



Reporter

News and Views from around the area

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Milborne St. Andrew



Michael Hopper

Harvesting is well underway in the fields around Milborne St. Andrew

The Milborne Players

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What's happening this autumn/winter season to entertain you

"Don't Misunderstand Me" 24th and 25th September at 7.45pm

HERE we go treading the boards again, this time with a two Act comedy play written by Patrick Cargill. The plot of this light comedy revolves around the lives of The Fleming family. Margery is married to Charles Fleming and his brother is Robert. Two women by the name of Jane appear on the doorstep and create mayhem for the brothers but is Margery aware of what is going on or does she have her own secret agenda? As the title hints some misunderstandings are most definitely afoot.

Tickets on sale via Sid Coe (01258 837453) Londis Store Milborne St. Andrew and The Royal Oak pub.

"Cinderella" written by Ron Karley 3rd, 4th and 5th February 2011

WANTED Children, teenagers and adults willing to wave goodbye to their street cred!

We have vacancies for royalty, dames, Cameron, Clegg, beauticians, lost hunters, and animals, fluffy and otherwise! Do you fancy yourself as a weed? If not, how about a virtual penguin?

Yes, the Milborne Players are planning another pantomime! This time it's Cinderella that's about to get the full treatment. And if the last thing you want to do is to show yourself up on stage, then we have a selection of other backstage jobs out of aiming range of the audience. **Auditions begin on Monday, 11th October, at 7.00pm for juniors and 8.00pm for adults** at Milborne's much improved Village Hall. So form a more or less orderly queue and prepare to join in the fun!

For more information Contact Melva Coe (01258 837453) Young Peoples/Junior Chorus Director or Roy Sach (01258 837033) Production Director

New Members are always needed on stage, backstage, helping with production managing, costumes, props – you name it, there are loads of jobs more hands would be useful to help with. We meet Mondays in the hall at 8.00pm and would love to see some new faces. Alternatively you can call our Chairman Andy Coetzee on 01305 853162 to have a friendly chat. Have a look at our website to get a taste of what we have done recently.

Caroline Nobbs

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* **HARVEST LUNCH** *
* To be held at the Village Hall on *
* **SATURDAY 25th SEPTEMBER from 12.15pm** *
* Roast Beef Main Course : Sweet : Wine/Tea/Coffee : Mints *
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* **BOOKING ESSENTIAL!** *
* Tickets available from the Drop-In Centre at the Village Hall *
* from Friday 10th September (10.00am to 12 noon) *
* or call Melva as soon as possible to reserve tickets! *
* 01258 837453 *

Wednesday Social Club

ON the 7th of July we had our Social Evening Mystery Trip out with a full coach. The committee are very encouraged that the members support this event. We now have, through the courtesy of the Friends of Blandford Hospital, the use of their mini-bus plus volunteer driver and escort. This bus is for those with limited mobility and they follow a similar route to the coach. Although being smaller the mini-bus can access parts of the countryside that the big coach cannot.

We had a lovely evening drive through Bere Regis, Lulworth Village which was very pretty. Then on to Weymouth, and back onto the Winterbourne Abbas road.

Then we stopped at The Coach and Horses for a carvery meal which was really first class. They also have an aviary outside and it was very relaxing to watch the birds.

Our next outing was on the 4th August when we had a meal at The Royal Oak in Milborne St. Andrew. Grateful thanks to everyone at The Royal Oak for a delicious meal and there was so much food. It was also good to catch up with everyone and encouraging to see that these outings are well supported.

We are having another evening coach trip on the first Wednesday in September. This will be a mystery trip and will be our last evening coach outing for this summer.

The Autumn programme begins with an E.G.M. on 6th October in the village hall at 2.30pm. All welcome. This meeting will be an opportunity to ratify the Club's constitution and agree the club accounts which have now been audited.

"The Wednesday Club Entertains" this is a programme of light entertainment which will follow immediately after the E.G.M.

Grateful thanks to our Treasurer, John Wright for preparing the accounts and Chris Nowell for auditing them.

Eve Richardson and Margo Kirk

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New bus stop location a huge success

WITH all the recent hullabaloo about the re-siting of the bus stop, it seems strange that the Village Hall playing field ended up with a double decker bus parked on it. With no possibility of a raised kerb or a bus shelter it certainly doesn't meet the high approval rating for such a move expressed in the recent Parish Plan. Anyway, that must be a first and it certainly proved to be a huge success. Perhaps the idea was to test the theory that a game of tennis could be played on the MUGA or a few hundred press-ups on the fit point as a warm up to a shopping spree in Dorch.

It was of course part of the 'White Stuff' bandwagon at the recent fete organised in support of Weldmar Hospice Charity. The mayor of Dorchester attended the prize giving and Wessex FM provided a live link and I understand that somewhere in the region of £1,700 was raised on the day. Full marks must go to Matt Smith the young man who organised the whole event and to our very own Ellie, his able assistant.

The event attracted a lot of people from both inside and outside the village and the revitalised Hall floor 'sparkled like the dew' having just undergone a major renovation (sanded and resealed) as part of the on-going management of the facilities. *Richard Lock*

Chairman resigns

BEFORE the July Parish Council Meeting could start, the news was broken that Simon Curtis had resigned as Parish Councillor and Chairman. As such, a new chairman had to be voted upon. Mike Hopper has volunteered, has been proposed, seconded, and voted in by all the other councillors (I suspect no one else volunteered!). Marion Regan and Mike both thanked Simon for all his hard work, all his achievements, and for keeping his temper! To add to the team, John Harris was also co-opted as a Councillor – well done to Mike and John for their courage! *Sue Gould*

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Milborne St. Andrew Youth Club

URGENTLY NEEDED

On Wednesday 15th September 2010 at 7.30pm in the Committee Room, the Youth Club Committee are meeting to discuss the future of the club. We will sadly be losing our Leader, Sandra Northover and our Volunteer, Emma Northover, at Christmas, and unless we can find people to fill these positions (particularly Leader), we seriously **will have to close the club down**.

We therefore need a fun-loving Youth Leader and Volunteer Helper ready to start in January 2011 to continue the good work at MSA Youth Club. Free CRB checks and training are available to the right person willing to join the team of this well-run, well-funded, well-attended, well-equipped and well-established club for 8-14 year olds in the area, which runs on a fortnightly basis during term time, on Friday nights from 6.30-8.30pm.

We are fully insured and affiliated to the DYA and have the support of a Committee, of which, the Secretary Sallie Maitland-Gleed is also a Volunteer Helper and who works closely with the current leader to alleviate a lot of the paperwork side of things. Please ring her on 01258 837442 for further details (with no obligation!) and Sandra welcomes interested parties to attend a Club session when we commence term on 10th September to have a look around and see how things work.

Without a Club Leader, the Club **really will have to end**, which would be a great loss to the 40+ members that we have at present (average attendance = 33). Please contact Sallie or Sandra (07890 606236) if you think you fit the bill, or come along to the Meeting on the 15th to ask any questions, etc. We really DO need you!

Club dates to Christmas are: 10th, 17th September (out of sequence due to Players); 8th, 22nd October; 5th, 19th November; 3rd, 17th December. *Sallie Maitland-Gleed*

Drop-In sessions restarts

THE Monday computer Drop-In nights in the Village Hall Committee Room are starting again from 6th September at the usual time – 6.30 to 7.30pm, term time only and are FREE. This is an open session, not a taught environment, where you can just drop in to use the free broadband (we have four laptops, or bring your own). Where we can, we will help with any problems you have. Mark Dyer has agreed to continue helping (bless him!), if you want to help, particularly if you are a "sixth former" looking for some volunteer work to put on your CV, please come and see me then. It would be great even if you could only do one term at a time!

The Friday Drop-In POPP's Coffee, Cake and Computer sessions also start again on September 10th. We are there from 10.00am to 12.00 noon (including school holidays), and once again, you can use the laptops, bring your own, or just have a chat and a cuppa. We charge 50p entrance, plus the drinks are 50p as are the cakes, usually we just make enough to cover the costs. *Sue Gould*

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Baptism

Dear Friends,

Can you remember your baptism? I suspect that if you are an older member of the Church of England you will have no recollection of your baptism or Christening because when it happened you were a baby. Nevertheless, I guess that your family and friends told you about it as you grew up.

