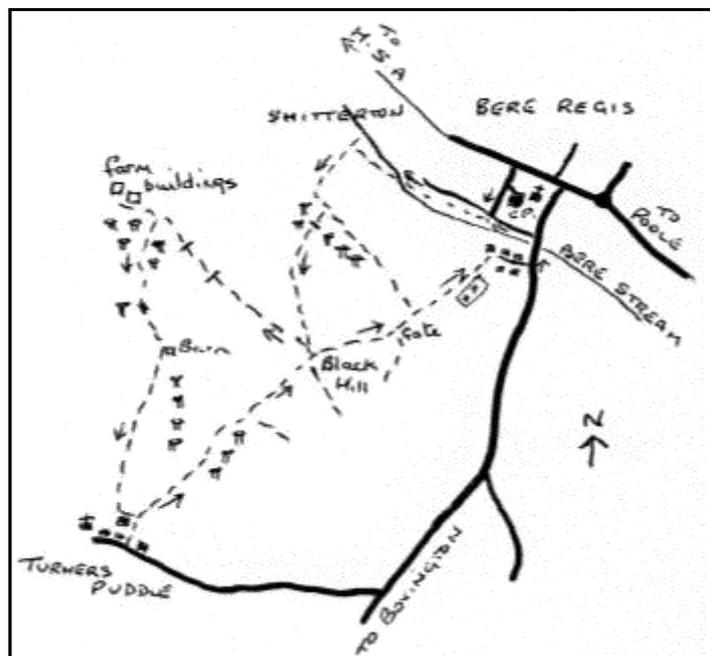
Proceed along the path onto a boardwalk and then a gravel path, until you come to a footbridge over the river. Cross the river and turn right along the field edge. At the end of the field turn left along a track with hedges on each side. At the top the path bears left and then right along a tree-lined track. You are still on the Jubilee Trail. This track is uphill. At the top you will come to a gate on your left. Go through the gate and turn right, the path now snakes uphill passing a large hollow **on the left. At the top you come to a wide track 'T' junction. Turn right** along this track. The views from this track are very good in both directions.

You will pass through a metal gate; continue until you see some farm buildings in the distance. Pass through an open gateway and then **turn left downhill. You will see a "No Cycling" sign on a gatepost. On the way downhill you will pass a lovely old barn on your left, which needs some TLC. The path levels out as you approach Turnerspuddle. Look out for the footpath sign immediately before the first cottage. Turn left here and pass through three wicket gates, you now leave the Jubilee Trail. Turn left and proceed uphill between a double hedge.**

When you reach the heath, pass through a metal gate and keep to the track uphill. Continue uphill passing two sets of paths coming in from the left and right. The path levels out and then you will come to some very uneven ground covered in oak trees. The correct path is difficult to see, so if you stop at the top and look down to your left you will see a metal wicket gate and a horse stile. Head for this and pass through the gate. Continue ahead towards the village of Bere Regis.

As you approach Bere Regis you will pass the cemetery on your right and then come into a residential road. At the main road turn left and then left again just after you cross Bere Stream. This is Elder Road. Manor Farm Road is about 200m along here. Turn right into Manor Farm Road and so back to the car park.

Anne Snape



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Grid reference ST 912 178 on OS Explorer Sheet 118 (Approx 6 Miles)

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BOB FORD has, for the last year, published bi-monthly walks in the *Reporter*, based on the Purbeck and Weymouth areas. He regularly runs Wednesday walks on Portland (see below), and also sets up and runs short courses. On Monday 8th March Bob will be starting a six week birdwatching course for the WEA, visiting a different location each Monday at 2.30 pm. They will start with an indoor session at Littlemoor Library. As with all WEA courses there is a charge of £31.00 payable at the first meeting, and the course will only run if sufficient numbers enrol.

Another course is currently arranged on Saturday 27th March between 10.00am–12.00 midday. This is an Open University Heathland Birds Workshop in the Wareham Forest. It is a FREE two-hour workshop sponsored by the Open University to publicise their iSpot web site. Meet at the Sherford Bridge layby on the east side of the B3075, about two miles north of Sandford, map reference SY919926.

**For more information on any of Bob's activities or to enrol, contact Bob Ford on 01305 750118, or email bob@natureportfolio.co.uk**

Portland Cliffs and Quarries, five Wednesdays in March: 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st 10.00–11.30am, see trip reports on [www.dorsetwalks.com/](http://www.dorsetwalks.com/). Meet outside the main entrance, The Heights Hotel, Portland, map reference SY688729.

Right: Anne Snape's walk uses part of the boardwalk footpath (Jubilee Trail)

Far right: Bere Regis Church.



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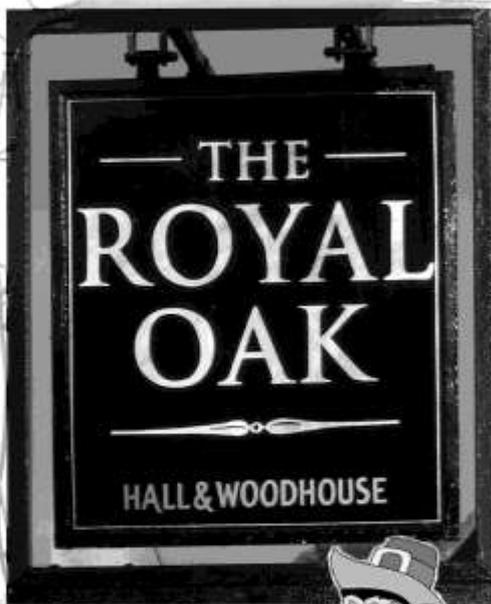
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## Councils

