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News and Views from around the area

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Milborne St. Andrew



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GP Surgery: Walk-in or booked? Is it working?

THE *Reporter* has had reports from village residents that the new arrangements for the walk-in surgeries, the delay before a booked GP appointment can be made, and the infrequent times that our local village surgery in Milborne St. Andrew is used, is causing anxiety.

So we put these concerns to the Practice Manager, Sharon Hunt. She has responded to these questions for the magazine. She highlights that patients should always ring before attending a walk-in surgery to check that it is running, and that she did specify that surgeries are liable to change. She said that there has been a problem with the heating system in our village surgery, which has hampered opening and caused some cancellations, which she hopes will be rectified soon.

When asked about the long time to wait for a booked doctor's appointment, she agreed that the days closed over Christmas, together with holiday breaks for the doctors, have made the surgeries more busy, with more of a delay before being seen on a booked appointment. At the moment there is a delay of about three working days before a booked GP appointment is available. However, we have had reports of many longer waits – sometimes ten days – so this can obviously vary.

The *Reporter* would like to make clear that these questions do not reflect on the excellent standards of care from our local GP practice.

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Now I like to read or listen to stories both fact and fiction so I am saddened when I hear people are being deprived of a free service offered by local councils. You will know that many are being closed; in fact the mobile library used to visit Milborne once a week! When cuts are being made the bean counters look at how many people use the service so I would like to see more villagers on the van. It's a good meeting place and somewhere to catch up on what is going on in the village.

The library van parks at the junction of Milton Road and Stileham Bank from 9.15 to 10am and from 10.05 to 10.30am at the Village Hall. It visits on Fridays once a fortnight, or as I remember it, the day after 'green box day'. The next visits are 10th and 24th February and 9th and 23rd March.

Do try it out or we may lose it and it's a lot cheaper than paying for books and downloads. You can also visit the 'Drop in Centre' at the village hall on Friday mornings where you will find coffee, computer advice and good company.

See you on board the mobile library!

Kay Parnaby

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Mosaic: a very special charity – at the January WI

AT the start of any new year there seems to be a lot to look forward to: How about a day at the races? **Ascot** in June, five members have already expressed interest.

Shirley Dunkley has the **Lighthouse** programme which sounds promising. **May Fair** is on 19th May, the WI has offered to run a jarbola stall. Our **annual outing** is in the capable hands of June Maitland and discussion centred around Sherborne, with a visit to a local bakery included. **Annual dinner** will be on Friday 20th April – further details later.

An important note for your diaries: On Thursday 23rd February in the Village Hall from 9.30am, Shirley and June are raising funds for Denman College with a coffee morning. As well as providing cakes, we are all asked to recruit friends and neighbours. Hopefully, we will raise £100.

Katie Hensman came along to talk about the work of Mosaic, a registered charity which has been based at Coles Lane in the village for the last five years. Mosaic, one of a number of countrywide charities, works with bereaved children across Dorset, offering individual support to them and their families and giving them the opportunity to meet others in a similar position and share their experiences. The name "Mosaic" was chosen to represent putting all the pieces back together.

Statistically, every 22 minutes a child in Britain loses a parent, and such professional assistance before, during and after bereavement clearly helps the children to better understand the nature of loss. Mosaic is contacted initially by GPs, schools and other services. They provide training for professionals and courses for teachers. They put on social events for the children including residential weekends at Leeson House, Swanage, where they share experiences through play and organised workshops, all run by volunteers. There is some funding from Dorset County Council, but Mosaic has to rely mainly on its own fund-raising efforts.

Katie showed a film of one of their residential courses – very emotive, and clearly a very special charity. Members' donations of soft toys were well received, and we all hope they will be much loved by their recipients.

Our next meeting is, as always, on the second Thursday of the month. BUT on 9th February please do not turn up in the evening unless you wish to see the pantomime! Instead our meeting will start in the afternoon at 2.30pm, when Malcolm Angell will talk about Isaac Gulliver, Smuggler.



Responding to Milborne First School's offer to various village organisations to take a month of the year each and then illustrate, on large plaques round the school hall, their work, the WI chose to represent the month of May. Our plaque (left) rather cleverly shows a maypole, with each coloured ribbon on it leading to one of the WI's many activities.

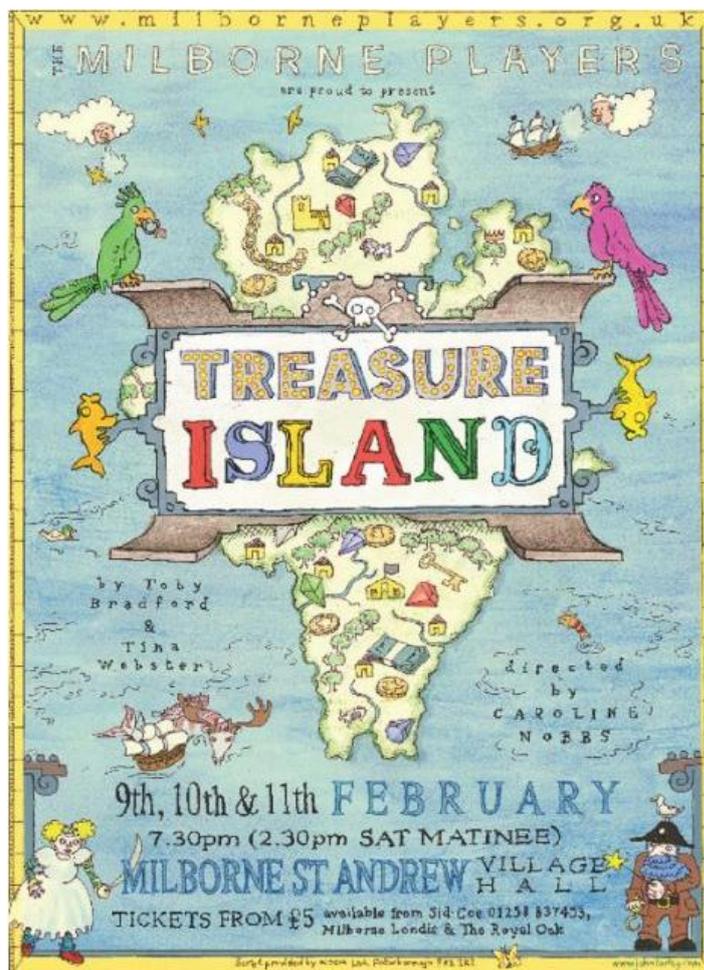
Pat Bull

End of an Era at the Village Hall?

AFTER many years service Richard Lock has decided to step down from the Village Hall committee and has resigned his role as Chairman and Trustee. With one short break Richard has been a Trustee of the Village Hall for a number of years and Chairman since 2006. Richard's extraordinary success raising grant funding has undoubtedly transformed the Hall whilst the work he has done to improve the Hall and its facilities has been prodigious. He has devoted considerable time to maintain the quality of the Hall and grounds, undertaken many and various tasks ranging from litter-picking and cleaning to ensuring that the play equipment has significantly exceeded its normal life expectancy. Richard has been selfless in his devotion to the good of the Hall for the benefit of the Village and will be sorely missed from the committee. Richard's most recent legacy has been to register the Hall as a Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Field which will preserve the Hall as an open space and help in attracting future grant funding.

The Village Hall Annual General Meeting will be held at the Hall on 25th April 2012. Until then Paul Tasker will act as Chairman of the Village Hall Trustees. Paul joined the Village Hall committee in April 2011 and was asked at that time to be vice-chairman. Paul and wife Wendy live in Coles Lane: they moved to the Village in 2009 when he retired from full time work in order to be with family who have been villagers for ten years.

Trustees for the Village Hall will be elected and re-elected at the AGM on 25th April 2012 and new, or indeed returning, volunteers are urgently needed to contribute to the ongoing development of the Hall as an amenity for us all. Anyone who may be interested in volunteering to help the Hall or anyone wanting a say in how the Hall should be managed into the future should come along to the AGM. Anyone who may wish to discuss volunteering to help the Village Hall, or with any suggestions about the future of the Hall ahead of the AGM, should phone Paul on 07801 714619 or Ed Frost, Village Hall Secretary, on 07766 254881. *Village Hall Trustees*



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How many things can you do with sticks?

THIS month's photo shows some of the children proudly showing the stick men they have made. The mild weather we have had allowed us to venture outside looking at the changes to trees and collecting fallen sticks. We have based our activities this month on the story *Stick Man* by Julia Donaldson (best known for the *Gruffalo*) in which Stick Man is taken far from his family and used in a game for a dog, a flag pole on a sandcastle and part of a nest for a swan to name a few of his ordeals. Hands on learning combined with nature and good stories is a wonderful way for children to learn and they have enthusiastically enjoyed this topic.

We have introduced six new children into our preschool already this term. We are almost at capacity and have a waiting list of children who can join us next school year. If you are interested in your child becoming a ladybird next year please register. Part of our criteria for admission is the date of receipt of registration forms so avoid disappointment by registering sooner than later.