On Sunday 19th September at 4.00pm St. Andrew's Church are inviting all the children in the village who were baptised in the church in the last 10 years to come to a special celebration with their families. We will take a look at the font in which they were baptised, make something to remind us of our baptism, sing some songs and then join together for a celebration picnic.

In the baptism services parents thank God for his gift of life and make the decision to start their child on the journey of faith asking the people in church for their support. Baptism marks the start of a journey of faith, turning towards Christ and becoming a member of the local and worldwide Christian family. In baptism, we are thanking God for his gift of life and publicly acknowledging his love. We are acknowledging that we all need to turn away from selfishness and evil and to accept God's offer of a new start.

A number of important actions and symbols are used in a baptism service.

- **The sign of the cross** - the priest makes the sign of the cross on the child's forehead. This is like an invisible badge to show that Christians are united with Christ and must not be ashamed to stand up for their faith in him.
- **Water** - the priest pours water on the child's head. Water is a sign of washing and cleansing. In baptism it is a sign of being washed free from sin and beginning a new life with God. Water is a sign of life, but also a symbol of death. When we are baptized, it is as though our old life is buried in the waters (like drowning) and we are raised to new life with Christ.
- **The welcome** - the church congregation says some formal words of welcome to acknowledge that the child has joined the Church and to show how pleased they are to have them among them.
- **Candles** - Jesus is the light of the world. A candle is given to the child as a reminder of the light which has come into their life.

One of the earliest names for the Christian faith is 'the way'. Those who have been baptised are on a journey. The goal of this journey is a relationship with God, life and worship in the church and service and witness in the world. Parents and godparents promise, with the help of the church community, to help their child follow a way of life that reflects goodness and light and shares this light with others.

The 'celebration' on Sunday 19th should be a fun occasion. It is our way of helping those children on their journey of faith. All of any age are welcome to join us and help us celebrate, especially if you were baptised in St. Andrew's church.

Sarah Godfrey

**CHURCH SERVICES
September 2010**

THURSDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER

12.00 Lunch time Communion Milborne

5th SEPTEMBER – Trinity 14

9.30am Family Communion and Thanksgiving 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 9th SEPTEMBER

12.00 Lunch-time Communion Puddletown

12th SEPTEMBER – Trinity 15

8.15am 1662 Said Communion Puddletown
9.30 Methodist Joint Service St. Johns
Tolpuddle
9.30 Parish Communion Milborne
11.00 Family service Puddletown
Village Hall
11.00 Family Communion Dewlish

THURSDAY 16th SEPTEMBER

12.00 Lunch-time Communion Dewlish

19th SEPTEMBER – Trinity 16

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

THURSDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER

12.00 Lunch-time Communion Tolpuddle

**26th SEPTEMBER – Trinity 17
'Back to Church Sunday'**

9.30am Holy Communion Tolpuddle
9.30 Harvest Festival Milborne
11.00 Family Service Dewlish
6.00pm Harvest Festival Puddletown

Flowers – w/e Saturday

28th August and 4th September Pat Tribe
11th and 18th September Pat Tribe
25th September HARVEST
All helpers please
2nd and 9th October Eve Richardson

**St. Andrew's Church CURRY SUPPER
Tuesday 7th September, 6.00pm–9.00pm**

Please reserve me.....tickets @ £6 each

NAME:.....

ADDRESS:.....

Tel No.:.....

Church Cleaning – w/e Saturday

4th September Margaret Hurley and
Eva Stockley
11th September Geoff and Pat Bull
18th September John and Ann Miller
25th September Victoria Bone and
Lin Chatfield

MILBORNE ST. ANDREW CHURCH NOTES

Bringing the whole benefice together

JULY and August is our quiet holiday period which helps everyone to recharge their batteries. The Athelhampton Fete on August Bank Holiday Monday (30th August) will bring the whole benefice together again. This is a very busy day and, we hope, a good day both financially and socially. Milborne is in charge of the bric-a-brac stall – where you will always find a bargain, we hope. We would appreciate receiving items for sale. Anyone who would like to help on the day should contact Pat Tribe (Tel: 837684) or Eva Stockley (Tel: 837468).

Midday Communion on Thursday 2nd September will open our regular series of services. We always meet beforehand at 11.00am for coffee/tea and biscuits. Please come along and enjoy a chat. Everyone is welcome to stay for Communion at 12noon.

Were you baptised in St. Andrew's in the last 10 years?

After a busy year we closed the monthly Milborne Praise with our usual Father's Day picnic at the Village Hall. The weather was good and we all had a great time with games, music and a shared picnic tea. "Baptism Praise" on Sunday 19th September will see the start of our new programme. Please note: *this will be held in church*. We are inviting everyone who has been baptised in Milborne St. Andrew's Church in the last 10 years to come to a picnic with their friends and family. We will begin thanking God for our baptism in church at 4.00pm, and afterwards move outside for the grand picnic. Please bring with you picnic food that we can all share. Everyone is welcome.

Celebrating harvest time

The Village Lunches have been very well supported throughout the year and we appreciate the help of The Royal Oak in providing the meals at the Village Hall. Harvest Lunch will be on Saturday 25th September. We will be celebrating harvest time with a roast lunch. People are asked to bring along any garden produce which can then be taken up to church for our Harvest Festival service on the following Sunday morning.

Time to get riding and striding!

The Dorset Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride takes place on Saturday 11th September, and, if anyone would enjoy the challenge of taking part, it is not too late to join in. The idea is to be sponsored to walk or cycle to as many churches as possible between 10.00am and 6.00pm. You are allowed to be driven to your first church and collected from your last. The money you raise is divided equally between the Historic Churches Trust and the church of your choice. This is an ecumenical venture so you do not have to choose a Church of England church. If you are interested, please contact Pat Tribe (tel: 837684) for a sponsor form and further details.

The autumn leaves . . . and rakes, spades, forks and strimmers!

There are several jobs that need doing in St. Andrew's churchyard while the weather is still reasonable so we hope volunteers will join a working party on Saturday 2nd October. Tools needed: spades,

forks, rakes, strimmers, etc. We will start at 10.00am. So, if you are feeling in need of a little healthy exercise and can spare an hour (or more), please come along. Tea, coffee and home-made cake will be available for the workers and, if you fancy taking away some compost too, bring a sack! If it happens to be pouring with rain, we will postpone of course but if the weather is just a little uncertain, please ring Pat Tribe (837684) to see what's happening.

Hot tickets for a curry supper

This month the church will have its five-yearly inspection by the Diocesan Architect called a Quinquennial Report. Although we have many people who voluntarily keep our church looking well-cared for, this inspection could throw up some drastic repair that will cost money. For this reason (writes Eva Stockley) I have decided to put on a Curry Supper in my garden at 24 Stileham Bank (weather permitting) on Tuesday 7th September, 6.00pm–9.00pm. Feel free to come along any time during the evening.

For catering purposes I need to know numbers. If you would like to come, tickets will be on sale at £6 each. This includes soft drinks but please bring your own wine or beer if you wish. There will be a raffle and perhaps some bric-a-brac items left over from Athelhampton Fete available for purchase.

Numbers will be restricted just in case of bad weather. Please use the tear-off slip bottom of page three and put it through my door or Pat Tribe's (at 14 Blandford Hill) with your money (Cash or cheque – cheques should be payable to Milborne St. Andrew PCC). If you are unable to come but would like to make a donation to the Church Fabric Fund, please use the same tear-off slip and mark it "Donation".

Looking forward to seeing you. Many thanks for your support.

Eva Stockley and Pat Tribe (Churchwardens)

DEWLISH CHURCH NOTES

It was an Awesome picnic

THE Parish Picnic was a most enjoyable occasion. Jim led the service, and the Awesome group performed a dance which had been choreographed by Mrs Nicki Burg, along with some input from the girls themselves. Well done! You were all really good and we thank you all. A big thank-you, too, to Ed for operating the sound system and for his help in setting everything up for us.

Our Harvest Festival will be held on Sunday 3rd October at 6.00pm in the church. This will be followed on the Monday by the Harvest Supper and Auction. Further details next month.