Environment Agency Floodline		0845 9881188
North Dorset District Councillor	Cllr Michael Cox	01258 881396
Parish Council – Dewlish	Clerk: Pat Gubbins	01258 881348
	Chair: Cllr Mike Claydon	01258 837314
Parish Council –	Clerk: Colin Fletcher	01258 450639
Milborne St. Andrew	Chair: Cllr Simon Curtis	01258 839000

## General – Adult

Drop-in Centre – POPP	Rose and Ed Frost	01258 837921
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 450518
Women's Institute	Heather Hogg	01258 837392

## General – Youth

Beavers	Sue Mullett	01258 839076
Cub Scouts	Jo Hewish	01305 852614
Hazelnuts out-of-school club	Hazel Barrett	01305 848588
Ladybirds (Playgroup)	Marion Bishop	01305 848427
Scouts	Jim Burg	01258 837466
Under 5's Group – The Busy Bees	Jane Williams	01258 839291
Youth Club age 8 – 14 yrs	Sallie Maitland-Gleed	01258 837442

## Police

Police – Non-emergency contact		01202 222222
Community Beat Officer	PC Dave Mullins	01202 223003
		07825 521850
Community Beat Officer (Dorch)	PC Charlie Dale	01305 222222
Community Service Vehicle	CSO Angie Partridge	01202 226000
Safer Neighbourhood Team		
Blandford Rural South	PC Dave Mullins and	01202 223003
	PCSO Luke Goddard	or 07825 521850
	Or email <a href="mailto:blandfordruralsouthSNT@dorset.pnn.police.uk">blandfordruralsouthSNT@dorset.pnn.police.uk</a>	

## School

Milborne 1st School		
Headteacher:	Anne Purdy	01258 837362
Chair Govs:	George Legg	
Friends of School Chair:	Sally Taylor	

## Special Interest

Bellringers	Pip Bowell	01258 837329
Food and Wine Society	Tony Dyer	01258 837061
Healthy Eaters	Heather Gipps	01258 837058
MSA Friendly Art Group	Sue Marsh	01258 837414
MSA Gardening Club	Sally Dyer	01258 837061
Milborne Players	Roy Sach	01258 837033
Ranters' Folk Session	Roger Harrall	01258 837371
Round Robin Ramblers	Steve Lord	01258 839222

## Sport

Abbey Swimming Club	Pat Cowan	01258 880601
Adult Tap Dancing Milton Abbas	Libby Goodchild	01305 268029
Archers – Crossways	Sheila Ryall	01258 837504
Athletics – Junior	David Pearson	01258 837057

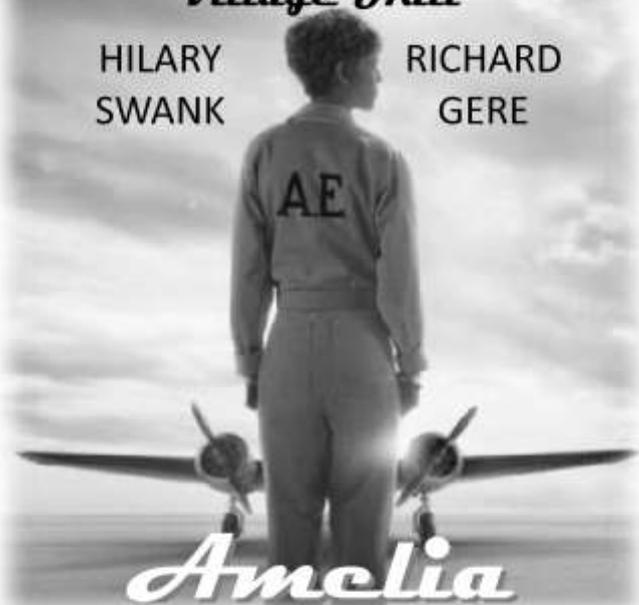
Badminton	David Payne	01258 837700
British Horse Society (Dorset)	Carol Shoopman	01258 880318
Circuit Training and Pilates	Claire Barratt	01929 554999
		07946 732769
Cricket – Dewlish	Elaine Kellaway	01258 837696
Cricket Club – Milton Abbas	Andy Smith	01258 880310
Cricket – Junior (U11 – U13)	Andy Smith	01258 880310
Football – Adult	Paul Morgan	01258 837619
Football – Reserve Team	Andy Draper	07824 394436
Football – Under 15s	Grant Taylor	07879 841518
Football – Under 11s	Daryl Sims	01258 881397
Modern Sequence Dancing	Grace Davies	01258 837261
Running Group	Anne-Marie Pearson	01258 837057
Skittles – Dewlish	Frank Ross	01258 837366
Sports Club		
Chairman:	John Sanderson	01258 837049
Bookings:	Jenny Balcon	01258 837121
Table-tennis (over 50's)	Geoff Hodgson	01258 837472
Tap Dancing for Men and Women		01258 880523
Yoga	Sue Chapman	01305 848053