This year is our 10th Anniversary having opened on 7th June 2002 and we intend to celebrate. There have been almost 170 children through the village preschool and hopefully we will see many of them on Saturday 16th June – more details to follow. *Liz Dyer*



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Milborne St. Andrew First School



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School News

IN January we welcomed back the children for the spring term and also welcomed our new headteacher, Neil McDermott. Here are a few words of introduction from Neil:

"My first week as the new headteacher at Milborne St. Andrew First School has flown by. The whole school community, governors, staff, parents and especially the children have made me very welcome. The first major task has been learning everyone's name, which I am quite proud to say I've achieved within the first week, although surnames may take a little longer. I am currently learning how the school operates day to day and at the same time beginning to map a way forward for the school.

"My first impressions are very positive. The children are eager every morning to enter school and begin their learning, which is evident in their smiling faces and the haste they show to get to school each day. Parental comments I have received about the school are very positive and the staff are committed and enthusiastic in providing enjoyable learning opportunities for the children. The school itself is also very privileged to have a fantastic learning environment and location. Both the building and grounds surrounding it are well developed and maintained.

"My journey to Milborne has been varied and involved a wide range of experiences. I initially trained as a structural engineer and worked for a firm of architects in London prior to entering teaching. As a teacher I was very fortunate to work in a wide range of schools

and settings in Leeds including a multi ethnic inner city school, a faith school and a suburban school on the outskirts of the city. Prior to becoming Headteacher of a Catholic primary school in north-west Leeds I also worked for the Local Educational Authority in an advisory capacity. I arrived in Dorset three years ago when my wife and I, with our two boys, decided to relocate to the area. My wife was lucky enough to secure a job with the RNLI in Poole and myself a Headship of a school on Portland.

"Dorset has been a fantastic move for my whole family. We have adjusted to life in the countryside well and made some excellent friendships, and are making the most of the fantastic scenery on our doorstep. I am now looking forward to the challenge of leading a small successful village school forward with the support of an enthusiastic and dedicated staff team.

"With the Olympics now only a few months away a number of events are already taking place in school. We will be fortunate later in the year to see the real torch pass through the village, but as you will see from the front cover we have already welcomed a replica torch, which is being passed amongst the

Dorchester pyramid schools. Having met with Sunninghill School pupils in Dorchester for the official handover of the torch, we were delighted that a number of their pupils then joined us for lunch after the torch had arrived in Milborne. After spending a few days locally, the torch was passed to Cheselbourne First School - readers will be able to see how we did this in the next issue."



Headteacher Neil McDermott with the School Council.

CONTACTS

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

Headteacher: Neil McDermott **Secretary, School Office:** Mrs Helen Pugh

Chair of Governors: Mrs Jessica Doodes **FOS Chairman:** Mrs Kate Connolly

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How shall we spend the money

OVER 20 years ago a fund was raised by public subscription and also some grants from local authorities to maintain the Obelisk on top of Weatherby Castle. The Obelisk was made safe and refurbished and the associated public right of way dedicated in January 1990.

The maintenance fund of the Obelisk had some funds left after the work and over the years has now grown to over £2,400. I have been in contact with various authorities on the status of the Obelisk which is on Mr Frampton's land. The Obelisk, which was built in 1761 by the Morton-Pleydells, is not listed nor is it a scheduled monument as far as I can ascertain, however, the structure is considered by those in conservation, such as English Heritage, Dorset County Council and North Dorset District Council as worth preserving for future generations, but is this what you want?

The sum of money the Parish Council is safeguarding was collected for the purpose of maintaining the Obelisk but the question I wish to put is do we still want to maintain that Obelisk?

The Obelisk cannot be seen unless you walk up to Weatherby Castle and look for it. It is hoped, with the co-operation and help of the landowner to open up the area around the structure to make it more visible from a long distance away, so that it can be better appreciated by the whole community and visitors to village and area. I can imagine that is how it was originally intended to be seen when it was constructed 251 years ago.

The amount of money available may not be enough to cover the cost of the maintenance work, this is still to be investigated.

If you have any views on this please let me know. I intend making a report to the Annual Parish Meeting in March or April on the views of the villagers to enable a decision to be made on this matter. Please note the Parish Council do not own this money but are holding it on your behalf. The decision on how it is to be spent must be made by the community at that meeting.

I hope you will let me have your comments.

Michael Hopper; 01258 837642; mick.hopper1@btinternet.com

Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club



OUR Annual Dinner is on Saturday 4th February here at The Royal Oak, and it promises to be a good evening as usual. Members have already been sent all the details, but if anyone has not booked and wishes to go, please contact our Chairman as soon as possible to see if there are any spare places.

It is not too late to join the Gardening Club for 2012. We have kept the annual subscription low at £11 per person, plus £1 per meeting and guests are always welcome for a small charge. We meet on the 4th Thursday of each month at 7.30pm in our Village Hall and have an excellent programme of talks, as well as events like our summer outing and visits to gardens. On 23rd February we have been fortunate to book two speakers who will be showing us their audio visual presentation of Dorset Gardens and the Jurassic Coast. This has been highly recommended and should not be missed. It is all original filming by the presenters, so there will be views of the coastline and gardens that you will not have seen previously.

One event that might be missed (or not) this year is the Annual Village Show in September, which has been organised by the Gardening Club (formerly the MSA Horticultural Society) in one form or other for many years. Sadly, in the last two years the entries were hardly enough to fill the tables and at our AGM our Chairman announced that we could no longer run the show under these circumstances. Our many thanks to all those in the past who put in entries, helped on the day, or just came along to the Hall to support us. We shall now concentrate on our Plant Sale in May and other events that may be more popular.

Linda Harris, Secretary

The Milborne 10 – A village runners view

SUNDAY 8th January 2012. I will be 53 years old in just 12 days time. What am I doing at 10.30am on a Sunday morning running 10 miles (well, 9.97 miles)? I'm sure with a bit of imagination it could be the full ten, but near enough anyway.

This is the second time that I have run the Milborne 10 since I have lived in the village. It's a tricky run for lots of reasons. The first one is that it is very hilly. Secondly, it comes straight after the festive period, which means keeping the fitness up while everyone else is letting it go. The advantage of that of course is that now we are reaching the middle of January and everyone else is working out how to get back into shape, I don't have that worry.

Anyway, the run itself starts with everyone gathering on the roadside near the shop. I was chatting with Dave and Ann-Marie Pearson, the other two villagers in the run and all of a sudden, BANG. The starter pistol goes off. No warning and we are off out of the village towards Milton Abbas.

That first mile is always a tricky one as you try to get into your stride. By the time we reached the first turn, which is left towards Ansty I was feeling quite comfortable. However, I was mindful that there were big hills to come. The first one immediate and fairly steep, then a dip before a less steep one, almost designed to lull you into a false sense of security before turning the corner to face a mile long hill – up and up and up.



James Park
First villager home

At last at the top having lost ground to many runners the stride could stretch out up to the right turn towards Hilton and another uphill, but a big boost as the five mile marker appears. This is ok, and the worst hill done. Now the best downhill – down and down into Hilton itself, stretching the stride ever wider to make the hill do the work. That's a tip I picked up many years ago and it works – try it!

The beauty of being a village runner in this 10 mile run is that I can train on the course or various sections of it and learn all the twists, turns, nuances and cambers in the road. I knew that the glorious view of Milton Abbey sat in its majestic setting was just over the next

hill. The scenery alone enough to spur me on, as it takes your mind off the aches and pains.

It's on the final big hill going past the school swimming pool and the big manor house when the twinges start. This is where a big push is needed. That is soon provided as the big downhill takes me down towards the lake. The field is well spread out by now, but there is a Dorset Dodder who just persists in overtaking me and he is at least 10 years my senior.

Now the final straight, still two miles, but I feel like home is beckoning to me. I remember when I finished the Great South Run in October last year in a time I was happy with, 83 minutes. I was asked by a friend if I ached the next day. When I said no, the retort was that I obviously didn't push it as hard as I could. Well, this was the time to do just that. I kicked in and went for it, past Hewish Farm then the one mile mark at Bagber, and all of a sudden a slight dip in pace. Come on Jim! I shouted to myself, dig in. I listened to myself and pushed again.

Into the village past the bottom of Coles Lane I looked at my watch. At first I thought it had stopped, but no I was beating my Great South time over a much more demanding course. More cause for pace, there she is, my lovely wife Karen shouting me in – whose the ugly bloke with her – oh, it's Mickey Tiss (sorry Mick!), and over the line – 80 minutes I think. I know it's not fast, but I was only running against me. The presence of the other runners does help with my own little competition though.

James Park

Results and another picture on page 25.



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Count your blessings

The season of Lent begins later this month. Lent is the 40 or so days leading up to Easter during which Christians think about the challenges Jesus faced when he spent 40 days in the wilderness, being tempted by the devil. You'll find the story in both Matthew and Luke's Gospels.

For centuries, many Christians have marked this time by giving things up or living more simply, for instance, some people never eat meat during Lent, or give up chocolate or other indulgent treats. In recent years, some people have tried to adopt greener lifestyles in Lent, as a way of caring for God's creation, perhaps walking or cycling more and driving less.

Lent has also been marked as a time of penitence, when Christians look over their lives and address with God's help those parts of themselves that are less than beautiful. Through prayer, transformation can happen, and God can knock off the rough edges of our lives so that we become more like the one we follow.