Daphne Burg

100 CLUB WINNERS

Draw Date – Tuesday 20th July 2010

1st prize	£100	Alan Maitland
2nd prize	£50	Rose Frost
3rd prize	£28	James Cowley

Draw Date – Tuesday 24th August 2010

1st prize	£100	Eva Stockley
2nd prize	£50	Helen Pugh
3rd prize	£20	Paul Beven

Drawn approximately every 5 weeks

The next draw is at 8.00pm, in The Royal Oak,
on Tuesday 28th September 2010

Anyone is welcome to attend

New members always welcome

Church Contacts

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Associate Priest	Sarah Godfrey	01258 839067

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Milborne St. Andrew

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Pat Tribe	01258 837684

Dewlish

Jim Burg	01258 837466
Sue Britton	01258 837218

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Milborne Ladybirds Playgroup

Urgent help required!

IT'S been a while since we last submitted a piece in the *Reporter*. We have had a couple of summers without running our traditional village Barn Dance up at the School. One could be forgiven for thinking that we have developed a severe apathy or that our efforts have been directed in another direction. Well the latter would be true.

Many of you will know that we have been working on a project to move the playgroup to a bespoke setting on the School site. Indeed many of you have been seconded for your specialist expertise to the scheme. The efforts of the Playgroup and those who have responded to our needs have been fantastic.

Well now is the most testing time in our history. We have succeeded in securing the bulk of funding from Surestart but this is conditional on securing financial support from other sources. We have shaken out the piggybank completely and found the true figure needed is £55,000. We have to show Surestart that we have this funding in place in early October or the funding they have earmarked will have to go back to the central pot. As you are aware from the recent Budget there has been a need for severe cuts all round and supporting early years education has taken its toll as well.

We are applying to every funding source that we can think of. Most we are not eligible for and most that we are only offer small grant contribution. We realise how tight the situation is and have to face the realistic prospect that we may not prevail. Those with any connection to children who have used our facility will recognise its high quality and commitment to the core values of the Early Years Foundation Scheme. These are reflected in our most recent OFSTED report which was very good. The inspectors pointed out that, under our current circumstances, we would not be able to achieve the

excellent status that is our constant aim and which we feel we are worthy of.

If there were an easy solution to this situation I expect we would have found it by now. Short of a worthy benefactor we would be grateful to receive pledges of advice or support in our continued effort to achieve the sum required. We will let the Village know the outcome in the late autumn when we ourselves are clearer of our circumstances and what our plan for the future would be.

Ladybirds remains a thriving group run to the highest standards – something that we are all very proud of. The positive educational benefits conferred on children who have been through the group are noted at School and objective national evidence would suggest pre-school education to be a unique educational advantage for all children. As yet there is no talk of removing financial support to parents of children over the age of three to give access to a playgroup place. Long may this continue.

Rob Sawdy

Police visit to Ladybirds

IN the Summer term PC Dave Mullins visited Ladybirds and talked to the children about stranger danger. The children practised shouting "NO!" loudly if approached by a stranger offering them lifts or sweets. PC Mullins showed the children and explained his uniform and equipment – handcuffing Liz – then he allowed the children to sit in the police car.

Ladybirds return on Monday 6th September at the earlier starting time of 9 o'clock. The free provision for all three and four year olds from the term after their third birthday increases to 15 hours a week in September. Ladybirds sessions are therefore three hours a day – 9.00am–12 noon with early birds 8.30–9.00am and lunch club 12.00 noon–1.00pm.

Liz Dyer



Milborne Ladybirds Playgroup

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Opening times:

Early birds 8:30 to 9:00, Session 9:00 to 12:00, Lunch club 12:00 to 1:00

Contact Details: Liz Dyer 01258 839117
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1980



1990



2000

WI Tree at Parish Pit

IN 1979 when the Parish Council of the day wished to tidy the Parish Pit a tree planting scheme was planned and costed. To keep down cost they agreed to the suggestion that trees could be sponsored.

Many individuals and village organisations accepted the offer, and the WI was one of them. They were allocated a lime tree on the Ansty lane side of the site. For the sake of posterity



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every ten years, to put in the Scrap Book.

Over the years many members have either left, moved home or passed away, and the only three members remaining are Heather Hogg, Sheila Ryall and June Maitland, and the tree is now a really lovely specimen.

Who knows who will be there in 2020?!

WI visit Moreton Church

THE WI outing this year was very close to home! Following a fascinating talk during the winter by Mrs Bryant about Moreton Church it was arranged to visit the church and Mrs Bryant was on hand to give us a guided tour. It was followed by a lovely cream tea.

The next meeting is Thursday 9th September – Abandoned places in the south west – all welcome. Our not-to-be-missed “Diamond” evening will be on Thursday 14th October – watch this space for details.



ABBNEY SWIMMING CLUB

The Club is based at Milton Abbey School, Milton Abbas, which has a 25 metre indoor swimming pool.

Membership is open to anyone. Members range in age from less than a year to over 80. This is a social and friendly club. Join us and keep fit.

The pool is hired for 4 sessions a week. Lifeguards supervise all sessions. RLSS National Lifeguard and Bronze Medallion courses are available as well as swimming lessons for adults and children.

Annual Membership

Adults £80. Senior Citizens £60. Juniors (17 and under) £28 as part of a family, £45 individual.
Children (3 and under as part of a family) free.

Club Sessions

- Tuesdays: 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm
- Fridays: 7.30 pm – 8.30 pm
- Saturdays: 10.00 am – 12.00 noon
- Sundays: 8.00 am – 9.00 am

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July Parish Council Meeting – a snapshot of everything that goes on

Winter Grit Squad – at present we have three volunteers but need three more. It is suggested that once the grit bins are located, more people may volunteer. An action plan would then be put in place for any emergency condition. Contact Paul Morgan (01258 837619), the Parish Clerk Colin Fletcher (01258 450639).

Do you remember that the Council wanted to put in a speed restriction in Lane End? It has been withdrawn in part due to the financial implication. Only if there can be shown to be a safety problem will it be reviewed.

Have you noticed that the gates at the Sports Field are not latching? Paul Morgan is to try and get them sorted. Let Paul know if they are still being a problem! Paul is also going to investigate to cost of the Tarmac path and “disabled parking space and ramped access”. The present quotes received are all above the allocated grant.

PC Mullins in an email has said there was no reported crime in MSA for June – do you know any different?

John Harris has agreed to act as Flood Warden as Brian Cullum is to stand down (1st July) and Dave Andrews is also standing down. John – you’ll be fine – just look over the garden wall and tell us if the stream is behaving itself!

The council has received an email from Nigel Hodder, suggesting that we should have a welcome pack for new residents in much the same way as Milton Abbas (things like bus timetable, etc.). This is not something PC could do, but maybe someone in the village would like to take this on board. Let the Parish Council know if you’re interested.

Colin Fletcher (Clerk) has written a letter asking to resign at the end of September. Mike Hopper (the new Chairman) has asked him to reconsider, and so is not accepting his resignation at this time. Colin will think about it.

At the Open Session, the public were asked not to include the relocation of the bus stop! Items included:

- Parish Plan will be circulated at next meeting (September) to adopt it as final document.
- Right of Way No.20 – please contact Tony Dyer if gravel is needed.
- Mike Mullett complained about fly tipping in Snag Lane, he has spoken to NDDC, whose duty it is to clear, however he ended up clearing it himself.
- June has commented about the pot holes at the eroding edges of the road near Michael Miller’s Barn.
- Leading on from the above two comments, Colin suggested the website “FixmyStreet” where all matters concerning roads can be reported. And the **more people who report** things, the **more likely** it will be that it will **get done**. Experience has shown that a solitary phone call from our Parish Council does not seem to get them moving!
- Robin reported on the footpath from Crown Court to Stileham Bank, where responsibility for upkeep is an ongoing argument. It has been confirmed that Signpost is responsible for keeping the footpath clear.

Do you remember the notorious Milton Road corner planting scheme, and the open meeting where it was revised, with the approval of those present, to be planters and a bench? Marion Regan is to continue with the push to get the planters and a bench, she is to approach Steve Howard to see if the obelisk fund could be used to finance this, as the original finance of the corner has now disappeared. The planting will be reduced accordingly, and a local resident has offered to keep them watered.

Eyesores – 1. Goulds Farm the part demolished bungalow. 2. The corner house known locally as Mrs Ham’s. Is there any way we can make the owners of these properties take responsibility for improving the appearance?