## Village Hall

Dewlish		
Chairman:	Alex Carter	01258 837312
Sec:	Paul Prickett	01258 839097
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March	
Wednesday 3rd	Wednesday Club Dorset Wildlife Trust, History of Brownsea Island and Wildlife 2.30–4.30pm – see page 2.
Wednesday 3rd	Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7.30pm.
Friday 5th	<b>Moviola “Amelia”</b> – see below
Sunday 7th	Round Robin Ramblers Broad Oak and Sturminster Newton 2.00pm – see page 13.
Wednesday 17th	Round Robin Ramblers <b>Ashmore and Washer’s Pit</b> 11.00am – see page 13.
Friday 19th	<b>Ranters’ Folk Session</b> MSA Sports Club 8.00pm.
Saturday 20th	<b>Community “Ground Force” Day</b> Milborne First School 10.00am–4.00pm – see page 29.
Friday 26th	Spring Clean Milborne St. Andrew Church 9.30am onwards – see page 5.
Saturday 27th	Village Lunch Village Hall 12.15pm – see page 2.
Sunday 28th	Mini Mamma Mia!, Act, Dance and Sing. Village Hall 12 noon–6.00pm – see page 30.
Sunday 28th	Family Fun Swimming Gala Milton Abbas Swimming Club 10.00am–12 noon – see page 30.
April	
Friday 2nd	Easter Experience Holiday Club Village Hall and Church 2.30–4.00pm – see page 4.
Sunday 4th	Round Robin Ramblers Winterborne Whitechurch and Whatcombe 2.00pm – see page 13.
Sunday 25th	British Heart Foundation Dorset Bike Ride. 25, 50 and 66 mile routes all starting from Queen Elizabeth School, Wimborne.

## Amelia (PG)

Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall  
Friday 5th March 2010

AMELIA EARHART was the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic and was the first pilot, man or woman, to fly unaccompanied across the Pacific. During her attempt to be the first to fly around the world in an equatorial flight, her life was tragically cut short with her mysterious and untimely disappearance over the South Pacific in 1937.

This is a film that chronicles Amelia’s (Hilary Swank) early fascination with flight, her marriage to publisher and publicist George Putnam (Richard Gere) and her two record-breaking transatlantic flights, which raised her to the status of a national heroine. Director Meera Nair’s screen perspective on Amelia’s enormously colourful life is based on the writings of Susan Butler and Mary S. Lovell and is limited to Amelia’s personal and pre-feminist tendencies, which fuel her aspirations that were unusual for a woman at that time. Hilary Swank delivers a likeable, if oddly subdued, performance as the self-described vagabond of the air, though she is slightly overshadowed by Richard Gere, who is superb as George Putnam, particularly in the scene where he effectively confronts Amelia over her affair with Gene Vidal (Ewan McGregor).

The movie itself conveys an exhilarating sense of the heady days of early aviation which is beautifully captured by the New Zealand cinematographer Stuart Dryburgh. So if you’re the kind of person who deplores the modern vogue for debunking historical figures, and who welcomes the opportunity to indulge in heroic feats and lush landscapes similar to those found in *Out Of Africa* or *The English Patient*, then this is the film for you.

The village hall is open from 7.00pm and the film starts at 7.30pm. Tickets £5.00. Supper is available before the film, but must be booked in advance. To book advance tickets and/or supper, phone Maggie Redmill on 01258 837262.

Alice Harrall

## Regular Bookings at the Village Hall

Beavers Monday 6.00–7.15pm MH (term time only)  
Computer Club Monday 7.00–8.00pm CR (term time only)  
Ladybirds Playgroup Monday–Friday 8.45am–1.00pm MH (term time only)  
Players Monday 8.00–10pm MH  
ABC Line dancers Tuesday 7.30–10pm MH  
Cub Scouts Tuesday 5.45–7.15pm MH (term time only)  
MSA Friendly Art Group second and fourth Wednesday 7.00–9.00pm CR  
100 Acre Wood Pottery Wednesday 6.00–10.00pm MH (term time only)  
Wednesday Club first Wednesday 2.30–4.30pm MH  
Gardening Club fourth Thursday 7.00–10pm MH  
Healthy Eaters Thursday 7.00–8.00pm CR  
Karate Thursday 5.10–6.40pm MH  
Village Hall Committee third Thursday 8.00–10.00pm  
WI second Thursday 7.00–10.00pm  
POPP Drop-In Friday 10.00am–12 noon CR  
Youth Club every other Friday 6.30–8.30pm MH (term time only)  
Sequence Dancing third Saturday 7.30–10.30pm MH  
Village Lunch last Saturday of the month 12.15–2.30pm MH/CR  
Milborne Praise! third Sunday 3.30–5.30pm MH  
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.

## Regular Bookings at the First School

Pilates Monday 7.00–8.00pm (term time only)  
Yoga Tuesday 6.15–7.45pm (term time only)  
Badminton Wednesday 7.00–9.00pm (term time only)  
Circuit Training every Thursday 7.00–8.00pm

## Ranter’s Folk Session

Milborne St. Andrew Sports Club at 8.00pm

Dates: Friday 19th March 2010 Friday 16th April 2010  
Friday 21st May 2010 Friday 18th June 2010

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They will be supported by a variety of local musicians to provide an entertaining evening.

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IT'S a much contested issue, which is cleverer – the dog or the cat? Cat lovers will often point out that moggies must have more 'up top' as they have managed to have it both ways; retain their independence, yet have their human charges wrapped around their little paws, having every feline whim satisfied.

Ah, that's as may be, dog owners would counter. But how savvy the dog has been down the ages, to worm its way into our human lives, reaping all the benefits in exchange for guarding and hunting – to the point now where barking at the postman constitutes a good day's work. And who can deny the true intelligence of dogs, having watched the recent BBC Horizon programme, *The Secret Life of the Dog* which showcased a truly amazing Border Collie, Betsy, who has a vocabulary of 340 words and can distinguish objects by name, picking the correct one from a pile of toys – which is about the same level as a three year old child (but obviously much, much better trained).