Lent has also acted as an encouragement to take prayer more seriously, and perhaps undertake some devotional reading that wouldn't happen at other times of the year.

At heart, Lent is about recognising our dependence on God, which is what Jesus did when tempted by wealth and power. As part of that we might undertake acts of self-discipline or denial, times of confession and pay a greater attention to our spiritual lives.

Being dependent on God can also lead us to acknowledge our many blessings. The Bible shows many instances of people praising and thanking God for what they have. Alongside that, running through its pages, is a theme that no one can escape, if they take what they read seriously, that is, that blessings are not to be kept for oneself but shared with others.

Lent is a good time for us to become more aware of our blessings and what God has given us, and to share what we have. We may think we are badly off; compared with most of the world we have great riches. Those on the minimum wage in this country are among the top 11% earners worldwide.

So I invite you to share with me this Lent in Christian Aid's *Count your Blessings* campaign. For each day of Lent we are reminded of something we have or even take for granted, such as our access to food or ability to read and write, average life-expectancy or clean water. We are then asked to put aside a small amount of money to help others share in these blessings. At the end of Lent, the money put aside will be gathered up and sent to Christian Aid, an organisation that works with millions of poverty-stricken people each year.

The leaflets for this campaign will be available from any of our churches or from me, and will also be obtainable on the Web. It's something that everyone can join in with, regardless of whether you attend church or not. Money raised can be left at the Vicarage in Puddletown or with any churchwardens across the benefice, as long as it is clearly labelled so that we know what it is. There are separate, simpler leaflets for children, so they too can take part in ways appropriate for their age group.

I urge and encourage you to consider committing yourselves to *Count your Blessings*. The amounts of cash given each day are small, but it's amazing what a lot of small contributions can add up to, and make a real difference in the lives of others. Let's see how many of our blessings, things we so often take for granted, we can share this Lent.

With best wishes

Sarah Hillman

Flowers - w/e Saturday

4th-18th February Helen Pugh and Hilary Daffern

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Church Cleaning - w/e Saturday

4th February Carolyn Martin and Elizabeth Walker
11th February Margaret Hurley and Eva Stockley
18th February Geoff and Pat Bull
25th February John and Anne Miller

CHURCH SERVICES February 2012

THURSDAY 2nd February

12.00 Lunch-time Communion Milborne

5th FEBRUARY - 3 before Lent

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

12th FEBRUARY - 2 before Lent

8.15am 1662 Said Communion Puddletown
9.30 Methodist United Service St John's, Tolpuddle
9.30 Parish Communion Milborne
11.00 Family Service Puddletown Village Hall
11.00 Family Communion Dewlish

THURSDAY 23rd February

12.00 Lunch-time Communion Puddletown

19th FEBRUARY - Next before Lent

9.30am Family Communion Tolpuddle
9.30 1662 Said Communion Milborne
11.00 1662 Morning Prayer Puddletown
11.00 Holy Communion Dewlish

22nd FEBRUARY - Ash Wednesday

7.30pm Benefice Holy Communion Milborne
with imposition of ashes

26th FEBRUARY - Lent 1

9.30am Holy Communion Tolpuddle
9.30 1662 Holy Communion Milborne
11.00 Family Communion Puddletown
11.00 Family Service Dewlish

MORNING PRAYERS

(Monday - Thursday 8.15am; Saturday 9.00am)
Monday - Puddletown Tuesday - Tolpuddle
Wednesday - Milborne Thursday - Dewlish
Saturday - Puddletown

PLEASE NOTE

No *Milborne Praise* in February and March.
Next one on Good Friday 6th April.

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MILBORNE ST. ANDREW CHURCH NOTES

A time for all the family in church

CHRISTMAS services were well attended, much of it down to the good weather conditions. As always, the church was beautifully decorated with greenery and candles by the flower people. Thank you to all those who helped.

We began with our Christingle Service on 18th December. This is always a very popular service and is a time when all the family come to church. Josie and John made all the 50 Christingle oranges which are very much appreciated by the children. The collection of £110 went to the Children's Society.

"Jubilate" jubilation

On Thursday 22nd December we had a most enjoyable evening with entertainment by the "Jubilate" group. They wore Dickensian



costumes and gave us a very good selection of carols, some from other countries. After the interval of drinks, nibbles and mince pies, we held our traditional Carol Service with carols and readings. After expenses were paid, a total of £115 was put into the "Flush Fund". We also had second usage of the lanterns lighting up the church path and window sills made by the children for the Advent Carol Festival.

Vivid retelling of the Christmas Story

Christmas Eve Midnight Communion was well attended. We must thank Louisa for playing the organ and bringing together a small choir who delighted us with their singing.

Christmas Day Family Service was a lovely time for the family, children telling us about their presents which they had brought. Once again, Sarah Godfrey held the children's complete attention with her vivid retelling of the Christmas Story.

Eva Stockley and Pat Tribe (Churchwardens)

DEWLISH CHURCH NOTES

Singers sang with gusto, despite the rain

WHAT a contrast in the weather between the Decembers of 2010 and 2011! This year our carol singing round Dewlish village was held in very mild but wet conditions, and we were quite relieved to return to The Oak where Dianne and John very kindly plied us with mulled wine and mince pies – and an opportunity to dry out! Needless to say, our singers had sung with gusto, and the donations totalled £177.28 which has been sent to Shelter. Many thanks!



Do you need a lift to church?

If you have difficulty getting to church or need transport when the Benefice Service is at another church, we can arrange transport for you. Please contact Eva (837468) or Pat (837684).



The Carol Service was once again well attended, and provided a wonderful start to our Christmas worship. A big thank-you to Jim for once again organising the children and our readers. All did remarkably well. Many thanks, too, to Robyn and Imogen for their wonderful singing of the Coventry Carol, to Aidan and his band who sounded so good, and to Ed and Adam for providing the lighting and sound system. It is remarkable that such a small village has such a large pool of talent. The collection of £130.38 has been sent to the Children's Society.

And so to Christmas Day. The church was beautifully decorated with holly and candles, and a big thank-you must go to all our flower arrangers. One more thank-you, and that is to Mrs Coral Mayes who has donated a wonderful crib scene. This was blessed by Norman on Christmas morning, and will be a great asset to our church. It will also serve as a reminder to us of all the things Coral and Bill have done for our church.

A superb evening of entertainment

Has Dewlish got talent? Most certainly! And so it proved when we started our fund-raising for the celebrations of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Aidan and Lesley organised our special event, with a wide variety of 15 acts, all superb, thus providing a great evening of entertainment for the very appreciative audience.

Congratulations to all the participants (far too many to name individually) but special thanks must go to Aidan and Lesley, and to Annie for organising the wonderful refreshments and to Ed and Adam for the sound and lighting, plus the making of DVDs which everyone is looking forward to watching.

Daphne Burg

Christian Fellowship Group in Milborne

Chris and Angie Nowell host an inter-denominational Bible Study Group in their home every other Thursday morning.

From now until Easter we will be following

Lance Pearson's *Journeys of Discovery*.

This involves bible readings and informal discussion followed by tea and biscuits.

If this is something you might enjoy joining in, we would be very pleased to see you.

For details telephone 837543

or email canowell76@btinternet.com

Support your May Fayre!

THE ever popular May Fayre is on Saturday 19th May. As well as the arena events we need groups and individuals to have stalls, etc. Last time all groups who had a stall received £85 for their funds as a share from the profits so really worth getting involved.

The next meeting is at The Royal Oak Wednesday on 1st February at 8.00pm.

Further details from Sarah 01258 837248 or Mike 01258 839076.

100 CLUB WINNERS

Draw Date – Wednesday 28th December 2011

1st prize £100 David Pearson

2nd prize £50 Andrew Wilson

3rd prize £12 Tracey Evans

The next two draws are at 8.00pm, in The Royal Oak, on Tuesday 31st January and Tuesday 6th March

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Keeping busy at Busy Bees!

IT has been a great start to the year with many of the children returning and a few new faces making an appearance. The children have been creative, making shape collages and decorating snowmen, as well as participating in our very noisy but fun weekly song time, accompanied by musical instruments!

The next month's activities include decorating a plant pot, painting previously made salt dough models and potato print valentine cards. Each session is open to anybody with a child between birth and five years, with snacks for the children included and hot drinks and cakes for the adults.

Also planned for 9th February 2012 is a visit to a nearby indoor play area, this will be suitable for all ages and will be enjoyable for everyone involved.

Our recent fundraising has been very successful and our forthcoming fun darts competition at The Royal Oak on Saturday 18th February 2012 should hopefully attract players of all abilities with prizes for the best pairs, including a quality raffle. Further information can be viewed on www.busy-bees.org.uk/dartscmp or contact Hayley on 07919 156578. All proceeds go to Busy Bees on what should be a fun and light-hearted night of entertainment.

Hayley Davis



The Wednesday Club New Year Party

We met at The Royal Oak for a happy and enjoyable New Year Party. Beginning with an 'alternative' Pass the Parcel we moved on to a Quiz which taxed our brains but caused a lot of laughs. Our thanks to Elaine Anthony for kindly devising the quiz.

Sarah and the team at The Royal Oak came up trumps again with a delicious two course meal of beef stew and dumplings followed by bread and butter pudding and coffee or tea to finish. Thoroughly enjoyed by all!