Next meeting: Wednesday 8th September at 7.30pm. Sue Gould

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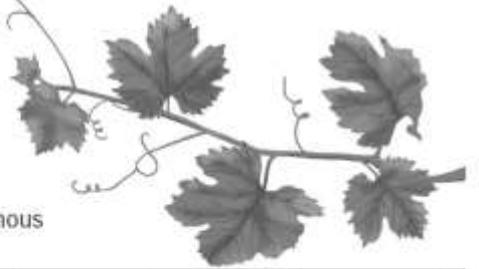
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Wanted: Some 'BIG SOCIETY' volunteers

PART of the children's play equipment has almost fallen off its perch and is in urgent need of some TLC. I refer to the Rainbow Unit that is the centrepiece of MSA Disneyworld. In MOT terms it passed its recent annual safety inspection but with a number of "advisements".

Following years of standing alone facing everything the elements could throw at and the odd bit of vandalism to boot, old age has finally caught up with it. Parts of the metal structure requires some rust protection, the timber flooring and some of the side panels need replacing and the whole thing needs a jolly good repaint.

The trustees could have chopped the whole thing down and then looked for another pot of gold (about £18,000 worth) to replace it with a similar playscape. That would have been the easy option, they chose instead to pay Wicksteeds, the play equipment provider about £750 for the work to date and to carry out essential repairs within the community.

The man in a van from Wicksteeds, duly arrived and stripped out all the old bolts and screw inserts and replaced some of the flooring. The unit looks a bit naked at the moment with bits missing, Bob Lovett of Puddletown forge is sandblasting some of the metal bits and repairing the climbing rope anchor fittings but someone other than a wood butcher is urgently needed to cut out some new timber panels and flooring. Any volunteers?

Perhaps some of the parents of the young children who regularly use the equipment would like to step up to the mark and



volunteer their services to help extend the life of this unit? It has happened before, many times, and to prove it, here is a picture of the volunteers who carried out the last repaint jobbie. Margaret Evans will await your call. *Richard Lock*

Weather in Milborne St. Andrew June and July 2010

LACK of rainfall continued throughout June and July. The total June rainfall was 40.4mm which was 80% of average and the July rainfall total of 32.1mm was 63% of average.

Total rainfall for the six months to the end of June in Milborne was 363.4mm which was close to the Met Office national average figure for that period of 356.8mm. The Met Office claim that this figure was the lowest reading since 1929 when 275.7mm was recorded but here in Milborne there have been nine years out of the last 40 when rainfall for the first six months of the year has been lower than this year, the lowest being in 1976 when only 141.4mm was recorded.

Whilst the summer has been dry it has not been a particularly hot summer. The maximum temperature of 30°Celsius that occurred on the 24th May was not quite equalled in either June or July and is unlikely to be exceeded in August. Northerly winds predominated in June but stronger southerly winds returned in mid-July and it was particularly windy on 15th and 16th of that month.

There have not been any thunderstorms at all in the area this year so far which is unusual. We can normally expect eight thunderstorms a year on average most of which occur during the summer and can cause considerable damage. On the 5th June 1983, a series of thunderstorms crossed south Dorset with golf ball sized hail stones which caused damage to roofs and sank a boat in Christchurch harbour. Coal and coke was lifted by a tornado from a store in Wareham and later dumped on Poole and Bournemouth.

The cereal harvest is now well underway and I am reminded of the words of William Morris:

"Now came fulfillment of the year's desire;
The tall wheat, coloured by the August fire,
Grew heavy-headed, dreading its decay.
And blacker grew the elm-trees day by day."

Pluvius

The Meeting – Did you go?

THIS was the one where the bus stop was discussed, shouted about, argued, and decided upon. It was chaired by Marion Regan, the Vice Chairman, as Simon Curtis (the Chairman) had resigned in the intervening time.

Feelings were high, sparked by yet another petition, many faces were familiar from the meeting about the Milton Road corner. It began with facts – from Steve Howard, mainly to do with the lifted kerb to enable wheelchair/disabled/easier access to transport. Basically we couldn't have them wherever the bus stop is, as they do them in pairs, one to get on, one to get off the bus. The argument being that if you get on the bus in a wheelchair, you will need to get off when you return. The kerb edge outside the opposite bus stop cannot be raised – end of discussion!

What followed was vaguely democratic, but the problem is, when people get cross, politeness fades a little, and the ability to listen goes down too. Well done to all those who spoke, it took a lot of courage to do so in that environment. And many of the arguments were very valid – for instance:

- Most users come from Milton Road, they would have to walk further
- If the bus stop were moved, the traffic would flow better at the Milton Road junction
- The Village Plan survey showed 75% of people wanted it moved (but not necessarily to the layby)
- The camber of the pavement by the corner thatched cottage is bad for those of limited mobility (to walk to layby)

These are just a few of the points raised. The overriding argument being, if we can't improve the situation, why change it. In the end a show of hands was given, maybe we should all have worn brown bags over our heads so that others could not see which way we voted – it was scary! Vote of hands showed 9 for the move, 21 against the move.

During the "official" meeting, the Parish Council had to do the mandatory vote on this, it was proposed and seconded that the bus stop should NOT be moved. This was carried, and the comment made that if ever the place the bus stopped came into dispute again, it should be proposed by the community as a whole, and not by the Parish Council or any survey. *Sue Gould*

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MUGA and FEDGE update

PLANNING consent has been given to the multi use games area (MUGA) subject to a number of conditions being met. None of the conditions are a problem, in fact, they were mostly in the design access statement. The rebound fencing will be a dark green to blend in with the bank, drainage will be provided on the bank side to protect the foundations, no timed lighting was asked for and the fence panels themselves will not be so heavy or high that it resembles a prison. The court will be big enough for recreational tennis and it is planned to mark out the court with 5 a side football, netball and basketball. The supplier has suggested a green surface and the tarmac itself will be permeable.

Detailed costings are being worked up as we speak and it is hoped that all of the above will be well within budget. On 23rd October there is a major display at the Village Hall by play equipment manufacturers planned by Dorset Community Action in association with Dorset County Council. This has been set as a target for completion of the work although the colouring of the surface will have to wait until the spring 2011. No bad thing as it will allow the tarmac to rest and harden.

£46,500 has been earmarked for this project from the North Dorset Liveability Fund and on the day before the Government pulled the plug on the Playbuilder programme, we were awarded a further £5,000 grant. Luckily, our Playbuilder bid for the Zip wire and birdnest swing was in the first year's programme. Some may call that being greedy, others may have a different view, I just think it's crazy, just crazy and I'm chuffed to nuts about it.

A FEDGE is a cross between a hedge and a fence hence the term FEDGE. It is a living fence made up of tree cuttings and mulch which encourages the development of a wide range of creepy crawlies and wildlife. The wildflower meadow show is almost over now and the next phase is to spot kill the weeds, pick or dead-head the wildflower seeds and gather some more seeds from a large 'donor' field near Cheselbourne and scatter the seeds ready for next year. Some of the trees and bushes on site will be managed and the cuttings placed in the fedge. The Blandford Road half of the upper level is to be left as it is with a couple of cuts per year so the whole village hall area will have a wide range of uses. It would be nice to see people coming forward to help with managing the upper area and maybe they will now that the bike track never got off the drawing board, let alone the ground.

Open and above board

JUST a reminder to everyone that the village website contains a wealth of information on the activities of the Village Hall. The depth and extent of information available is second to none. Check it out: www.milbornestandrew.org.uk/villagehall.

The bookings calendar can be used online and is gaining in popularity and under the 'management' section you can read all the relevant minutes, marvel at the past achievements and see what the priority issues are for the current year.

To the regular hall users, all this information will come as no surprise. The trustees are drawn from the regular user groups and each one is tasked with reporting back on the management business and to bring to meeting the views of their respective groups, albeit when it comes to making decisions, the first and overriding priority is always that of controlling and managing the Village Hall itself.

Moviola, one last chance

THE Village Hall is indebted to Alice Harrell who has stepped in to help Maggie promote and organise the Moviola. Some really top line films have been planned for the new season and unless we get good support (bums on seats) the Dorset Touring Film Company (Moviola) will stop coming. Check out the advert and if you would like to help in any way, even cook the pre film meal, then give Maggie or Alice a ring.