But a recent study has moved the intelligence debate on – not pitting cats against dogs (that's been outlawed) – but which owners are cleverest, those of dogs or cats. The study, which must have been conducted by the Pointless Research Institute, canvassed 2,980 households over a range of variables of lifestyle. The University of Bristol (who actually did the research) found that graduates were 1.36 times more likely to have a cat than dog. Dr Jane Murray, Cats Protection Lecturer in Feline Epidemiology who led the study (hmmm, it's starting to smell a bit fishy now), said that the study has shown many common factors such as a garden and rural

location, but it has also identified some notable differences. In particular, the difference in the level of education achieved by a household owning cats and dogs. Cue headlines in the Press, "Cat Owners Cleverer than Dog Lovers".

She puts this down to the longer hours worked by graduates – as cats require less time per day than a dog, they are more popular with educated people who work late and have long commutes. This seems to be a mite simplistic to me, but I'd guess graduates of Economics would probably be more likely to be cat owners since they're much cheaper to look after – another study recently reported that the average annual cost of keeping a cat was £770, whilst dogs cost £1,000 per year.

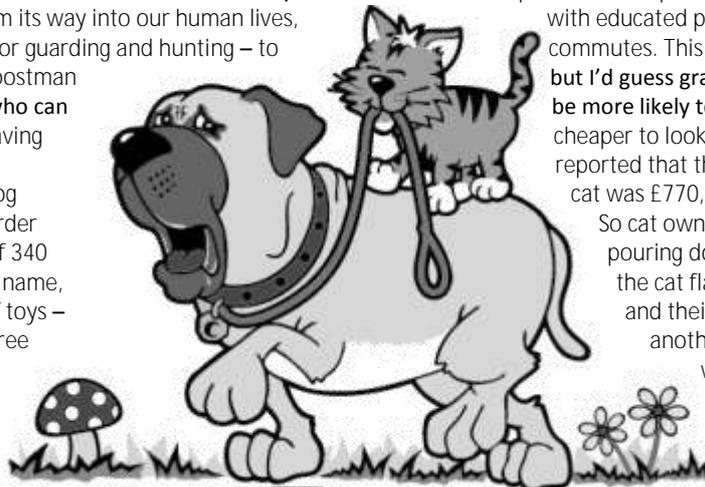
So cat owners cleverer? Maybe – when it's pouring down and Tiddles takes a look through the cat flap, smirking at the wretched canines and their owners getting soaked on yet another sodden walk – which pet's owner would appear to be the brightest?!

And not to mention that those damp dog owners are required to stoop and scoop whilst Tiddles' owner just sees her rear end exiting the

cat flap (when it's stopped raining, of course).

However, had Dr Cat Lady undertaken a Cost-Benefit Analysis she would have surely seen the real deal where dogs are concerned, considering the wealth of research on human health benefits – mind and body – dog ownership can bring. Another study found that dog owners tend to have lower blood pressure and cholesterol than cat owners. They also suffered fewer illnesses and were generally happier. And wiser too, probably . . .

*Ed Richards*





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# Homewatch Newsletter Blandford South, January 2010

## “How does a burglar’s mind work?”

Burglary, on the whole, is an opportunist crime. A burglar will select his target because it offers him the best opportunity to carry out his crime undetected and with the fewest number of obstacles in his way. A building that presents itself as unoccupied and insecure is far more likely to be targeted than one that is properly secured:

- side gates and accessible windows open
- ladders left out, allowing access to otherwise inaccessible windows
- garden tools available to force entry
- untrimmed hedges or high fences in front gardens providing cover and preventing natural surveillance
- scaleable drain pipes adjacent to upper windows – protect with anti-climb paint

Each of these makes access to the building far simpler and is an **indication to the prospective burglar that it’s worth a second look**. The question is, are the occupants in?

- milk bottles or parcels on the doorstep
- newspapers and mail protruding through the letter box or visible through glazed front doors
- unlit houses after dark and closed curtains during the day
- all windows shut in very hot weather

These are signs telling the burglar that he is unlikely to be disturbed in the course of his work. Naturally, circumstances may arise when such situations may be unavoidable. Holiday times, when the house is unoccupied for long periods, are particularly important. If we can take measures that tell the burglar that this building is too risky a target, he will hopefully move on. Make it look as though your house is occupied **and don’t advertise your absence**.

- install automated/programmable light switches, use timers that switch lamps or radios on and off automatically and consider fitting motorised curtain rails
- have a neighbour or friend pop round to clear your letter box or doorstep regularly and keep the garden tidy
- encourage a neighbour to park on your drive
- **don’t advertise that you are going away** – do cancel all regular deliveries, but **don’t announce your departure to a shop-full of people, don’t discuss your holiday plans with or within earshot of strangers, don’t have your home address showing on your luggage** for the outward journey and if you are using a taxi service to the airport, etc., do arrange for the pickup to be away from your home.



Winners of the Pancake Competition held at The Royal Oak on Shrove Tuesday were Dan Amey of Winterborne Kingston and 7-year-old Peter Riddle pictured here with Jo and Sarah from the pub.

# Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 20th January

Some of the best bits (*continued from last month*)

## Bus Stop

Following a list of questions sent to the Highways Authority regarding the bus stop move to the BT layby, Steve Howard has responded with the following comments. Asked whether it would be less safe to move, he wrote that it would be worthwhile on safety grounds, and that would be relatively easy to designate the existing pull in as bus layby. He observes that on balance it would improve highway safety. That there is a potential for incident at the existing bus stop because of the narrow path, and that stopping away from the junction is a good move.