The results of the quiz found that three groups had tied for first place so a large tin of chocolates was handed round!

On behalf of all members I would like to thank Margo and the committee for working tirelessly on our behalf to make the Wednesday Club such a success and we look forward to another year of entertaining talks and visits.

Our next meeting is at 2.00pm on 1st February and is a talk by Derek Williams with Dundee, the dog, from 'Hearing Dogs for the Deaf'.

On the 7th March we have Pauline Giles visiting to give a talk on 'Love in Later Life'.

As always we look forward to seeing members and friends at both these meetings.

Lis Watts



Thursdays 9.30 – 11.30

Sports Pavilion, Milborne St Andrew
£1.50 per session, drinks and snacks provided

If you have a baby, toddler or pre-school child, come and enjoy warm friendly company whilst your little one plays with toys and interacts with other children.

Website: www.busy-bees.org.uk
Contact: Hayley Davis 07919 156578
or Jody Moore 07855 168117

December 2011 Weather in Milborne St. Andrew

THERE were only three days in December without any recordable rainfall but on most days the rainfall was light and the total rainfall for the month was 88% of average at 103.3mm. 28.6mm of rain fell on the night of the 12th. The average temperature in December was 6.32°C (the average temperature for December 2010 was 0.35°C).

The year 2011 was the driest year in Milborne since 1983. The total rainfall for the year was 81% of average at 794.0mm. The lowest annual rainfall I have recorded in 41 years was in 1973 with 656.0mm. There was no snow in 2011 and it was the warmest year I have ever recorded with an average temperature of 11.42°C.

There is some concern about low ground water levels in southern England after two years of below average rainfall and the January rainfall so far has been lower than normal with little to indicate any large amounts of rain in the next week or so. The Mill stream through the village has finally started to flow after having been dry for some months. Although the Mill stream does cease flowing in dryer years, it is not a true winterborne stream. The flow of water must have been greater in the past as there were five operating water mills and two watercress beds between its source near Hilton to where it joins the Piddle south of Bere Regis. There is a watercress bed and a small water wheel near the source of the East Winterborne stream but apart from that there were no operating water mills or watercress beds on that stream from Winterborne Stickland to where it joins the Stour at Sturminster Marshall.

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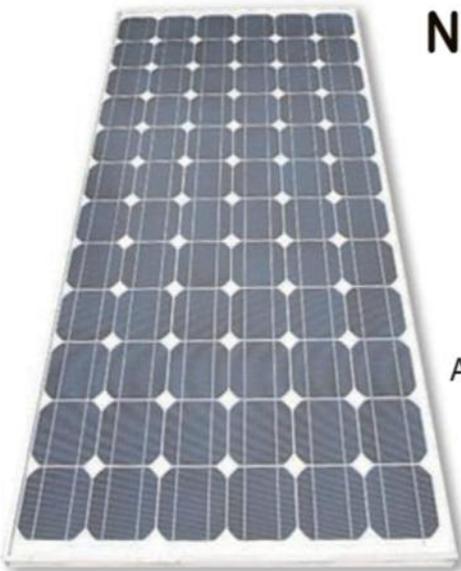
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Traffic Management is the responsibility of the relevant Highways Authority or landowner. Dorset Police only has the authority to act in an emergency or extraordinary circumstances.

All people wishing to request no waiting cones can do so from the relevant local authority or purchase/hire their own (they would still need permission from the local highways authority to use them).



Dorset Driver Courses 2012

Dorset Driver Courses designed to refresh and update your driving skills. By popular demand, more Dorset Driver courses have been organised by Dorset County Council. They can now be booked online, making it even easier to improve your road knowledge and hazard awareness.

Bookings are now being taken but places are filling up quickly. These very popular courses, which take place locally within a friendly environment, are presented by experienced road safety professionals. The two-hour theory sessions, which cost just £5 per person, are designed to help drivers of all ages deal with a wide range of driving conditions and address the most common causes of crashes in Dorset – poor hazard perception, failing to judge another vehicle's speed correctly and loss of control. Topics include refreshing your Highway Code knowledge, modern driving techniques and how to drive safely in adverse conditions.

Drivers are given essential advice and tips on how to stay safe by improving observation, avoiding distractions and how to keep a safe distance from the vehicle in front. Driving on motorways and dual carriageways is covered in the presentation, as well as the correct procedure for negotiating roundabouts.

The dates and locations of upcoming Dorset Driver courses are below. To sign up, simply complete the online booking form at www.dorsetforyou.com/dorsetdriver or contact the Road Safety team on (01305) 224558.

Day	Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday	21st February	2.00pm	Gillingham, Jubilee Room, Gillingham Town Hall
Friday	9th March	2.00pm	Bridport, The Pavilion, Bridport Leisure Centre
Wednesday	4th April	2.00pm	Blandford, Bethany Lounge, Blandford Parish Centre
Thursday	19th April	10.00am	Boscombe, Kings Park Training Centre
Wednesday	9th May	7.00pm	Wimborne, Canford Room, Allendale Centre
Tuesday	22nd May	2.00pm	Sherborne, Wingfield Room, Digby Hall
Monday	11th June	10.00am	Poole, The Study, Upton House, Upton Country Park
Friday	22nd June	10.00am	Dorchester, Committee Room 4 County Hall

People who attend the course have the opportunity to refresh their practical driving skills by signing up for a 90-minute, one-to-one driving session on local roads, under the supervision of an experienced driving instructor, costing £37.50. Booking information will be available at the theory refresher course.

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Car Boot Sale for Milborne Minis

Following on from the success of last spring's car boot sale we will be holding another one at The Royal Oak on 25th March. This year's sale will be held in aid of Milborne St. Andrew Mini Football Club. This is an increasingly popular club for the budding David Beckhams of the village, providing a great start for the 5-11 year olds who attend. Those who would like to have a car boot pitch are asked to book with the pub beforehand, pitches are £5, with all proceeds going to the club, a raffle will also be held on the day. Sellers are welcome from 9.00am, buyers from 10.00am.

Dog walker wanted in Milborne for The Cinnamon Trust



WE are a national charity manned by our brilliant volunteers who give part of their free time to help with dog walking and other pet care to elderly and terminally ill pet owners. We have a lovely Jack Russell/Cavalier Cross in the Milborne St. Andrew

area who would love to go for a good walk. Could you spare even an hour a week to help this smashing dog, if the answer is yes please contact Sally on 01736 758707, e-mail volunteer@cinnamon.org.uk or download a volunteer registration form from our web site www.cinnamon.org.uk

Unfortunately we don't have many volunteers in the Milborne St. Andrew area so any help you are able to give the Trust in support of our efforts would be very gratefully accepted.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sally Collins, The Cinnamon Trust Appeals Administrator. Telephone: 01736 758707.

Dorset Fire & Rescue Service

News Release

New Year's resolution?

Join Dorset Fire and Rescue Service as a volunteer!

IS your New Year's resolution to get more involved in your community? Members of the public can do just that by signing up to be a Dorset Fire and Rescue Service volunteer.

DFRS is on the hunt for new volunteers who will play a vital role in increasing the capacity of DFRS's community safety activities which will include home safety checks. Supported by our Community Safety Task Teams our volunteers go out into the communities which they live in and conduct fire safety checks in the home.

Volunteers and Cadets Manager, Anne Newell said: "Dorset Fire and Rescue Service volunteers aim to reach those at highest risk of experiencing a fire, before they do. Our volunteers are a vital part of our efforts to increase our community safety activity. This will include fitting or replacing smoke alarms, giving advice on the use of candles, unattended cooking, electric blankets, overloading sockets, chimneys, low energy light bulbs and much more."

She added: "We also call upon our volunteers to participate in many other areas of the service including station open days, community events and work we do with our partners across Dorset. We are looking for people prepared to volunteer anywhere in the county, but particularly in the Bridport and Shaftesbury areas."