Richard Lock



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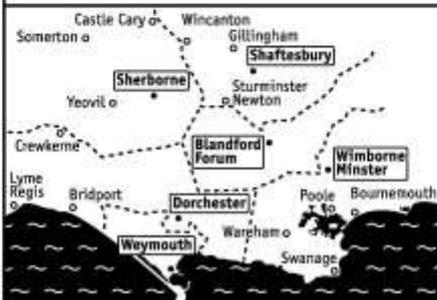
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The last issue of the *Reporter* was published just as some of us undertook a 2½k walk around the village on a very hot Sunday morning in various states of undress to raise money for Breast Cancer Research. Many thanks to Val Andrews and Kay Parnaby for organising the route and to Dave and Steve for the much needed refreshment stop and to the ladies and dogs who walked and to those who we bullied into giving us money. A fantastic £380 was raised and next year we hope to make it bigger and better.



On the subject of fund raising The Oak Motorcycle Rally in aid of Poole Cancer Care Unit Wish List was a fantastic day with a bouncy castle and face painting for the family as well as around 100 motorbikes taking part in a rally from the pub to West Bay and then back via Weymouth to be greeted with a band and a BBQ. A massive £2,193.58 was raised on the day and a huge thanks goes to The Carpenter Family, Jo Eccleson, GW Electrics and anyone else who took part in, donated something, helped marshall, cooked burgers or was remotely involved in any way at all! (far too many to mention, sorry). The day was attended by many village families as well as bikers from far afield who had stayed over in local B&B's the night before and was deemed a great success. Next year's event is already in the diary so we will keep you updated.

As well as fund raising our quiz nights continued to July and are dominated by the Building Site revenge team so our October quiz might see some challengers. We also had great fun watching the World Cup, Wimbledon and Lisa Makk.

September brings all sorts of new ideas with bingo and a curry night as well as our First Birthday Celebration on Saturday 25th September. So put that date in your diary as you would be mad to miss the party.
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	Chair: Mike Claydon	01258 837314
Parish Council –	Clerk: Colin Fletcher	01258 450639
Milborne St. Andrew	Chair: Michael Hopper	01258 837642

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
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Women's Institute	Linda Wright	01258 837255

General – Youth

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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

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September

- Monday 6th **Computer Club** restarts. Village Hall Committee Room 6.30–7.30pm – see page 3.
- Wednesday 8th **Badminton Club** restarts, Milborne First School, 7.00–9.00pm all welcome – see page 18.
- Friday 10th **Computer Drop-In** restarts. Village Hall Committee Room 10.00am–12 noon – see page 3.
- Saturday 11th **Dorset Historic Churches Trust** Cycle Ride– see page 5. Please sponsor Pat Tribe.
- Saturday 11th **Gardening Club Show** Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall. 2.00–4.00pm – see page 25.
- Sunday 12th **Novelty Dog Show** Park Farm, Milton Abbas 3.00pm in aid of St. James's Fundraisers – schedules from Milton Abbas Post Office
- Friday 24th–
Saturday 25th **Milborne Players** "Don't Misunderstand Me" by Patrick Cargill. Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall. 7.45pm – see pages 2 and 16.
- Sunday 26th **Harvest Festival** Milborne St. Andrew Church 9.30pm
- Tuesday 28th **The St. John Lecture and Supper** by Dr Jonathan Riley Smith. Talbot Heath School, Bournemouth. 6.30pm for 7.00pm. Tickets. Advanced bookings only from St John Ambulance, Dorset 01305 751167.

October

- 2nd Saturday **Hotpot Supper and Quiz** Sports Pavilion, Lane End, Milborne St. Andrew. 8.00pm. Licensed Bar and Raffle. Numbers for Supper are limited, so please book with Roger Harrall 01258 837371 or email roger.harrall@gmail.com

Regular Bookings at the Village Hall

- Beavers** Monday 6.00–7.15pm MH (term time only)
- Computer Club** Monday 6.30–7.30pm CR (term time only)
- Ladybirds Playgroup** Monday–Friday 9.15am–11.45pm (or 12.45pm depending on whether there is a lunch club) MH (term time only)
- Players** Monday 8.00–10pm MH
- ABC Line dancers** Tuesday 7.30–10.00pm 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 7.30–10pm 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
- Women's Institute** second Thursday 7.30–10.00pm
- 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 4.00–5.30pm MH
- Moviola** and supper about every six 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)
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Moviola presents "Invictus" (12A)

Thursday 30th September 2010

INVICTUS tells the inspiring true story of how Nelson Mandela (Morgan Freeman) joined forces with the captain of South Africa's rugby team, Francois Pienaar (Matt Damon), to help unite their country. The newly elected President Mandela knows his nation remains racially and economically divided in the wake of apartheid. Believing he can bring his people together through the universal language of sport, Mandela rallies South Africa's underdog rugby team as they make an unlikely run to the 1995 World Cup Championship match.

This film opens with images of two sports pitches. On one side of a narrow road lies a rugged patch of scrubland where stick-thin black kids holler as they run around playing football. On the other side, on green and tended grass overseen by a fierce taskmaster of a schoolteacher, rich white boys play rugger. It is set in the early 90s, as exiled South Africa's ANC leader Nelson Mandela is at last released from Robben Island to become the country's leader. He finds himself presiding over a population of vengeful blacks and nervous whites, to which he must bring about racial unity. He seizes upon the nation's rugby team, the Springboks, and uses the symbolism and feel-good potential of sport, so appealing to political leaders, to do just that.

Clint Eastwood's *Invictus* suggests that sport can unite a nation but leaves a number of nagging questions about apartheid and its legacy. Recreating real life is tricky ground for filmmakers, particularly when the event is etched firmly in history. What the film loses in the element of surprise, it more than makes up for in its portrait of Mandela by delving into why he is such an extraordinary human being. *Invictus* won Oscar nominations for Best Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role, by Morgan Freeman, who's Mandela is avuncular yet unconventional, and Best Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role, by Matt Damon, who is also compelling as Pienaar, the dedicated team captain, who comes to believe that sport has the power to bring down barriers between class, culture and race.

Alice Harrall

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Milton Abbas and Miborne St. Andrew Surgery

FLU CLINIC

This years clinic will be on the 9th October 2010 at Winterborne Whitechurch Village Hall. The clinic will be from 9.00–12 noon. Using the letter of your surname to indicate the time you should attend worked very well last year and we will be using the same system this year. The surname system is only a guideline to avoid a long queue. We fully understand if you need to bring someone with a different surname, are bringing a group or have time limitations we are happy to 'bend the rules'!

However, if you are able we would appreciate it if you could come between the times listed for the first letter of your surname:-

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LETTERS TO THE REPORTER

Gritting Bins

Thank you to Adrian Whiting and Mrs Butler who have offered to help with gritting when the bad weather comes. Thanks also to June Maitland who has offered some muscle should a grit bin be placed near to her by the Parish Council. I could do with another 2-3 volunteers please.

Paul Morgan (Parish Councillor)

Dear Friends

This is to let you know that the 2010 Roger's Rant was a great success. Not only have we had a lot of positive feed back but we have raised a pleasing amount for charity.

After paying the bills, etc, due to your generosity, we have been able to send a cheque to both the RNLI and the Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance of £231.66 each.

Well done everybody. Thank you to everyone who helped and supported the weekend.

During August I will be uploading photos on to the Roger's Rant MySpace web site and also will ask Ed to put them on our page of the Village web site.

If you have any photos of the Rant that you could send to me, for this purpose, I would be grateful.

With thanks, Roger & Alice

Dear Editor,

It is such a pity that the plans for the plant containers on the corner of Milton Road have all come to nothing, after what must have been a lot of work by the Parish Council. The flowers would have looked really good and brightened up our village. Luckily for us The Royal Oak has triumphed this summer with some very pretty, colourful baskets and tubs, which look fantastic.

Linda Harris

Street lamps

The street lamps are multiplying! Some are standing, like a child next to the parent, next to each other. Others have run away and planted themselves in some really annoying places - like in front of the living room window. Some roads have had the invasion, others will be completely ignored, and others are waiting with baited breath!

I have it on expert authority that these are more economical, and less

light polluting. It's because they don't spread their light that we've had to have more of them.

However, it's only existing lit roads that are being done, all the dark spots in the village will remain just that . . . Dark.

Sue Gould



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In your Garden

Seasonal notes and tips from Maureen Lock of *Designer Gardens*

Late summer in the garden

PLANNING your border: Unless you have worked out a successional planting plan for your garden, it is likely that late August will be one of those times when there is very little colour. However, if you deadhead faded flowers you are more likely to persuade the plant to produce more blooms. This applies particularly to bedding plants such as antirrhinums, cosmos, marigolds, pansies and petunias.

