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Milborne St. Andrew

Spring lambs



Hostas, Heucheras and Hellebores



ON Thursday 28th March Gardening Club members were treated to a very informative presentation, entitled Hostas, Heucheras and Hellebores. This included quality photos of the plants.

The talk was presented by Martin Young, who, by the way, has just opened a nursery in Upwey called Nectar Plants Garden Nursery (www.nectarplants.co.uk); it's certainly on my list to make a visit.

The good news is the three H's are all quite easy to grow, there are many varieties and the hostas and heucheras have interesting foliage.

We heard that hostas like part shade they are container friendly and widely available. There are more than 40 varieties and were discovered in China, Japan and Korea arriving in this country in 1830. Martin showed the three types of hosta: 1. solid leaf colour; 2. variegated; 3. lace patterned or slug damaged! There are many ways of trying to keep the slugs at bay but good soil hygiene is the best way to start. Other useful deterrents are egg shells, grit, beer, salt, nematodes, copper strips or slug pellets, Vaseline, chilli powder, frogs and toads and giving them away (not very neighbourly!) The hosta flowers are attractive to bees but not butterflies. The Water Gardens at Longstock are worth a visit to see the hostas.

We are enjoying a bit of colour from hellebores in the garden despite all the bitter weather. Did you know they are part of the buttercup family and are toxic? In the past they were used medicinally and for blessings. There are 16 wild species and they are divided into six groups. They dislike being moved and suffer from black spot and vine weevil.

The heuchera is part of the saxifrage family and comes from the woodland/mountain areas of Mexico. There are many lovely shades with modern names, ie Marmalade, Crème Brulee and Blackberry Jam. They also are bothered by vine weevil. They dislike clay soil and have mildew/botrytis problems.

We hope you have caught the flavour of one of our meetings and we welcome you to the next meeting in the Village Hall, which will actually be 27th June. The speaker is Neil Lovesey on Herbs - What are they? Usual time 7.30pm.

Our May meeting is our **Plant Sale** on **12th May** from 10.00am to 12 noon, please see the advert on page 11 for more details.

Angie Nowell

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Fifth birthday

The Friday Drop-In (Coffee, Cake and Computers) at the Village Hall celebrated its 5th birthday at the end of April. The picture shows Robin Keller cutting the birthday cake. Robin was present at the first session in April 2008 and has attended every session since, except for two when he was unwell.

Rose and Ed Frost



Close finish in Crib league

THIS year's Royal Oak Crib League was a close run thing and involved a play off between the top two teams. We had 22 players this season and the competition was tight with several pairs who could have won but the winners of the trophy and M&S vouchers were Frank Gipps and Ron Westacott.



The buffet provided by The Royal Oak at the presentation was excellent and the following Round Robin Competition was enjoyed by all. This was a fun evening with lots of banter and laughter but was finally won by Laurie Benn.

We will be starting the new season in September and are always looking for new players, so if you are a crib fan and would like to join our Monday league please ring Elaine or Peter on 837089.

Elaine Anthony

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Playing cards is good for your brain?

SEVERAL village organisations sent teams to the Annual Village Quiz on 13th April. Last year's successful *Reporter* Team set the Quiz, with the Hall Committee setting up, running the bar and making sure everything ran smoothly. As usual the team names provided amusement as well as representing their organisations. Teams included The Dirty Diggers, Fine Diners, Jammy Dodgers, Youthful Youth Club and Wednesday Mind Wanderers.

Eventual winners were 'One for His Knob!' (if you laugh you don't play Crib) with 'A Bridge Too Far' only one point behind. It does seem that playing cards improves your general knowledge! 'One for His Knob!' won the prize of setting next year's questions, and the honour of having their photos in this month's *Reporter*.

Thank you to Janet for being an excellent Quiz Mistress, and to Dave and Carole for collecting and distributing answer sheets, and for keeping us supplied with liquid refreshments. Thanks also to the London Ladies, Two and a Half Men, The Foodies, The Undecided and the Ping Pongers for joining in the Quiz, in the spirit of fun.

It was a great evening of fundraising for the Village Hall taking over £220.

Susan Cawley



Photograph shows (l to r); Susan Cawley (representing the Reporter team and who set the questions) with the winning team of Helen Pugh, Christine Surtees, Giles Pugh and Mike Surtees.

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Looking forward to welcoming you on board very soon, as we motor into our second year of operations.