DFRS is looking for compassionate, enthusiastic, reliable volunteers to join our team and propel the service forward. For more information about the service or to register your interest in being a volunteer please contact Anne Newell on 01305 252772 or email anne.newell@dorsetfire.gov.uk

*Emily Cheeseman, Communication Officer,
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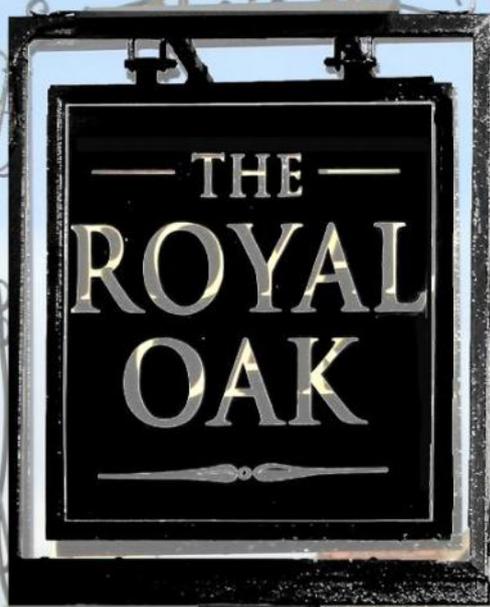
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WHATS ON IN FEBRUARY

Tuesday 7th *Bingo* 8.00pm

Tuesday 21st *Pancake eating competition!*

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prizes to the winners

Saturday 25th *Live Music* with Jess Upton and the
Guilty Pleasures 9.00pm

NEW YEAR PROMOTIONS

Curry Night

Every Tuesday 6.00pm–9.00pm

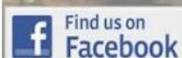
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North Dorset District Councillor	Emma Parker	01258 881631
	Jane Somper	01258 471089
Parish Council – Dewlish	Clerk: Pat Gubbins	01258 881348
	Chair: Mike Claydon	01258 837314
Parish Council –	Clerk: Joyce Holman	01202 880512
Milborne St. Andrew	Chair: Janet Allen	01258 837551

General – Adult

Computer Drop-in Centre	Rose and Ed Frost	01258 837921
Ladies Group – Dewlish	Judith Bridgen	01258 837157
Memory Lane Swing Band	Gilly Pink	01258 837695
M.A. Neighbourcar	Nigel Hodder	01258 881709
Wednesday Social Club	Margaret Evans	01258 450518
Women's Institute	Linda Wright	01258 839255

General – Youth

Beavers	Mike Mullett	01258 839076
Cub Scouts	Mike Mullett	01258 839076
Hazelnuts out-of-school club	Hazel Barrett	01305 848588
Ladybirds (Playgroup)	Liz Dyer	01258 839117
Scouts	Mike Mullett	01258 839076
Under 5's Group – The Busy Bees	Hayley Davis	07919 156578
Youth Club age 8 – 14 yrs	Sallie Maitland-Gleed	01258 837442

Police

Police – Non-emergency contact		101
Community Beat Officer	PC Dave Mullins	01202 223003
		07825 521850
Community Beat Officer (Dorch)	PC Jeremy Cuff	101
Safer Neighbourhood Team		
Blandford Rural South	PC Dave Mullins and PCSO Luke Goddard	01202 223003 or 07825 521850
	Or email blandfordruralsouthSNT@dorset.pnn.police.uk	

School

Milborne 1st School		
Headteacher:	Neil McDermott	01258 837362
Chair Governors:	Jessica Doodes	
Friends of School Chair:	Kate Connolly	

Special Interest

Bellringers	Pip Bowell	01258 837329
Bridge Group	Laurie Benn	01258 837729
Food and Wine Society	Maureen Lock	01258 837929
MSA Friendly Art Group	Elaine Anthony	01258 837089
MSA Gardening Club	Sally Dyer	01258 837061
Milborne Players	Roy Sach	01258 837033
Ranters' Folk Session	Roger Harrall	01258 837371

Sport

Round Robin Ramblers	Ian Bromilow	01258 880044
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	Matt Hall	07846 262717
Football – Reserve Team	Tom Lane	07786 156335
Football – Under 15s	Glenn Chadwick	07766 542600
Football – Under 11s	Marie Hayter	01258 837241
Modern Sequence Dancing	Grace Davies	01258 837261
Running Group	Anne-Marie Pearson	01258 837057
Skittles – Dewlish	Frank Ross	01258 837366
Sports Club		
Chairman:	Jenny Balcon	01258 837121
Bookings:	Alice Harrall	01258 837371
Table-tennis	Sandra Shannon	01258 837253
Tap Dancing for Men and Women		01258 880523
Yoga	Sue Chapman	01305 848053

Village Hall

Dewlish		
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Secretary:	Alex Carter	01258 837312
Milborne St. Andrew		
Acting Chairman:	Paul Tasker	01258 837590
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Community Events Diary

Add your event to this diary by contacting the **Reporter** – tel: 01258 837957 or email: msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk

January

Tuesday 31st **100 Club Draw** The Royal Oak 8.00pm.

February

Wednesday 1st **Wednesday Club** Village Hall talk by Derek Williams 'Hearing Dogs for the Deaf' 2.30pm – see page 11.

May Fayre Meeting The Royal Oak 8.00pm.

Friday 3rd **Youth Club** Village Hall 6.30–8.30pm.

Thursday 9th **WI** Village Hall Malcolm Angell will talk about Isaac Gulliver, Smuggler **2.30pm** – see page 3.

Thursday 9th–
Saturday 11th **Milborne Players Treasure Island** Pantomime Village Hall evenings at 7.30pm. Saturday matinee at 2.30pm – see pages 3 and 23.

Sunday 12th **Point to Point** Bere Road. First race 12.00.

Wednesday 15th **Parish Council Meeting** Village Hall 7.30pm.

Thursday 16th **Shrek 1** Village Hall 2.30pm – see page 23.

Friday 17th **Black Swan** Village Hall 7.30pm – see pages 16 and 21.

Saturday 18th **Busy Bees Fun Darts Competition** The Royal Oak – see page 11.

Thursday 23rd **Coffee Morning** Village Hall from 9.30am, in aid of Denman College.

Friday 24th **Youth Club** Village Hall 6.30–8.30pm.

Saturday 25th **Village Lunch** Village Hall 12.15pm – see page 2.

March

Saturday 3rd **The Dancer and the Devil** Village Hall 7.30 – see page 6.

Friday 9th **Youth Club** Village Hall 6.30–8.30pm.

Regular Bookings at the Village Hall

Ladybirds Playgroup Monday–Friday 8.30am–1.00pm MH (term time only)

Beavers Monday 6.00–7.15pm MH (term time only)

Scouts Monday 6.00–8.00pm CR/MH

Players Monday 8.00–10.00pm 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

Wednesday Club first Wednesday 2.30–4.30pm MH

Gardening Club fourth Thursday 7.30–10.00pm MH

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

Coffee, Cake and Computers Friday 10.00am–12.00 noon CR

Sequence Dancing third Saturday 7.30–10.30pm MH

Village Lunch last Saturday of the month 12.15–2.30pm MH

Milborne Praise! third Sunday 4.00–5.30pm MH. See note on page 8

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

Milton Abbas and Milborne St. Andrew Surgery appointments timetable

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Monday PM	Dr Longley	Dr Rees		Milton Abbas 4.00–5.00pm
Tuesday AM	Dr Longley		Dr Rees	Milborne St. Andrew 9.00–10.00am
Tuesday PM	Dr Longley	Dr Rees		Milton Abbas 4.00–5.00pm
Wednesday AM	Dr Longley or Dr Dean	Dr Longley or Dr Dean		Milton Abbas 9.00–10.00am
Wednesday PM	Dr Longley or Dr Dean	Dr Longley or Dr Dean		Milton Abbas 4.00–5.00pm
Thursday AM	Dr Dean		Minor Operations	Milton Abbas 9.00–10.00am
Thursday PM	Dr Rees			Milton Abbas 4.00–5.00pm
Friday AM	Dr Longley or Dr Rees	Dr Trickey		Milton Abbas 9.00–10.00am
Friday PM	Dr Longley or Dr Rees	Dr Trickey	Dr Longley or Dr Rees	Milton Abbas 4.00–5.00pm
Saturday AM	8.30–10.30am with either Dr Longley, Rees or Dean			
Please Note:- Milborne St. Andrew consulting times may change at short notice depending on doctor availability. Please telephone the surgery to check the location if you intend to attend the Tuesday morning walk in clinic.				
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February at the Sports Pavilion

The Busy Bees Under 5 Group from 9.30am to 11.30am on Thursday term time only. Contact Hayley Davis (07919156578).

Folk Club at 8.00pm on Friday 17th February will be at Roger's house. Contact Roger Harrall Tel. 837371 or email roger.harrall@gmail.com.

Table Tennis from 7.00pm to 9.00pm every Monday evening. Contact Sandra Shannon Tel. 837253.

Football

Adult F/B training – Tuesday evening – contact Matt Hall email mattyoon@hotmail.co.uk.

Under 15 Football – training – Thursday evenings. Contact Glen 01305 861290 or email adedorset@hotmail.co.uk

6–11 year olds on Wednesday evenings.

All copy for the March *Reporter* must be received by the **14th February**. Please send copy via e-mail to msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk or give to a member of the team.

Dorset Intermediate Cup Semi-Final

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Last month's problem

Noisy neighbours

Villagers seem to be divided into two camps. Sympathisers offer suggestions from personal help to video cameras and calling the police, the rest of you go for the 'live and let live' policy and that she should 'get over it'.

Is it too much to ask for a little consideration for other people or are some of us so eaten up with our own importance that we say 'to hell with everyone else.'?

Dear Millie

This Christmas I received, as usual, several gifts from well meaning people that are either inappropriate or totally useless. I wish people would just write a nice letter or card because these 'presents' end up in a box in the loft or in the bin – what a waste of money!

Millie says – You are a godsend to the village! There are many raffles that welcome unwanted gifts. Some things pass from organisation to organisation until they get too tatty or out of date. A few more to add to the general round would be much appreciated!

Dear Millie

It's January again, subscription time again. I do want to belong to several village organisations, but why do they all want money at the same time? All the organisations seem to have put up their charges too – my pension hasn't gone up and money is a bit short anyway just after Christmas. Can't they stagger their times?