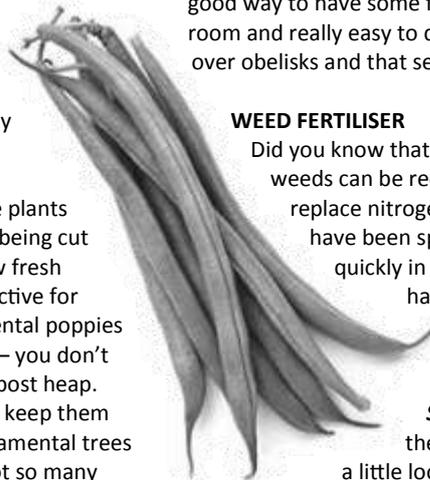
If you have planned your borders, then now is the time when Rudbeckia, Echinacea, Agapanthus and many grasses start to flower. Roses too may have their second flush of flowers now.

Have you heard of the *mid-season chop*? Some of the plants that looked great in June and July will now benefit from being cut hard back – this will encourage the plant to produce new fresh foliage and maybe some more flowers. This is really effective for Alchemilla mollis (Lady's Mantle), Nepeta (Catmint), oriental poppies and hardy geraniums. Just take a pair of shears to them – you don't need to be too delicate and put the cuttings on the compost heap.

August is the month when hedges can be trimmed to keep them nice and neat – but watch out for any nesting birds. Ornamental trees such as flowering cherries can be pruned as there are not so many diseases around at this time of the year to infect the wounds. Pruning now will also allow trees to heal before the onset of winter.

On the veg patch, many crops are ready to be harvested. I love it when just about every meal is from produce from your own garden – you can't beat it. Lovely young carrots, green beans, loads of courgettes

(usually) and tasty salad crops – yummy! It makes those weeks of hard work earlier in the season so worthwhile. I just wish I had more room to grow some soft fruit too. All the fences in my vegetable garden are covered with espaliered apple, pear and cherry trees. This is a really good way to have some fresh fruit without them taking up too much room and really easy to do. I also grow blackberries and loganberries over obelisks and that seems to work well too.



WEED FERTILISER

Did you know that you can make fertiliser from weeds? The weeds can be recycled to make liquid fertiliser which will replace nitrogen in the garden. You can even use weeds that have been sprayed with glyphosate as this breaks down quickly in the environment, but don't use weeds that have been sprayed with anything else.

All you need is a large plastic container – a dustbin would be good if you can spare the room.

Step 1: Fill the plastic container with weeds and then cover it with water, replace the lid leaving it a little loose to allow fermentation gases to escape in hot weather. Leave it undisturbed in a spot where any smells will not disturb you until the vegetable matter has completely disintegrated. This will only take a few weeks in warm weather.

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News From Milton Abbas and Milborne St. Andrew Surgery

What happened to healthy pulses?

It's still here! but has moved. The clinic is now at Milton Abbas on Tuesday afternoons. We have redesigned it to manage more conditions and involve more medical staff. This should reduce the amount of trips to the surgery for people with multiple problems, avoiding a visit for each separate condition. The surgery will continue to remind you when your appointment is due. For those patients who need blood tests prior to their healthy pulses check, you will be notified as before, and your healthy pulses appointment made when you attend for your blood test. We understand that some patients may be unable to attend on a Tuesday afternoon. If this is the case please notify the receptionist who will make alternative arrangements for you.

Open Surgery every morning

Your feedback from the open surgery trial has been very positive. Therefore, from the beginning of August we will be extending this service and will run an open surgery each morning. To avoid everyone arriving at once you will still need to telephone the surgery as early as possible. We will give you an indication of the time you need to arrive and inform you of the location, either at Milton Abbas or Milborne St. Andrew.

For those of you who have not yet used this service, our open surgery is run by a number of medical staff, including doctors and a nurse practitioner. You will be able to see the most appropriate person to treat your condition or meet your need on the day. Our aim is to ensure patients can have easy access to treatment where necessary without having to wait for an appointment. We will continue to provide booked appointments for those patients who would prefer to wait for an appointment on another day or for the doctor of their choice.

Surgery Opening Times from 1st August 2010		
	Milton Abbas	Milborne St. Andrew
Monday	8.30am – 1.00pm 2.00pm – 6.00pm	8.30am – 12.00 noon
Tuesday	8.30am – 1.00pm 2.00pm – 6.00pm	8.30am – 12.00 noon 4.00pm – 6.00pm
Wednesday	8.30am – 6.00pm	Closed
Thursday	8.30am – 6.00pm	8.30am – 12.00 noon
Friday	8.30am – 6.00pm	Closed
Saturday	8.30am – 10.30am	Closed

Milborne St. Andrew Surgery times are subject to change depending on staffing levels.

Saturday morning surgeries are for booked appointments and prescription collection only. Unfortunately we are unable to offer an urgent walk in service.

MEDICINE CABINET – The surgery often advise our patients **by telephone for minor ailments. This month we asked Carol, our advanced nurse practitioner, about things you need to keep in your medicine cabinet and for her advice about dealing with minor ailments.**

Pain – Your medicine cabinet should always contain paracetamol and/ or ibuprofen which are very cheap to buy at local shops and chemists. We believe you if you say you have pain, you do not need to be a martyr to demonstrate this – take a painkiller! Likewise, if your child has a fever, give the medicine in the highest recommended dose.

Insect bites – An over the counter remedy should be available such as cetirizine tablets. Most bites do NOT become infected unless scratched excessively. Redness is normal and should subside in 48–72 hours. Applying ice packs (covered in cloth) is a great way to relieve the itching and swelling.

Ticks – A good pair of tweezers to remove the tick. Grasp the tick as near to the skin as possible and pull gently to remove. See the doctor if you develop flu like symptoms (can be up to six weeks after the bite) or if a rash develops resembling a 'bulls eye' with a pale centre surrounded by redness.

Weever fish – If you experience a sharp sting in the shallows of the beach you may have been stung by a weever fish. Classically two pin prick areas within one centimetre of each other and a tingling painful sensation followed by swelling and redness. Not in the medicine cabinet but immersing in hot water (as hot as you can bear without scalding the skin) will dilute the sting.

Sunburn – Remember, even late summer sun can burn the skin. Best to avoid the sun, but if you do get burned, drink lots of water and liberally apply a moisturising solution.

Cuts and Grazes – Clean well with tap water or an antiseptic wipe (good to carry with you if you are out and about). Remove all debris if injured on gravel. If a wound fails to stop bleeding then you need medical help. Cover with an 'island' plaster (a plaster with a non-sticky bit in the middle).

Sprains and strains – If you can walk on an injured ankle it is generally not broken. Apply an ice pack, covered with a cloth, take ibuprofen to reduce the inflammation, and elevate the limb. Care should be taken with young children whose bones bend and crack, rather than break.

Burns – BBQ's are always hazardous!. Burns should be held under cold running water for at least ten minutes to reverse the burn. Extensive burns (bigger than your hand), facial burns and burns where the skin has a white waxy appearance need urgent medical advice. Do NOT apply creams, toothpaste or any other substance. Clingfilm is great for covering burns whilst seeking medical attention. Shutting out the air eliminates the pain. Circumferential burns i.e. all around the limb, need urgent medical attention.

Conjunctivitis – May well be an allergy, particularly if associated with a runny nose and sneezing. Keep antihistamine tablets (cetirizine again) in your medicine cabinet, available from the chemist. Sticky eyes will benefit from bathing with cooled, boiled water. Diluted baby shampoo is particularly good for removing stubborn crusty bits. If you have visual problems associated with conjunctivitis seek medical advice.

Foreign bodies in the eye – If you have pain after removal or cannot remove the object seek medical advice.

So your medicine cabinet or first aid kit should contain – Tweezers, Antihistamine (e.g. cetirizine), Paracetamol, Ibuprofen, Island Plasters, Antiseptic wipes, An ice pack.

And remember!