However, at the meeting, Cllr Jill Harvey commented that she does not think they have taken into account that the bus will stick out into the road. If people are parking opposite, overtaking the bus could be dangerous, as you cannot see the traffic coming around the Post Office corner. She asked, “Has Mr Howard taken this into account?” Cllr Paul Morgan suggests a site visit to check on these concerns. On request, Cllr Chair Simon Curtis Howitz will ask Steve Howard to check that Wilts and Dorset Bus Company are agreeable to the move, and whether they feel it is safe.

## Flooding preparations

The village has been offered sandbags and sand, to be stored in case of need, however, they have to be stored in a guaranteed dry environment. This will be revisited.

## 2010–11 Budget

Although this can be quite a dry subject, it affects us all, as the precept will impact on our council tax bill, albeit by pence rather than pounds. Items that have to be taken into account are the salary of the Clerk, and his expenses. Bearing in mind the vast amounts **claimed by some MP’s, Colin’s requests are much more modest, but they have to be factored into the funds the Parish Council need for next year**. On top of this is the potential for grants made to, for instance, repairs to play equipment, or helping with grass cutting at the Sports Club (be aware that these are possible grants, as opposed to existing commitments). The Parish Council have to make a reasonable judgement on how much money to put aside through the precept, as it is too late to try and find funds after it has been fixed.

## Pretty Planting

Milton Road corner pavement, as proposed by the Gardening Club, Maureen Lock is to do a planting plan for the shrub border.

*Sue Gould*

## Informal Use of the Sports Field

Residents can now use the grassed areas of the site for informal sport and recreation but, as you would expect, there are the usual house-keeping ‘Do’s and Don’ts’ which the Parish Council and the Sports Club would ask residents to respect. In brief:

### Please DO

- keep only to those grassed areas not roped or fenced off
- keep the site safe, clean, tidy and take any litter etc. home with you
- respect the grassed surfaces as sporting surfaces and ensure no damage is done to the machinery and buildings on the site
- respect the local neighbours and ensure any noise and annoyance is minimised.

### Please DO NOT

- bring any animals on to the site except registered guide dogs
- bring any vehicles, caravans, trailers, motorcycles or bicycles onto the site
- light fires, or bring on to the site, or use, controlled substances, firearms, weapons, explosives or fireworks
- erect any structure such as tents, awnings, etc.
- use the site after dark.

*Simon Curtis Howitz – Parish Council*

# Milton Abbas & Milborne St. Andrew Surgery

## SPRING NEWSLETTER



### Chilly Winter

Hopefully by now we have seen the end of a difficult winter and can say goodbye to the snow, floods, icy wind and rain. Surgery staff ploughed in through these conditions and managed to keep the surgery going. This has been in spite of cars having to be abandoned on roadsides and skidding off the road, having to complete their journey by trudging on foot through the snow. Paul, our delivery driver, did a sterling job of getting medication to you all. Patients have made valiant attempts to get to the surgery and have been wonderful in understanding the pressures we have been under to keep the wheels turning. All this amongst a swine flu epidemic and swine flu clinics with vaccines arriving on a very uncertain schedule with little or no notice. The doctors would like to thank both staff for their effort and commitment and patients for their understanding, patience and flexibility when we have struggled to **provide services. Let's keep our fingers crossed for a good spring and summer, we certainly all deserve it.**

### Future plans

As most of you are now aware Dr Malcolm and Dr Ethel Hillier will retire on the 31st March 2010. However their last working day at the surgery will be the 12th February, so by the time you read this they will have actually stopped working. Dr Kate Smeaton will be joining us until the end of August and will be at the surgery all day on Mondays and Wednesdays. The practice remains committed in its aim to provide

excellent healthcare to our patients in a holistic manner. We will strive to remain a practice that is on the leading edge of medicine whilst maintaining a friendly and familiar relationship with our patients. We aim to continue to be as innovative in the future as Doctor Ethel and Doctor Malcolm have been in the past.

### Medication Delivery

The delivery service is now up and running despite a few teething troubles. Paul has been busy during the winter months; hopefully his van is becoming a familiar site around the villages by now. We originally agreed to review the service after the first few months to see how it can be improved. Please feel free to contact the surgery if you are having any problems with the service or any ideas on how you think it can be improved. The dispensary, have reported excellent patient feedback so far and have been delighted with the improved service they are able to offer. The dispensary has requested that, where possible, patients on repeat medication try to order one months supply of all medication they are likely to need throughout the month. This will help with deliveries and avoid having to make several trips to the same household. We are now looking to employ a relief driver who would be willing to cover the delivery service when Paul in on holiday. If you are interested in this please contact the surgery.



## Important information

### *Changes to the friends of the practice transport service*

FROM the 1st April 2010 the FOP transport service will not exist in its current form. It will be replaced with a community run transport service. The service will be completely community run with support from POPPS (Partnership for Older Peoples Services). The way you request transport will also change from this date. Whilst this process is changing we would ask, where possible, that you make your own arrangements for transport with friends, family or neighbours. If you have real difficulties getting to the surgery please ask the receptionist and we will do our best to help during the transition period.

## PLEASE NOTE CHANGES IN OPENING HOURS

FROM 1st April the surgery will be changing the lunchtime closing days. Currently we are closed on Monday and Wednesday between 1.00 and 2.00pm. On the 1st April this will change to Monday and Tuesday lunchtimes between 1.00 and 2.00pm.