Millie says – Some societies do ask for subs in January, but although there's a due date, money is usually collected over the next two or three months. Wednesday Club don't relieve you of your hard earned until April. I gather that a good wheeze to save money at W.I. is to join in October. Your subs then cover fifteen months – but you do have to be a new member! As for putting up prices, sadly if our clubs didn't do this they would have to close, as hall hire charges, speaker's fees and coach prices, have all gone up.

Dear Millie

I notice many people have dogs in the village. I have never owned a dog before but would like to now. Can any of your readers give me some advice as to which breed I should go for?

Millie says – Over to you!

First take a dog for a walk – see page 14. Ed. Send your letters to the Editor and Millie to msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk or give them to a member of the team.



LETTERS TO THE REPORTER

To the editor

I wonder if any of your readers may be able to help in my search for old milk bottles that were used for retailing milk between 1920 and 1975 and would have shown the retailers name and location printed on the bottle.

My hobby since retiring from a career in distribution within the milk industry is to research all dairies in Dorset, Somerset, Devon and Cornwall and locate them one by one in the hope I can find an example of the bottles they used. My focus at present is Milborne St. Andrew and environs.



I worked at the Milborne factory as Transport/Distribution Manager roughly between August 1976 and August 1984 and to date have not established whether a dairy using printed bottles existed in the village. My collection of bottles which contains examples from approximately 350 dairies at present in the south west of England will be donated to the National Trust for them to display in suitable locations within the four counties of interest.

My hope therefore is to prompt any reader to contact me if they have an example of or information of these old bottles or information to enable me to find these old dairies that existed during the last century.

I feel passionate about finding the milk bottles from this period so that they can be put on display to represent that part

of our social history which has been all but forgotten.

My contact telephone number is 01404 42642.
Peter Hayward

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to Gray's Store's Customer letter in last month's Reporter.

Whilst I would like the Londis to stock a wider variety of goods and groceries, I felt that the personal attack on Tony Lages extremely uncalled for. What a sad state of affairs it is when words are thrown around like swords and knives intended to hurt and injure when a civilised discussion would suffice just as well. The adage – 'the pen is mightier than the sword' was certainly the case here!

Perhaps the 'Gray's Stores Customer' should have had the courage to put a name to his/her letter and then perhaps Mr Lages and he/she could discuss their grievances face to face. Oh – but that doesn't happen in villages does it?
Maureen Lock

Dear Editor

Oh Dear! Here we go again! What a way to start the Festive season. Once again, anonymous critical comments, which do little to make harmony here.

Perhaps Tony Lages did over react to Rose's kind offer to help with ordering on line, albeit from one supermarket but the principle is the same from all of them.. This was her generous and enthusiastic nature (those who have seen her with her new iPad will know how pleased she is to have mastered such skills). It would be unrealistic to expect Tony (interesting profile by the way) to stock everything in his small store, which is smaller than both Bere Regis and Puddletown. Gone are the days when the village grocer was able to supply all one's needs I know because our family had such a shop back in the 50's where we weighed the sugar, butter and cheese and sliced the locally produced bacon on great big machines. We even delivered, with small boys riding large bicycles with even larger baskets attached.

As Tony says in his profile he aims to supply basic essentials. I for one find he does, (especially his cheese range) and he would willingly get in things if possible when asked. Supermarkets are sadly a necessity which we cannot avoid but I much prefer to chat to the friendly staff in our local store.

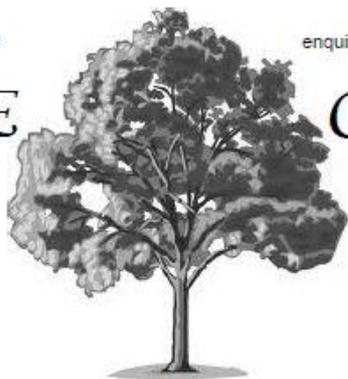
What saddens me is not appreciating what we do have and not talking to the people concerned if there is a problem. Overall this is a great village and I do love living here but how much nicer it would be without the bickering.
Hilary, St Andrews View.

Another letter on page 21

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Black Swan (15)

Presented by 'Flix in the Sticks' in partnership with 'Film Bank'
at Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall
on Friday 17th February 2012 at 7.30pm

'Black Swan' is a psychological thriller directed by Darren Aronofsky, with Actress Natalie Portman playing the role of Nina, a ballerina in a New York City ballet company. Her life, like all those in her profession, is completely consumed with dance and she lives with her obsessive former ballerina mother Erica (Hershey) who exerts a suffocating control over her. She is competing against a new dancer, Lily (Kunis), to play the parts of both Odette and Odile, the rival swans in Tchaikovsky's classic ballet. Swan Lake requires a dancer who can play both the White Swan with innocence and grace, and the Black Swan, who represents guile and sensuality and as Nina begins to get more in touch with her dark side recklessness threatens to destroy her. The punishment and sacrifice in search of artistic perfection is just one of the many themes that burst out of *Black Swan*, making it such a rich and contemplative experience. Duality and the dark side, and reality and illusion come into play as Nina's quest for the apex of her art sends her spiralling towards the edges of sanity.

Portman's portrayal of a dancer in the film *Black Swan* is so credible that she has fooled some members of the public into believing she is a bona fide ballerina.

Not only has Portman won the Best Actress award, but the rest of cast (Barbara Hershey as the mother and Winona Ryder almost unrecognisable as an old ballerina) are excellent. The film is dark and disturbing featuring scenes of anorexia, drug abuse and self-harm, as well as containing explicit lesbian sexual content.

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LETTERS *continued*

Dear Reporter

It was with the greatest sadness that I have heard of Richard Lock's resignation as both Chairman of the Village Hall Trustees and as a Trustee,

Taking the wishes of residents, as shown by results of the Village Plan Questionnaire, he has over the last few years, obtained a large amount of grant aid and good will in developing the facilities of the Village Hall.

If it had not been for his knowledge, contacts and determined drive we would not have been provided with:

- The extension to the Hall,
- High-speed Broadband,
- The new stage, lighting and sound system,
- The Multi-Use Games Area and Zip Wire,
- The patio area,
- The designation as a QEII Playing Field in Trust.

All of these have helped to develop new uses for the hall and new opportunities for the development of income such as "Flix-in-the Sticks".

Richard has devoted a considerable amount of his time, not only developing the projects and searching out the funding but also acting as a Caretaker and Groundsman: picking up litter, planting hedges, raking the chips below the Zip Wire, sweeping the car park and scrubbing the loos and many other tasks.

It is hoped that other projects that he had underway will be carried forward to completion for the benefit of current and future generations of residents:

- An updated projector for films and presentations,
- Improvements to the window "blackouts",
- A roller blind for the kitchen hatch,
- Solar panels to provide electricity and as a source of income,
- Adaptation of some swings for the differently abled.
- Dedication of the QEII field by a Distinguished Person.

In the current financial climate grant aid is drying up. But I am quite sure Richard would not have been wasting his time on these projects if he had not been pretty certain that sponsors were open to providing funding for these projects.

This is a very exciting time in the development of leisure facilities in Milborne. It is to be hoped that we will, as a community, continue to demonstrate our vision and determination, particularly now that the Government's Neighbourhood legislation is about to be debated with North Dorset District Council.

Today Milborne St. Andrew owes a great deal to Richard Lock and so will future generations.

Yours sincerely, Tony Dyer

Very Successful Start for Bridge Group

THE first meeting of the Milborne St. Andrew Bridge Group took place on Thursday 5th January at The Royal Oak in Milborne St. Andrew with 14 people of very mixed backgrounds and experience. Some had never played before while others had some previous experience. It was a very successful first meeting with everybody enjoying the evening and everybody learning something new. It must have been a great success because everyone turned up again on 12th January for some more instruction. This was followed by practical play on three tables – one for absolute beginners, one for fairly new or 'rusty' players and one for the more experienced. Instruction and advice was available throughout the evening and will continue to be in the future.

The group will continue to meet at The Royal Oak every Thursday evening at 7.00pm and welcomes new members of any experience level. If anyone is interested in joining us or requires any information please contact Laurie Benn on 01258 837729 or email laurie@benn.me.uk

We also hope to be able to set up a weekday afternoon session if there is enough interest. Please let me know. Laurie Benn

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time) which some weeks can come a bit hard when you have had a busy day's toil.

Tickets are on sale now in the Londis, The Royal Oak and of course through Sid Coe so over to you now to get your tickets booked or bought in good time.

Caroline Nobbs



Shrek 1 (U)

Presented by 'Flix in the Sticks' in partnership with 'Film Bank' at Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall on Thursday 16th February at 2.30pm

IN this fully computer-animated fantasy from the creators of Antz, we follow the travails of Shrek (Mike Myers), a green ogre who enjoys a life of solitude. Living in a far away swamp, he is suddenly invaded by a hoard of fairy tale characters, such as the Big Bad Wolf, the Three Little Pigs, and Three Blind Mice, all refugees of their homes who have been shunned by the evil Lord Farquaad (John Lithgow). They want to save their homes from ruin, and enlist the help of Shrek, who decides to offer Lord Farquaad a deal; he will rescue the beautiful Princess Fiona (Cameron Diaz), who is intended to be Farquaad's bride. Accompanying Shrek on his adventure is the faithful but loquacious Donkey (Eddie Murphy), who has a penchant for crooning pop songs. The two must face various obstacles in order to locate the Princess, but they find their world challenged when she reveals a dark secret that will affect the group.