- Sun hats and drinking water in hot weather.
- Sore throats often improve with simple painkillers and often do not need medical intervention.
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Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club



OUR members' trip to West Dean Gardens in July proved to be a great success and was enjoyed by everyone. Fortunately the rain cleared as soon as we had had our coffee, and we were able to wander round the lovely grounds. The kitchen gardens were to be envied with their vast display of different produce being grown in very neat, weedfree lines. Some of the Victorian greenhouses were full of every type of houseplant that you could imagine, while others had different varieties of melons, cucumbers, and tomatoes on show. We all came away full of ideas and dreams of how to improve our own gardens.

Our next regular meeting will be at 7.30pm on Thursday 23rd September, when we will welcome back Diana Guy as our Speaker. Diana was the BBC Gardener of the Year in 2004, and her famous garden at Welcome Thatch, created over 20 years, raised over £50,000 for charity. Some of us will remember her last talk a couple of years ago, the evening before she moved house! She is now in the process of creating another interesting garden in a half-acre plot, using traditional as well as modern designs. It should be a good evening and we hope all members will be able to come along, as well as any new members who would like to join us.

Linda Harris

The Show – 11th September – Open to all

A REMINDER that the Annual Show is on 11th September. Although organised by the Gardening Club, you do not have to be a member to take part – it is for the whole village. There are classes for flowers, fruit and vegetables and we are not a mini Chelsea! It is a celebration of what can be grown in Milborne, rather than a competition. So if you have 'grown your own' and just have a few veggies, or some nice flowers in your border, come along and bring them to the show. They are probably just as good as anyone else's and you can enter as many as you like for free! Also there are classes for photography and cookery. As last year, the visitors will be 'voting' for their favourites in most classes with pennies, and the proceeds of this will be given to the Mosaic charity for bereaved children (see below). We were able to give them a good donation last year.

This year the children at Milborne First School are taking part with several classes especially for them, and we expect lots of colourful entries. Let's make sure we back up their efforts with lots of grown-up entries too.

Entry is free from 2.00–4.00pm on the day. There will also be teas, a raffle, craft exhibition, a display from the allotment, and at 3.00pm an illustrated talk by Maureen Lock on planning a garden from starting on a computer to the finished plot.

The Show Schedule is shown above, or you can get one from the Londis shop, Post Office or The Royal Oak. If you are going to enter it would be helpful for planning if you would return the form on the back of the schedule, or contact Sally Dyer on 837061 or Hilary Baumberger on 837140. Entries to be brought to the Village Hall 11.00am–12 noon on the day. See you at The Show!

Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club invites you to take part in **THE SHOW**

Schedule:

1. Individual blooms or sprays: A. Daisy B. Dahlia C. Gladiolus D. Rose
2. Mixed bunch of Garden Flowers

3. Fruit and Vegetables:

A. A bowl of one variety of fruit. B. A bowl of mixed fruit. C. A selection of mixed vegetables in a container. D. 3 vegetables of one variety.

4. The Heaviest Potato

5. The Longest Runner Bean

6. Flower Arrangements:

A. An arrangement of foliage only. B. An arrangement in an unusual container. C. A miniature arrangement (max 4ins in any direction).

7. Photographs (unmounted max A5 / 8"x6"):

A. The Jurassic Coast. B. My Garden

8. Cookery:

A. Three cup cakes (any variety). B. A jar of jam. C. A jar of jelly.
D. A jar of marmalade.

9. Children's classes:

A. Still Life Painting. B. Greetings Card. C. Insect Picture. D. Handwriting

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Interested parties should apply in writing to: Cllr Michael Hopper (Chairman) Milborne St. Andrew Parish Council, Hurdles, The Causeway, Milborne St. Andrew, Blandford Forum, Dorset DT11 0JX



Dorset-wide support for bereaved children and their families

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Mosaic offers individual and group support and each child is invited to a residential weekend at Leeson House. Children and young people who have been to the weekend say how it has given them the chance to meet others and share their experiences. During the weekend they take part in teaming building and fun activities and are given the opportunity to talk about the special person they have come to remember.

These weekends are funded by donations and fundraising events and we will be running three weekends during the coming year.

If you would like more information about Mosaic, would like to receive our newsletter, or can help with fundraising, please contact us on 01258 837071 or email: info@mosaicfamilysupport.org.uk. You can also visit our website at www.mosaicfamilysupport.org.uk.

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Have you met . . . Michael Hopper – aka Mick, Mike

MIKE was co-opted onto the Parish Council a couple of months ago and has now been elected its chairman. He leads a small team of councillors most of whom, like Mike, have only recently joined the team. I met up with Mike at The Royal Oak where he is a regular and popular customer.

Mike was born in Hackney, London, in 1947 and is the youngest of

three siblings. His brother and sister are both much older than he, being born before the war. Quite soon the family moved to Lancashire where his father was a coal miner and there he stayed until he joined the navy at the age of 15. As a boy seaman he was posted to HMS *Ganges* where he later specialised in radar and its use in navigation alongside aircraft control and anti-submarine work. He was proud to demonstrate pin-point accuracy when he was tasked to intercept a merchant ship with a very ill crewman on board, several hundred miles away in the middle of a Mediterranean storm.

Mike told me that, despite being a sailor, he was a very poor swimmer but still had to take his turn as “swimmer of the watch” – ready to jump into the sea should someone fall overboard. In a training exercise he was about to jump over the side to “rescue” a float when a shark popped up to greet him! The exercise was abandoned.

All this activity took its toll and Mike was discharged from the navy with a slipped disc in his early 20’s and he re-joined his parents who had now moved back to London where he took a job with Securicor in the radio room. More than once he was actively involved in co-ordinating a response to the armed robbery of a cash intransit van and listened in horror as drivers were threatened with guns, an all too common occurrence in the 60’s and 70’s.

Mike moved on to work for Plessey Traffic Controls and from there to the Greater London Council (GLC) where he gained his professional qualifications in Traffic Control Design (Mike is an “Incorporated Engineer” and Fellow of the Institute of Highway Engineers).

Mike met his wife Mary on a blind date and they married in 1977 and in 1992 they moved from the big city to the relative peace and quiet of Milborne St. Andrew where Mike had been appointed to Dorset County Council in the Traffic Control department. His department managed the traffic lights and other systems designed to keep traffic flowing smoothly all across Dorset, including Poole and Bournemouth. Mike retired from his job as “Network Traffic Control Manager” in 2007.

I asked Mike:

What’s the best thing about living in Milborne St. Andrew? Friendly people. There is a really good community spirit in the village. It needs a bit of coaxing though to get people to take more formal roles – for example; on the Parish Council and on the Village Hall Committee.

Is there a downside to living in the village? We have to put up with poor public transport and so there is no way that people will be enticed away from their cars. We need to be creative, with schemes like “Transport on Demand” and “Dial a Ride” to make best use of local transport opportunities. I’m a driver for the “Neighbourcar” scheme. Without this, a lot of people would have massive difficulties accessing local health care.

What would you like to change? The “Them and Us”. Everyone has something to offer to benefit the community. All residents should recognise that everyone can make a contribution. Quiet often it’s fun and very rewarding.

Your pet hates. People in public service who take advantage of their position to help themselves. The MP’s expenses scandal appalled me.

Your claim to fame. The next time you visit Heathrow Airport, think of me. I designed and oversaw the installation of the traffic signal system at the M4-Heathrow junction – at its time in 1991/2 the largest

installation of its kind. The system is unchanged since that time – I don’t think that anyone dares touch it! The Google Earth view of Cherry Tree Roundabout at Hillingdon will give you some idea of its complexity.

Fantasy Dinner Date. I am very interested in the First World War and would love to discuss the roles of the Generals with authors Lynn

MacDonald and Peter Hart. It would also be good to sit down and discuss gardening with Geoff Hamilton. His books have inspired me to get on and do it!

Have you ever thrown caution to the wind?

The move from London to Dorset was pretty significant. Both Mary and I took a drop in status and salary when we moved down here but we were rewarded with the experience of working with and for real people rather than existing in a technical environment.

Any embarrassing moments? I’m well known for putting my foot in it! One day at County Hall I congratulated a colleague on her pregnancy . . . only to be rebuffed with “I’m not pregnant, just fat!”

Hobbies and Interests. Gardening, reading and genealogy. I’m in the middle of finding out more about one of my great uncles who was killed at the second battle of Ypres in 1915 during WWI. I’m also an active committee member for the Royal British Legion.