### Patient Participation Group – Recent purchases

The surgery would like to thank you all for your donations. Together with funds raised by the PPG we have recently purchased an HbA1c machine. This is a machine that can measure blood sugar with a finger prick. This means that we can obtain an immediate reading of blood sugar levels rather than having to take blood samples and await laboratory results. Whilst this is not appropriate for all patients it will indeed be helpful to patients where we need to get an immediate reading. We are also looking at using remaining funds to purchase portable magnifying lights for the treatment rooms and a chair arm rest for phlebotomy. Many thanks to PPG members who came and helped with serving refreshments and fund raising at the October flu clinic. If you have any ideas for the purchase of equipment that would be of benefit to patients please contact either the surgery or a PPG committee member with your thoughts.

### Winterborne Whitechurch and Winterborne Stickland – Off site consulting

WE are still having IT problems at these sites and are awaiting discussions with NHS Dorset regarding safety and risk issues that have been raised. It is currently looking unlikely that GP clinics will resume at these sites. However, there are plenty of possible services that could well use these facilities such as chiropodists, counselling services, benefits advisors etc. If you have any ideas of how these premises can be used in a productive and appropriate way please let your ideas be known, either to the surgery or the village hall committee representatives. The surgery is very aware that these sites have sat unused for too long and we will be pressing for a firm solution within the next few months.

### New GP in training

We would like to welcome Dr Suzannah Sword to the practice. Suzannah is a qualified doctor who has joined us for her specialist training in General Practice. She will be with us for the next six months.

## Haiti Appeal

MANY thanks to those of you who turned out your pockets and emptied your spare change into the boxes at both surgeries. The total amount collected and paid to the disaster emergency fund was £188.29.

### Carers

Many people who are carers do not recognise themselves as such. People often think that, because the person they care for is a member of the family, **they cannot be classed as a carer. We often hear 'I am just doing my duty'.** This may be the case but the pressure and difficulties in caring for someone, especially those with very debilitating disabilities or diseases are extremely stressful both physically and mentally. Many children are carers and this often goes unrecognised. The savings made by people being cared for by family and friends at home to the country are unknown but it is recognised that it probably amounts to millions. The practice is committed to providing support for carers and help in any way we can. Our named carer support contact at the surgery is Claire Footitt. Claire is also one of our nursing team and will be happy to help and advise carers. If you would like to speak to Claire please telephone the surgery, leave your details and Claire will contact you.

If you want advice about how you can get help and support you can visit these websites: [www.direct.gov.uk](http://www.direct.gov.uk) or Carers Direct a free national service who offer information, advice and support for people like you who care for someone else.

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## Gardening Club Report

AT our meeting in January members enjoyed a fascinating talk by David Smith about the restoration of the park and gardens at Kingston Lacey, after the National Trust took over in 1981. David was the Head Gardener in charge and the gardens were restored according to the original plans of Mrs Banks at the end of the 19th century. The photographs of the changes that happened in the three-year restoration period were truly amazing.

All members should have now received the programme of the year's events. It was announced that there would be a competition each month, starting with a photograph entitled "Herald of Spring" for the meeting on 25th February. At our next meeting on Thursday 25th March we will have a speaker on "Low Maintenance Gardening" - a topic that should appeal to a great number of us. Members should also bring along the daffodil(s) they were given at the December meeting for the month's competition. Hopefully everyone planted their bulbs, which should be in flower!

We would like to encourage more people to join our Club, and we would also welcome ideas and suggestions for future meetings and outings. In this light, we will be holding an open forum as part of our April meeting. If you are interested in any aspect of gardening, or even if you grow just a few herbs on your kitchen window-sill, please come along and join us.

Linda Harris

## Gardening Club Programme 2010

March 25	Low Maintenance Gardening <i>Gold Club Speaker</i>
April 22	RHS Video <i>(To be chosen)</i>
Sun May 9 *** (10.30-12.30)	Plant Sale at the Village Hall
Sat June 5 ****	Church 'Open Gardens'
June 24	Members' Evening
July	Summer Outing - to be announced
August	Social Event - to be announced
Sat Sept 11 ****	Village Show
September 23	A Tale of Two Gardens <i>Diana Guy</i>
October 28	Soft Planting in New Developments <i>Byron Harris, NDDC</i>
December 2 ****	Annual General Meeting

**All meetings at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall  
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## Cheselbourne Theatre Club



ALTHOUGH booking has closed for THE GLASS MENAGERIE by Tennessee Williams on 8th March and for Dario Fo's CAN'T PAY! WON'T PAY! on 12th April, please phone Ann to see if any tickets remain.

We now need names for LES LIASONS DANGEREUSES on 10th May. This is an adaptation by Christopher Hampton of the famous French novel by Pierre de Laclous, first published in 1792. Set in France in the final decadent days before the French Revolution, this is a tale of sexual manipulation, exploring universal themes of deceit, lust, jealousy, revenge and self-obsession. What more can we ask for? Please book by 10th March or earlier if possible.

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## LETTERS TO THE REPORTER

Dear Reporter,

I would like to thank everyone who turned up at the pub and *made my husband's 80th birthday so memorable. I hope that everyone enjoyed themselves.*

My sincere thanks to Jo Jo and the staff of The Royal Oak for a scrumptious buffet and for transforming the skittle alley into something akin to fairyland.

Yours sincerely,  
Anne Miller, Milton Road.

A big thank you to the cast of Dick Whittington. It was a fabulous lively production with plenty of action, quick quips, slapstick, pathos, humour and in parts VERY scary. All that you would expect from a traditional panto. We are so fortunate that we have all these delights and talent on our doorstep. A special mention goes to the Young Chorus and Ratlings, it was great to see so many happy enthusiastic smiling faces.