The movie is a constant delight for its exuberant simplicity, its avoidance of sensational effects, its wit and a true feeling that transcends sentimentality. While simultaneously embracing and subverting fairy tales, the irreverent Shrek also manages to tweak Disney's nose, provide a moral message to children, and offer viewers a funny, fast-paced ride. This story is allied to both a witty cynicism and sense of fun, which pervades the entire movie in equal measure. As a result, the film appeals to both adults and children: SHREK is not just a family movie. It's a hilarious, wholesome take on the fairy tales that all of us have been familiar with since the age of three.

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Full Moon Shines on Milborne

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Police local news

December local incidents in Milborne St. Andrew

1st	Burglary Dwelling – Jewellery stolen	The Rings
12th	Burglary Dwelling – Jewellery stolen	Blandford Hill

Arrests rise during Christmas drink drive campaign

The number of people arrested during this year's Christmas drink and drug driving campaign has increased by almost 50% compared to last year's campaign.

A total of 133 people were arrested during the campaign – which ran from Thursday 1 December 2011 to Sunday 1 January 2012. This is an increase of 48% compared to last year's campaign, where 90 people were arrested.

Of the 133 people arrested during this year's campaign, 113 were men and 20 were women. Over one third of all the people arrested – 45 drivers – were men under the age of 30.

A total of 31 drivers were arrested during the month-long campaign after they had been involved in a collision.

During the Christmas campaign there was an increase in traffic patrols and road-side checks. Also, every driver involved in a collision was breath tested, irrespective of whether they were suspected of drink driving or not.

Traffic Inspector, Matt Butler, said: "It is extremely disappointing that so many drivers risked their lives, and the lives of other road users, by choosing to drink and drive over the festive season. The number of Christmas drink and drug driving arrests has decreased year-on-year since 2006, so this increase is clearly disappointing."

Anyone wishing to report a crime should call on 101. Anyone wishing to report an incident in progress, that requires urgent Police action, for example suspicious circumstances happening *now*, should call 999.

Beware rogue workers

We have received information about a company offering hedge trimming and rubbish clearance posting leaflets. These have been posted through doors in the Blandford area.

We would remind all residents when thinking about having a form of work carried out on your garden or property then you use the Trading Standards approved list of bona fide traders available at: www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk

The End of an Era Headline! Maybe, maybe not

Option 1: Yes if the headline is referring to the completion of all the priority (negative) issues outlined in the 2002 and 2006 Village Hall Regeneration Survey reports and there were a lot! Go to the Village website and have a read.

I was lucky enough to be in the right place at the right time and to join in the fun of working with a dedicated team of trustees who were up for 'making a difference' and together we did. With some gusto in some quarters and mild to severe apprehension in other parts.

For those of you not on the internet and if space had permitted I could have listed them here.

The list of achievements is not bad for a bunch of volunteers that currently meet bimonthly! All delivered on time and on budget (nearly). In addition to all this the day to day running and management of the Hall had to be maintained to the satisfaction of the community, the Charity Commission, etc. The relevant safety checks had to be completed and the grant funding, delivery and monitoring process required by the grant providers was no mean feat.

Things have changed, hopefully for the better. The only thing outstanding from the Parish Plan outcomes is the timed lighting on the MUGA, but that will be a whole new ball game!!

Option 2: maybe not, who knows what the future might bring.

The Village Hall still has my absolute support and always will, sorry to disappoint some. I haven't taken my bat and ball home, it is just that someone keeps cutting the strings on my racket!!

Those that need to know the reasons why I have stood down know. I have made my position quite clear to the trustees and that is that. I have done so purely because I don't want to be a 'distraction' and believe in putting the future of the Hall first. There is still a lot to do and being a trustee of the Hall is a brilliant experience and an opportunity for anyone that wants to make a significant contribution to community life. I could say more but I prefer to let the sleeping dogs lie!

Richard Lock

Record entries for Milborne 10

WE experienced record entries on Sunday 8th January having 340 finishers. The weather was good which may account for so many entries on the day, but it was hectic trying to register 201 on Sunday morning.

The beneficiaries this year will be Milborne First School and the Parkinsons Group.

Results

1st Male	Steven Way	Bournemouth Ac	52.24
2nd Male	Jacek Cieluszek	Bournemouth AC	54.13
3rd Male	Jack Partridge	Poole Runners	54.51
1st Female	Helen Dyke	Poole Runners	61.34
2nd Female	Sarah Chaloner	Poole AC	65.44
3rd Female	Stephanie Slader	Bournemouth AC	65.55
1st Milborne Finisher		James Park	80.05

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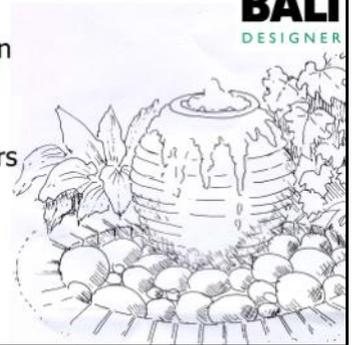
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In your Garden

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

Making the most of Clematis

THE genus Clematis is a group of remarkably adaptable and beautiful plants. There is a clematis for every situation, every season, and every colour scheme.

To get the best from your clematis consider: the aspect – is it shady or sunny, when do you want it to flower, when should it be pruned and planting depth.

Clematis don't follow the normal rules for planting. They have to be buried much deeper than they were in the pot – about 7.5cm deeper. This will help to keep the roots cool and moist and if your plant is struck down with clematis wilt it will grow again from the base. Remember to plant away from the rain shadow of a house wall and keep the roots cool by shading with other plants or put a layer of pebbles at the base.



Remember to feed in early spring with Vitax Q4 or a rose fertiliser and always water in dry weather.

Clematis do require a little bit of maintenance but it really isn't as daunting as it is made out to be – as long as you know when your

clematis flowers you will be able to prune it successfully. Basically there are three main groups when it comes to pruning:

Group 1 are the early flowering varieties such as Clematis Montana, the macropetala and alpina varieties. You don't need to prune any clematis in this group, but if they get too big and unruly, prune immediately after flowering normally late spring/early summer. Depending on how hard you prune, you may not get as many flowers the following year but the plant will soon recover. These are strong plants and will clamber over all sorts of supports and grow through old trees and even tall conifers.

Group 2 are the large flowered hybrids that flower in May and June. They need to be pruned in late winter/early spring and after the first flush of flowers in summer. To do this, tidy up the growth by removing any dead or weak stems and prune back to a healthy bud. This should leave you with a plant that is between 80cm–1.2m high. It is a good idea to prune some of the stems (ie two or three) to about 30–60cm above soil level so that fresh growth is encouraged from the base.

Group 3 clematis (the viticella and texensis varieties) produce flowers from the current season's growth, they are the easiest to maintain and the ones I use most in the garden. In a small garden they are ideal because you cut them hard back each year to about 30cm above soil level and so they never get too big. They can be grown successfully with other climbing plants, through shrubs and roses prolonging the season of interest and providing you with flowers spring, summer and autumn.

I always love to see clematis grown in combination with other plants and here are some suggestions: Grow a late flowering Clematis tangutica through an early flowering shrub such as Ceanothus, Cotinus or Garrya elliptica. The yellow flowers of the clematis will give the shrub a bit of late summer interest when its flowers have finished; or combine colours by planting with shrubs or climbers that flower at the same time eg: Clematis texensis 'Etoile Rose' with Buddleia or Rosa 'Falstaff'. Clematis varieties that look amazing when grown together are Clematis 'Ville de Lyon' with Clematis 'Comtesse de Bouchaud' and Clematis 'Jackmanii Superba' a wonderful confection of crimson, pink and purple.



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Sunday 5th February – 1.30pm (note earlier time)

Nether Cerne and Bramble Bottom

Meet outside St. Mary's Church, Cerne Abbas

Grid reference: ST 666013 on OS Explorer Sheet 117 (approx. 4.5 miles)

Wednesday 15th February – 11.00am

Melbury Hill

Meet at the National Trust car park, Fontmell and Melbury Nature Reserve, on the higher Blandford Forum to Shaftesbury road.

Grid reference: ST 886187 on OS Explorer Sheet 118 (approx. 6 miles)

Sunday 4th March – 2.00pm

Bishop's Caundle and Holwell

Meet outside Bishop's Caundle Parish Church.

Grid reference: ST 696132 on OS Explorer Sheet 129 (approx. 4.25 miles)

Please note:

- Who** All welcome including well-behaved dogs and their responsible owners. No pre-booking required just turn up.
- Wear** Suitable clothing for conditions and location, walking boots or Wellington boots.
- Bring** Waterproofs and refreshments (packed lunch on Wednesdays).
- Pace** We go at the pace of the slowest.
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Start limbering up!

Sport Relief is back and it's coming to Milton Abbas



THE Sainsbury's Sport Relief Mile is back – and it's coming to Milton Abbas. We are set to host our first ever Sainsbury's Sport Relief Mile on Sunday 25th March and we need local people to come together and show their support by entering now at www.sportrelief.com. As one of the UK's biggest fundraising events, Sport Relief brings the entire nation together to get active, raise cash and change lives – so it's time to dust off those trainers or walking shoes and enter right now.