Anything else you would like to pass on to our readers? In this new role on the Parish Council I intend representing the people of Milborne St. Andrew to the best of my ability but recognise that I can’t do it alone. The more people that become actively involved, the more successful we will be as a Council. I do, however, recognise that those who do nothing, never get criticised!

Thanks Mike. We look forward to reporting your success in future issues of the *Reporter*.

Ed Frost



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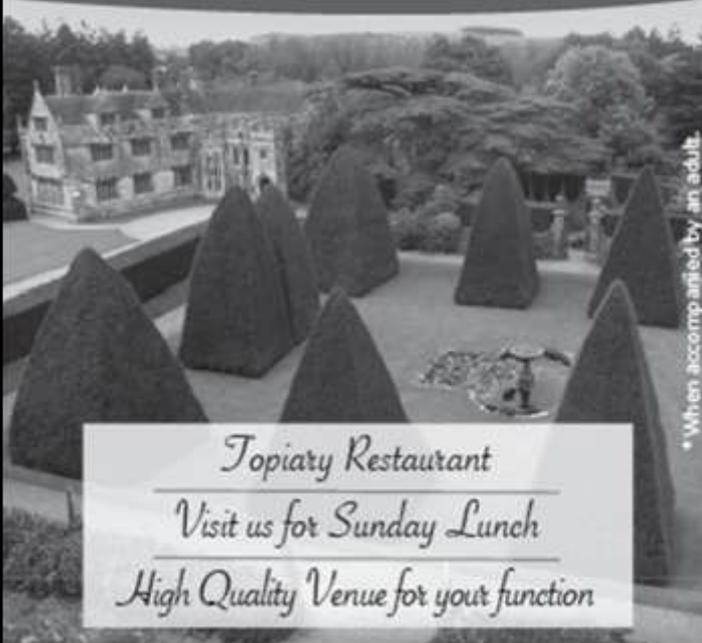
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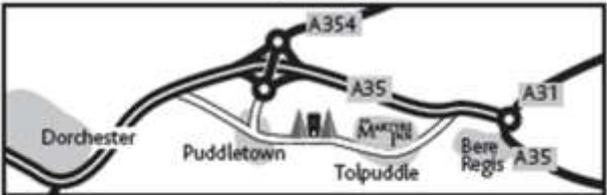
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SCHOOL NEWS

THE last few weeks in school before we broke up for the summer holidays were certainly busy and full of celebrations. We were treated to a fabulous evening's entertainment when the children who have music and dance lessons in school showed off their talents to family and friends. Some of our Year 4 children also attended the Proms Concert at Thomas Hardy School joining with other first schools in a Belle Plates group. At the Proms Concert the DASP citizen awards were also presented to children from each school in the partnership. These awards are given to those who best represent what a DASP citizen should be, as defined by the seven Cs – confident, caring, courteous, considerate, conscientious, communicative and co-operative. Kai was nominated by his peers as our Year 4 winner for this year and as you can see was very pleased with his award. During the summer term we supported Barnardos with a sponsored bean growing event. Zoe was presented with Barny bear after her bean was the tallest measured this year from all schools taking part – must be something in the Dorset air.

From music to sport and after one false start due to the weather, we enjoyed a great afternoon of sports,



with the added bonus of cream teas thanks to Friends of School. Their hard work all year fundraising for the school has been fantastic. The Summer Fayre was a treat for all who attended, with a barbeque to celebrate the end of the year. The event started with the Fun Run and it was great to see so many past pupils joining us yet again. Friends of School kindly funded the whole school trip to the Sealife Centre in Weymouth and staff and children enjoyed another fun

(and thankfully, sunny) day.

Our final day in school started with the Year 4 leavers' assembly when the children shared their memories and showed that never mind Britain "Milborne's Got Talent". They have already spent one day at St Mary's or their next school to get a flavour of middle school life and we wish them every success in the future. On transfer day we welcomed our new reception children to school and look forward to seeing them all again in September along with all of our Foxes, Rabbits and Owls.

We hope everyone has enjoyed the summer break and look forward to another successful year in school. Thank you to all who support the school.

CONTACTS

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

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WITH the online calendar and booking system for the village hall, groups are block booking in 2011 and there have already been three instances where groups have found that dates they had earmarked late into 2011 are already booked!

In fact, the Wednesday Social Club needed three stabs at fixing a date for their summer 2011 function complete with cream teas. Crazy or what! Well, what is also good to see is the increase in use of the hall for private parties, recently there have been two birthday parties and a christening; and an awesome wedding reception is planned for the new year. From what I have seen so far, that is going to be a pretty big and well planned event. New charity groups have moved into the village in the form of Life Education Wessex and they have already given the hall a 'once over' as a possible venue for their events and recently Barnardos actually booked a series of meetings.

Perhaps this is the real payback for all the hard work that has gone on over recent years to do what is said on the label "*making a difference*". I say that in the certain knowledge that by now you would have checked out the VH achievements on the Village website.

This is also the last (nearly) call for a bookings co-ordinator (note I did not say secretary). Things need to be shared around a bit and this is one bit of sharing I am looking to give up in the near future come what may. Any willing horses out there?

Richard Lock

Milton Abbas Cycling Club

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Cheselbourne Theatre Club



A NEWSLETTER with details of plays for September to January at The Playhouse, Salisbury has been delivered to members.

Anyone else who would like a copy should phone Ann on 880074.

Don't forget the **AGM** on 20th September at Cheselbourne Village Hall. Your chance to air your views, view the account and vote for/against the present committee. Refreshments follow the meeting.

We need to know numbers for *The Picture* by Philip Massinger on Monday 15th November. If you haven't already booked your seat, please phone any of the numbers below before 15th September. Ann Allum 880074; Stephen Terry 881524; Chris Higgs 880073.

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NEWSLETTER

Dear Hundred Club Member

First of all, thank you for your support of the Sports Club through your membership of the Hundred Club.

Activity Update

The table tennis club continues to thrive. Meetings are held on a Monday evening from 7.00pm to 9.00pm and new members are always welcome, please feel free to come and join us.

On the football front, training has started in preparation for the new season in which Milborne First will be playing in the highest league position ever for a Milborne team.

Milborne Second team have been entered in Division V of Dorset Football Club and once again the objective of this is to encourage and give opportunity to villagers to play in football within a well structured and disciplined environment.

Grant Taylor, the under 14's Manager for Milborne was awarded the accolade of Football Association Youth Coach of the year, a fantastic achievement for both Grant and for the full club. Grant will be starting training for his under 15's team in August. Further details will follow.

Bob Moreland has been running successful Wednesday evening coaching sessions for the 5-11 year olds. Bob has been delighted with the response of the Milborne youngsters and has paid particular praise to their good behaviour. Well done Milborne.

On the practical front, thanks to the Parish Council, new gates have been installed and a footpath suitable for pram and wheelchair access is currently being considered. The task of preparing the bottom site for the sports field and cricket square is proving a real challenge. Dozens of volunteers have spent hundreds of hours removing tons of flintstone to enable the site to be prepared for seeding. However, despite these best efforts we have still not been able to get the site in what we consider to be a safe and stone free condition for seeding.

A Sea Container is now in situ and is in the course of being painted. Once again we give thanks to Denholm for the donation of this Sea Container.

On a positive note we are now receiving the assistance of the Dorset Probationary Service who will be sending teams of those on community service to be stone pickers to clear the site. Please feel free, if you have a spare hour or so, to wander up to the site with your bucket and rake and clear a few stones.

As you can see from the above, Milborne Sports is thriving. We have an extremely active football section, table tennis section and dozens of people who have committed to help run, coach and organise these sporting activities. However, we have a major problem in that Mike Handley, our Treasurer for many years, has announced his intention to step down. We desperately need someone with the skills to act as Sports Club Treasurer. Mike would give full details of what is involved but he assures that it only takes a couple of hours a month but it is an essential job if the Sports Club is to continue to operate and whilst we have numerous help on the coaching, training, sporting activity side we do not have anyone with the skill who is prepared to take on the Treasurer job.

If you feel you can help in any way with this task then please contact Mike Handley on telephone number 01258 882118. If you cannot get hold of Mike then please give John Kane a call on 01258 837108.

The Sports Club itself is looking spick and span as the outside has been re-painted and we are shortly to commence the task of re-painting the inside. We are extremely grateful to the volunteers who have given up so much time and effort on these tasks and a special thanks to our Groundsman, Malcolm Applin.



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Examples from our specials board

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