Details of our outings can be found on Facebook and we shall also have a stall at the Milton Abbas Street Fair.

Bus2Go is very keen to support community initiatives such as our recent visit to the Jailhouse Café at The Verne Prison.

A.G.M. Wednesday 29th May at 8.00pm in the skittle alley, The Royal Oak, Milborne St. Andrew. *Margo Kirk*

Farewell and welcome

MANY thanks to Jill Storey who has delivered the *Reporter* for many years from its inception and is retiring from this most necessary task. Thank you to Lis and Ian who came to our rescue last month. Welcome to Sue Benn who joins us to take over Jill's round. Our Team is almost complete. We are still looking for one other person to join the team. Have you secretarial skills? For more information please e-mail msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk



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You are what you eat . . . at the April WI

AT our Annual Meeting, our President, Jenny Preston, thanked everyone who had helped during the year and in particular June Maitland in her efficient role as Secretary and Josie Wright for her financial expertise. The new committee will comprise Anya Bruty, Angela Jones, June Maitland, Pat Shipton, Josie Wright and Linda Wright, with Jenny Preston re-elected as President.

We are offering 'Bluebell Teas' again this year on Sunday 5th and 12th May, between 11.00am and 4.30pm. Visitors to Milborne Woods to see the glorious bluebells will be able to pop across the road for tea and cakes. Many thanks to Anya for once more kindly offering to host this event. (Lots of cakes are needed, so we are asked to don our aprons and deliver said offerings to Anya's.)

Our speaker, Abigail Langstone-Wring, a complementary health practitioner for over 20 years, came along to share health tips with us. She advised that a balanced diet is the important key to maintaining our health, and is often instrumental in dealing with infections and chronic and stress-related conditions. Much discussion followed around what constituted a healthy, balanced diet. All the right ingredients were mentioned: fruit and vegetables etc., and a few of the sadly inappropriate ones, for example, alcohol. Regular exercise boosts the immune system, and quality sleep is of prime importance – but not always easy to achieve!

At our next meeting on Thursday 9th May, Ann Gould will talk about the 'World of Miniatures'. Please join us.

Pat Bull

News from Milborne Mini Soccer

FIRST of all, we would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who has voted for us in the Community Spirit Award. The award was set up by Cornish Mutual who will give a prize of £1,500 to a worthwhile project within a Dorset community voted by the public to have the best spirit.

The first round of votes closed with the Milborne Floodlight Appeal in first place with 32% of the overall votes cast. At the time of sending this to print, I am waiting to see if we are selected by the judges to go into the second round and if the votes already cast will count in the second round. For more information please see their website www.communitysouthwest.co.uk and, fingers crossed, the £1,500 prize will be ours. Every vote counts so please support us.

We hope that we will be able to welcome the good people of Milborne St. Andrew along on 11th May to our Family Fun Day. Every penny raised will go towards our Floodlight Appeal. The day looks set to be a lot of fun, children will be involved in friendly soccer matches from 11.00am against local teams and yes, the little ones will get a game too!

The fete will then kick off at 12 noon with live music, entertainment, tug-of-war, bar, BBQ and lots of wonderful stalls. This year's live entertainment comes from our excellent singer/comper (from last year), Neil Coad, and also we are delighted to welcome local youth band 'What', made up of 12–16 year olds on guitars, drums and saxophones (and they really are extremely good).

If you would like to have a clear out and donate towards this year's Family Fun Day, we have been asking for the following which you can either bring up to the club-house during training Wednesdays 4.00–6.30pm or call me to collect on 01258 837241:

- Good quality used children's books, games, DVD's and toys.
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Marie Hayter, Club Secretary.



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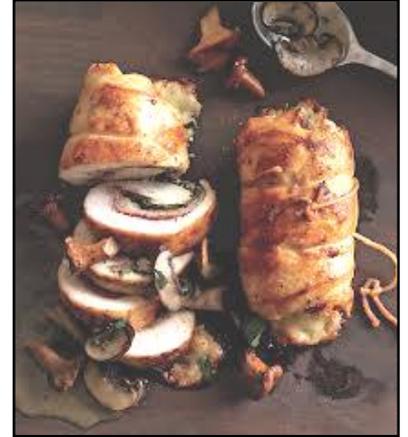
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Wholefood celebration cookery