*Many thanks to the 'Players'*  
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## Doctors retire



On 15th February in the Abbey School a celebration was held to mark the retirement of the husband and wife team Drs Malcolm and Ethel Hillier. There was a reception and dinner for 120 guests and Drs Longley and Rees presented them with travel vouchers and the staff a picnic hamper. They have been the senior partners at the local practice for over 20 years and have innovated far reaching reforms based on their own commitment to holistic patient centred care. There is every expectation that this will continue under the stewardship of their successors Drs Martin Longley and Julian Rees.

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<i>MG</i> <b>Owners Club</b> Sunday 8th Aug	<i>Open Air Theatre</i> <b>Pride &amp; Prejudice</b> Friday 27th Aug	<i>5 Churches Fete</i> Monday 30th Aug (Bank Holiday Monday)

### *Opening Times*

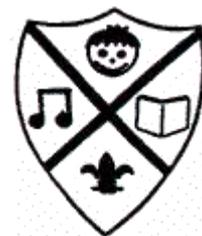
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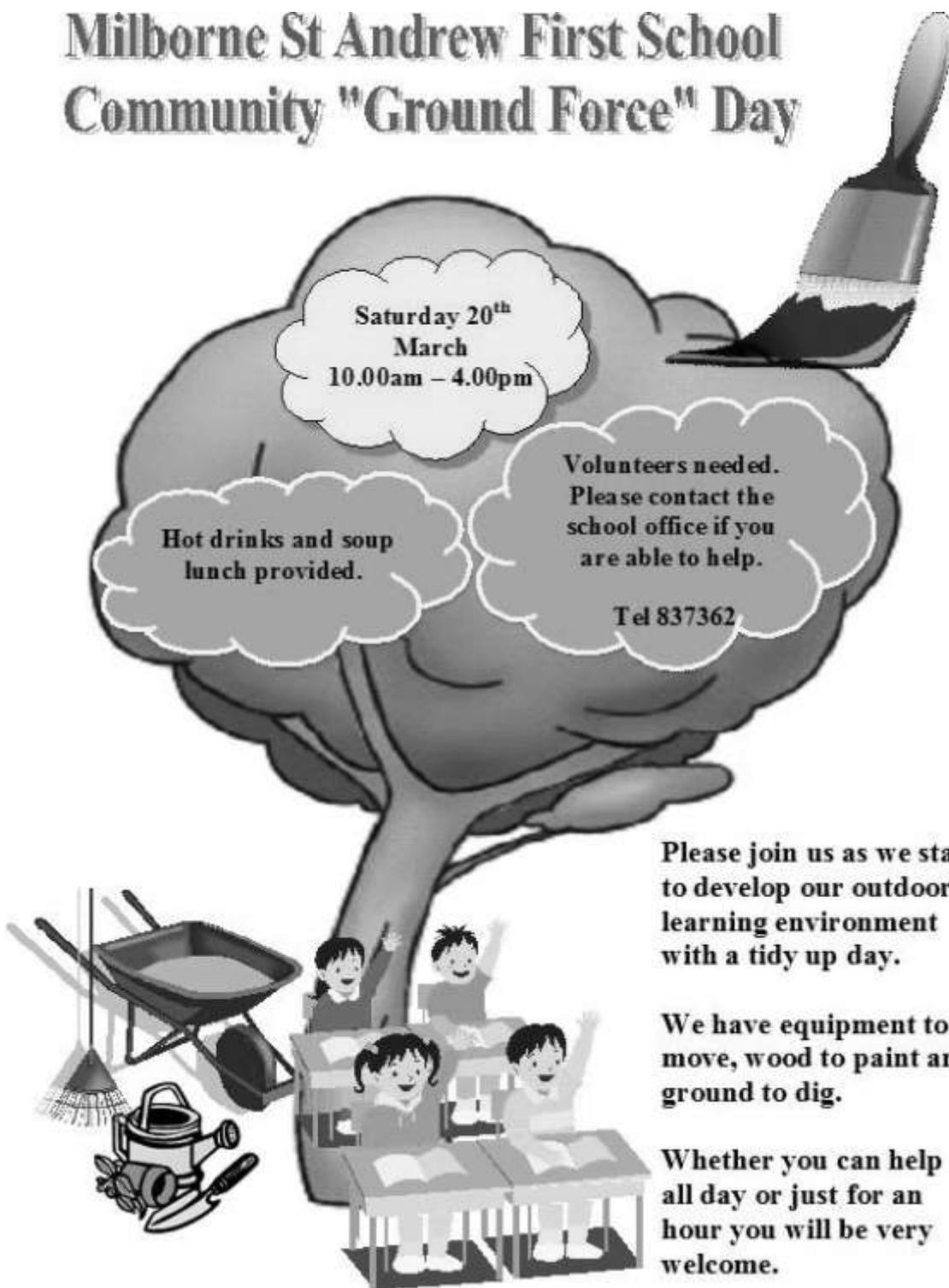
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Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>  
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Pat Gubbins 881348; Angie Higgs 880073; Sylvia Barkess 837447; Pauline Bolt 880852; Stephen Terry 881524.

## Milton Abbas Swimming Club Family Fun Swimming Gala

Sunday 28th March 10am-12 noon

COME along and have fun at this event for all ages and all abilities. Open to everyone to enjoy themselves. Members, non-members, young, not so young, fit, not so fit, swimmers and learners!! Everyone!! Games, competitive races, fun races - bring your own inflatables!