Setting off from Milton Abbas Sports Club field at the top of the village, the Milton Abbas Mile will take in some of the beautiful views of Milton Abbas and the surrounding countryside and is set to be a really lovely event. You don't have to be sporty to take part, but can choose to complete your 1, 3 or 6 mile run or walk knowing that all the money raised will help to change the lives of people living unimaginably tough lives right here on our doorstep, across the rest of the UK and in some of the world's poorest countries.

Colin Chastey, Chairman of Milton Abbas Sports Club said: "The Sainsbury's Sport Relief Mile in Milton Abbas is here and it's your time to shine. From small children walking the mile with their mums and dads, to seasoned runners up against the clock there will be something for everyone on the big day. This is the first Sainsbury's Sport Relief Mile in Milton Abbas and it is set to be a great event. So come on, pull your Sport Relief socks up, enter the Mile and do something amazing!"

Sport Relief has a unique history of dedicated people doing extraordinary things to rise to the challenge. Last September, David Walliams started Sport Relief off with an epic splash when he completed The BT Sport Relief Challenge: Walliams vs The Thames. Despite battling a nasty bacterial bug and biting cold water, David swam a staggering 140 miles and has so far raised over £1million for Sport Relief. And that's not all; there will be even more amazing celebrity challenges to get the whole nation geared up for the Sport Relief weekend!

The Sport Relief Weekend kicks off on Friday 23rd March when everyone gets active, has fun and raises cash at home, at work or at school; before settling down to watch a night of top Sport Relief TV on BBC One. There will be even more BBC radio, online and TV coverage throughout the weekend to keep you entertained. By the end of the weekend everyone will be raring to go, when the whole nation comes together to take part in the Sainsbury's Sport Relief Mile on Sunday 25th March.

To run or walk the Milton Abbas Mile visit sportrelief.com and enter your post code to find us.

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Abbey Swimming Club

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Membership is open to all. Members range from those less than a year old to over 80. We are a social and friendly club. So join us for community spirit, fitness and health.

Great value annual membership means you can swim for little over £1.50 per week.

Adults: £80 Seniors: £60

Juniors (under 18) £45 or £28 as part of a family

Children (under 3 as part of family) FREE

We also offer swimming lessons for juniors and adults in groups or one to one, RLSS National Lifeguard and Bronze Medallion courses and Swimfit lane swimming classes.

Club session times:

Tuesday	6.30pm – 8.30pm
Friday	7.30pm – 8.30pm
Saturday	10.00am – 12 noon
Sunday	8.00am – 9.00am

Interested? Come along to the pool during any session time to pick up an application form or to take your **FREE INTRODUCTORY SWIM** or contact Lynn 880039, Pat 880601 or Robert 880192



Milborne Sports – Dorset League Two

Milborne Sports 6 Corfe Castle 1

MILBORNE continued their bright start to the year with a convincing victory against Corfe although for the first twenty-four minutes the visitors defence offered stubborn resistance. Indeed, their keeper had to be alert on several occasions whilst Sports were also profligate in front of goal during this period. The opening finally arrived when Phil Lee evaded the centre back for Karl Dean to produce a touch of magic with a sumptuous chip over the advancing keeper. The Laneenders continued to push forward and ten minutes later some clever footwork from Cris Pavey led to the ball being laid back for the consistent Paul Aston to make determined run before finishing with an exquisite right foot curler into the far corner. With thirty eight minutes on the clock the impressive Dean had a shot blocked by a defenders hand and Carl McClements added to his mounting tally sending the visiting custodian the wrong way from the penalty spot. Milborne then made it four just before the interval when Dean fed McClements on the left before he cleverly beat his marker before cutting in and driving the ball past a helpless keeper from a narrow angle.

The second half continued in the same vein and Ross Heaton was unlucky not to score with a thunderous drive from fully thirty-five yards that flashed over the crossbar. Despite creating further chances it was Corfe who scored next rather than Sports when a corner found its way to the far post where Corfe's tall striker powerfully headed home past replacement keeper Chris Stones following an injury to first choice Nick Gregg. Milborne reacted positively to this goal with Dom Gaillard and 'Jammer' Aldom putting in strong shifts in the middle of the park whilst their defence was standing firm with captain Carl Tewkesbury and Kevin Seal providing a sound central pairing. Mark Lambert looked to replicate his wonder goal of week earlier from distance but without success although a fifth finally arrived after 84 minutes when Heaton capped a fine performance intercepting a clearance before putting McClements away to finish with aplomb from about fifteen yards out. Cris Pavey then wrapped up the scoring with three minutes to go when he beat the offside trap and delivered an interesting lifted effort over the helpless advancing keeper.

Milborne now face two tough back to back fixtures against Bridport away and then league leaders at home and hopefully they will be able to produce their best form for these fixtures in a league that still is likely to provide some surprising results.

Mike Lathbury, Chairman.



Cheselbourne Theatre Club



We are going to see **Design For Living** by **Noel Coward** on Monday **6th February**. Please phone Stephen or John to find out if any tickets are still available.

Our news letter with plays for the rest of the season should be with you now and you will see that booking for the **7 Year Itch** by **George Axelrod** for Monday 2nd April is **required by 2nd February**. Please contact John as soon as possible.

President Ann Allum; Chairman Stephen Terry 881524;

Treasurer John Widdowson 837791; Secretary Chris Higgs 880073.

Milborne St. Andrew FC Youth

AN excellent start to 2012 for the Milborne Minis. Despite wind-damage to the flood lights and a delayed start to training sessions, the Milborne Mini's have enjoyed an excellent start to the season, with the under 8's winning their first match of the New Year against Bere Regis. And a sterling effort was made during the under 11s friendly. Well done lads!

Coaches still required for the Minis

Unfortunately despite last month's appeal for coaches, no-one has as yet come forward. We will continue to run Wednesday night training with the help of our excellent young volunteers and parents who are able to stand in until permanent coaches are found. If you are interested in helping us out either on a temporary basis or better still if you are interested in taking on a coaching position please do not hesitate to get in touch or come along to a training session and see what we are all about. You do not need to be experienced just enthusiastic. The Dorset FA offer some fantastic training courses (paid for by the club) and we will do everything that we can as a club to support you.

Proposed new pitch development

Currently all youth home matches are played at Milton Abbas Cricket Club, however we hope that this will soon no longer be the case. Proposals are now in place to develop the ground to the rear of the clubhouse and we are making an appeal to local businesses to help raise funds. The Royal Oak have already very kindly offered to host a car-boot sale in March (please see their advert for details), and future fundraising for the pitch will be announced shortly.

To join, volunteer or just find out more about us contact milbornestandrewfcyouth@gmail.com or call Marie Hayter, Club Secretary on 07917-541857. Training at Milborne Sports Club Wednesday night during term time: 5.00-6.00pm Reception to Year 2; 6.00-7.00pm Year 3 and up.



MILBORNE ST ANDREW FC YOUTH NEEDS YOU!



Seriously, we really do need people to come forward and soon. We are a fun friendly local club, with just over 60 members and growing fast. For more information or to arrange to come along to a training session and see what we are about and what it all involves then please call Marie Hayter on 01258 837241 / 07917 541857 or email milbornestandrewfcyouth@gmail.com

Coaches/ Managers sought.

If you love football and are good with children then please get in touch.

The FA offers some fantastic on-going training courses.

We train on Wednesday nights:

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New Menu

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Our motto remains "Quality at an affordable price".

A Taste of England Supper

To celebrate the refurbishment we are holding this special meal. Main courses include Pheasant, Gressingham Duck, English Lamb or Seabass. With traditional starters and desserts.

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Valentines

What better way to enjoy your valentines meal in our new and romantic restaurant. We will be offering our special meal on Saturday 11th, as well as Tuesday 14th.

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A Taste Of England Refurbishment Supper

Saturday 4th February

A celebration of English food served in our newly refurbished restaurant.

Starters

Rustic chicken liver terrine with black pepper and thyme
Homemade fishcakes with a sweet chilli and ginger sauce
Mushroom with roasted vegetables and Dorset Blue Vinney
Pea, mint and spring onion soup with parmesan croutons

Main Courses

Pan-fried Gressingham duck breast in a raspberry sauce served with celeriac mashed potatoes and vegetables
Pheasant breast braised in Somerset cider with celeriac mashed potatoes
English lamb chops served in a balsamic reduction with crushed new potatoes and spinach
Sea bass with garlic and dill butter served on a bed of green beans, cherry tomatoes and new potatoes

Puddings

Rhubarb and Apple crumble served with custard
Old English syllabub
Banoffee Pie and clotted cream
Plum Tart with custard

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Valentines Meal

Saturday 11th or Tuesday 14th February

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Starters

Cream of cauliflower soup with sautéed wild mushrooms
Pan-fried scallops with lime and coriander
Warm goats cheese, wild mushroom and spinach tart
Marinated chicken with mango salad

Main Courses

Mussels with bacon, shallots and thyme
Pan fried lemon sole with a citrus sauce
Grilled Rib-eye steak with cherry tomatoes and mushrooms
Gressingham duck breast with a champagne sauce

Puddings

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