Boned, Stuffed Party Chicken

WHOLEFOOD cookery is not necessarily vegetarian – but for this recipe try and get a free range bird, additive and enzyme free. This makes a spectacular buffet dish cold or hot it is equally delicious served with some extra soaked apricots liquidised into the gravy. It is simplicity to carve:

1x3½–4lb boned chicken
(ask the butcher to do this for you – it's without fee, Mato's in Blandford will do so). Free range chickens can be bought from Steve and Tess Evans at Just Good Stuff Farm Shop, Steeptonbill Farm, Milton Abbas 07824 702398



Stuffing

4ozs dried apricots soaked overnight
2ozs long grain brown rice – cooked but with a little bite left
1 level teaspoon turmeric
teaspoon ground rosemary leaves
1 clove of garlic, crushed
half an ounce of butter
half a level teaspoon mild curry powder
half a level teaspoon ground black pepper
1 teaspoon of oil
2ozs onion finely chopped
2ozs chopped mushrooms
2ozs flaked almonds (optional)
2 tablespoons dry vermouth or white wine
quarter of a pint wine and quarter of a pint chicken stock (use the bones to make stock) to roast in.

Method

1. Drain the apricots, pat dry on a kitchen towel, halve them and place in a bowl, sprinkle on the wine/vermouth rosemary and turmeric, leave on one side to absorb the flavour – about one hour.
2. Season the cooked rice with salt, black pepper and curry powder.
3. Saute the onion and mushrooms in very little olive oil for 5–10 minutes.
4. Add the mushroom and onions to the rice together with crushed garlic and butter. Gently stir in the apricots and their juices with flaked almonds if using.
5. Lay the washed dried boned chicken on a board, season the flesh with a little salt and pepper.
6. Pile the, now cold, stuffing along the centre of the chicken, fold up and reshape, sew up with fine string and a trussing needle or with cocktail sticks (this is easier than it sounds).
7. Transfer to a well greased casserole and roast in oven at 220°C/429°F/Gas mark 7 for an hour with half a pint of wine and quarter of a pint of stock poured over it. Can be done on top of the stove in a heavy pan on a low heat.

If serving cold remove chicken to serving dish and leave to go cold in a cool place then keep in the fridge, decorate the skin of the chicken when cold with halved stuffed olives, serve on a bed of watercress with a yoghurt sauce: season yoghurt with lemon rind added and 4ozs soaked drained, liquidised apricots mixed in with a little curry paste. Garnish with toasted flaked almonds.

If serving hot transfer chicken after cooking to a warm serving dish, make a gravy with the chicken juice that remain and a stock/white wine if needed. Thicken three quarters pint of liquid with 2 tablespoons flour. When sauce is made add the pureed apricots, and readjust seasoning – serve very hot separately. Garnish chicken with watercress. Serve with rice and green vegetables or salad.

Carole Fornachon



Ladies' Netball

NETBALL – Calling all lady netballers!

Due to some village interest in playing netball it has been decided to set up a weekly meet to practice and improve skills and fitness.

From Saturday 4th May, MSA Village Hall MUGA court is being booked out from 11.00am to 12 noon.

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Have I lost the plot? I think not!

Hi to you all, can I share with you the latest info from the RHS to hit the desk of the Gardening Club Secretary?

The Parish Council and the Allotmenters might find the Defra funding opportunity (England only) interesting, and so might the school.

The school might also be interested to note that I have strimmed around the trees planted by the children on the upper level of the Village Hall playing field to give them a fighting chance of survival (the trees that is). Listening to the BBC Breakfast Time today it might also be a good site to hold an outdoor session, particularly when the wildflowers start emerging around the open air theatre.

Edible Britain – planting your edible seeds

The Gardening Club have also just taken delivery of some edible seeds and we would like to work with the Parish Council, the school and the Allotmenters on finding a good site to sow them. Ideas range from the usual 'Gardening Guerrilla' tactics of night-time planting and forget the 60mph issue recently reported, we certainly cannot wait until the roundabout is installed in The Square as part of the traffic management solutions for planting of veggies there, so would welcome some suggestions.

One idea is on the school site on the right hand side as you enter. That would give the children an interest and the recently installed CCTV should spot anyone (including the resident mole) taking more than their fair share.

WELL ARE YOU UP FOR IT?

Richard Lock

From the office of the Chairman of the Gardening Club



Can you identify where this is in Milborne?