Donations for Cancer Research please. Refreshments will be available. For more information ring Maria on 880895 or pick up a leaflet from the Pool at Milton Abbey during the Club sessions.

## Milborne St. Andrew Youth Club ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday 19th March 2010 at 7.30pm  
Village Hall Committee Room  
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## Milborne Supremacy

Granby Sports 1 Milborne Sports 6

**DUE to Milborne's recent inactivity, Granby had taken the opportunity to put some good results together to oust Milborne from the second spot and were looking forward to this fixture with confidence. However, the LaneEnders were equal to the task and were the first to strike ten minutes into the game when Carl McLemments scored from the penalty spot after good work on the left flank by Simon Kibler and Chris Pavey. Five minutes later Kibler delivered a perfect free kick to the far post where the forceful Steve Walker met the ball with a looping header which he was unfortunate to see land on the top of the net. Manager Hammond's team selection was proven to be right when the industrious Ricky Limm, playing his first game for a while, headed on to McLemments who won the tussle with his marker to place the ball expertly into the corner. Milborne then forced the home keeper to make some good saves and Tewkesbury was unlucky to see a fierce long range drive whistle past the post. Limm then was unfortunate not to make it three with a shot that thundered against the crossbar before seeing his resulting close range header well saved by the home custodian. However, Granby were handed a lifeline when a free kick was driven high into the near post where the slightest touch resulted in the ball eluding Wayne Gifford.**

**Granby's competitive nature gave them hopes of a comeback but these were dashed just before the break when 'Lambo' Lambert put the impressive McLemments in on the left flank for him to beat his marker before driving the ball across the goal for Pavey to finish decisively. This was a game that Milborne were in no mood to lose, and, after fifty-two minutes, when Gifford picked out McLemments with a long clearance he was hauled down and calmly scored from the resulting penalty to get his hat trick. The referee saw the Granby defender's offence fit for a red card and playing against ten men it looked as though the LaneEnders may score several more with the returning Kevin Seal being particularly unfortunate after his pace threatened to take him clear. Ten men Granby regrouped and in fact were unlucky not to pull a goal back, but, with fifteen minutes to go, substitute Luke Braund confidently sidefooted the ball home at the near post after Seal provided the perfect cross. The game finished on a high note for the visitors when in the last minute Braund made it 6-1 after another long kick from Gifford saw him hit a wonderfully executed chip from about thirty yards over the advancing keeper. With Granby suffering a rare defeat, Milborne regained second position in the league and next Saturday, the 31st January, face top of the league Sturminster Marshall at home (2.00pm kick off) in what should prove an entertaining and compelling encounter.**

*Mike Lathbury, Milborne Sports Chairman*

## Milborne U14 0 Weymouth Terras U14 1

MILBORNE narrowly sank to defeat in an absolutely captivating match at Lane End on Sunday.

A weakened Milborne, hastily reorganised to cover for an injured goalkeeper and missing principal striker took the field against old rivals Terras, and for the second time in two seasons found themselves unjustly defeated.

Milborne, driven on by the engine room of Jake Climo and Jason Jones took the initiative from the start and soon had Terras under a

great deal of pressure and within the first few minutes came close on a number of occasions. However, Terras, nothing if not resolute pulled themselves back into the game and at the halfway mark of the first half found the back of the net from a corner, as Milborne defensive indecision gave stand in keeper Stuart Lee no chance at close quarters.

Still Milborne pressed on, suffering an injury to Matt Smith, who badly twisted a knee as half time approached. he was replaced by Henry Jeffs at right back in a performance that was to win him the accolade of man of the match. At half time Milborne were very unlucky to be trailing by a goal.

The second half saw more Milborne dominance and was marked by some great passing moves as the LaneEnders discarded their unconventional 3322 system for a more conventional 442. The pattern of the game became one of Milborne pressure interspersed with breaks from the always dangerous Terras, most of which were cleared up by Tom Whiting, Sam Holmes, Henry Jeffs and Jones, whose blistering pace made it appear at times that he had a twin brother on the field at the same time!

**But luck was simply not on Milborne's side, great attacking play from Climo, Lewis Gear and excellent passing from Jamie Badley and Antony Tucker failed to break down the Terras stubborn defence. As the game reached its frustrating end Declan Murphy hit the post twice, Climo headed over from close range and Grant Taylor, U14s Manager could do little other than to pound the ground in frustration. As the final whistle approached Tucker had to leave the field after a point-blank ball in the face and Jones picked up a leg injury.**

Milborne look forward to their away fixture against Terras with a great deal of anticipation. Most pleasing of all, the match, ably reffed by John Kane was played in a terrific style, with very few fouls and excellent behaviour from all the lads who were a credit to their respective teams.

Milborne do not deserve to be sitting second-bottom in the league, on numerous occasions they have turned in great performances against strong teams and have been unlucky against weaker teams. But with five games to go, the management team are sure there are more points out there to grab.

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## Charity Quizzes Sunday 28th February and Sunday 21st March at 7.45pm

As usual, our charity quiz nights will be hosted by Graham Senior. The first quiz is for Lauren Gordon who is raising money for an environmental expedition to Kenya. The second is in aid of Milborne St Andrew Sports Club. All entry fees (£2 per person) will be donated to the charities. Please come and support these worthwhile causes.

## *Italian Evening – Saturday 27th February*

Homemade Ciabatta, Garlic and Rosemary Focaccia, Olive Oil and Balsamic Vinegar

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