Be the first to send your answer to msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk or give to any member of the Reporter team (Reporter team members can be found on page two).

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Rogation tide

I wonder if any of our older parishioners can remember doing something special during Rogation tide? Rogation Sunday falls on the fifth Sunday after Easter and the following Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday are called rogation days ending with Ascension Day on the Thursday. This year it begins on 5th May. The word Rogation comes from the Latin word *rogatio*, to intercede, ask or beseech. It's traditionally a time when prayers are made for God's blessing on the land, livestock and crops in the hope of a good harvest. Our farmers always need our prayers but especially this year with the terrible weather we've had over winter so across the benefice we will make sure extra prayers are said on Rogation Sunday.

Ascension Day is also the day for Beating the Bounds, or Boundaries, of your church's parish. The custom was once found in almost every English parish, but now is only carried out in a few places. It involved people walking around their farm, church or parish boundaries pausing as they passed certain trees, walls and hedges that denoted the edge of their land to pray and ritually 'beat' particular landmarks with sticks. Often some poor child would be bumped on the boundary marker so that its location would be 'sorely remembered'. In London, a school boy was held upside down by his feet from a boat in the river Thames where there is a boundary!

The whole idea began well before Christianity. The Romans had a festival called the 'robogalia' in which the people went through their fields and prayed to the gods to protect their crops. They prayed to the god known as 'Terminus' – the god of fields and boundaries. When Christianity became the religion of Europe the festival continued, although Jesus now was the focus of prayers. A cross was carried around the boundary line, at various points the Bible was read or prayers were said. The purpose, though, was the same as in Roman times – to ask God's blessing on the crops and to check that no-one had trespassed in any way across the border of each parish.

We all have boundaries. Sometimes we put up invisible walls to keep others out. It feels uncomfortable if others cross that invisible boundary and encroach on our space. Sometimes we even put up walls to keep God out. We are not comfortable if He gets too close.

You know, I'm not sure that God has boundaries. Sometimes we keep God firmly within boundaries of our own making. Why do we do that? Why do we want to confine God? I wonder if it's because if we let him loose we are terrified of what he might do in our lives.

Sarah Godfrey

Ascension Day Superstitions

Eggs laid on Ascension Day are said to never go bad and will guarantee good luck for a household if placed in the roof.

In Devon, it was an ancient belief that the clouds always formed into the familiar Christian image of a lamb on Ascension Day.

If the weather is sunny on Ascension Day, the summer will be long and hot; but if it rains, crops will do badly and livestock, especially cattle, will suffer from disease.

According to Welsh superstition, it is unlucky to do any work on Ascension Day.

CHURCH SERVICES May 2013

THURSDAY 2nd May

12 noon Lunch-time Communion Milborne

5th May – Easter 6

9.30am Parish Communion Tolpuddle
9.30 Family Communion Milborne
11.00 Holy Communion Puddletown
With Sunday Seekers and Crèche
11.00 Morning Prayer Dewlish

THURSDAY 9th May – Ascension Day

6.30am Morning Prayer Dewlish on hill by mast
7.30pm Holy Communion Puddletown

12th May – Easter 7

8.15am 1662 Said Communion Puddletown
9.30 Methodist United Service Tolpuddle
9.30 Parish Communion Milborne
11.00 Family Service Puddletown
11.00 Family Communion Dewlish

THURSDAY 16th May

12 noon Lunch-time Communion Puddletown Church Room

19th May – Pentecost

9.30am Family Communion Tolpuddle
9.30 1662 Said Communion Milborne
11.00 Pentecost Celebration Puddletown
11.00 Holy Communion Dewlish

SATURDAY 25th May

12.45pm Holy Matrimony Tolpuddle

26th May – Trinity Sunday

9.30am All-Age Worship 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

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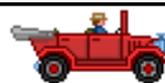
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18th and 25th May – Maureen Lock

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Milborne St. Andrew Church Notes

Annual Meeting

At St. Andrew's annual church meeting held in March, John Wright was re-elected churchwarden and the existing PCC members were re-elected 'en bloc'. Eva Stockley retired as churchwarden and as nobody had come forward to replace her we have a vacancy. This means that the PCC will have to redistribute some of the jobs that churchwardens have accumulated over the years. The report and financial statement for last year was presented to the meeting and approved. Copies are available in church.

Good Friday Easter Experience

About 45 children arrived in Milborne Village Hall for a great afternoon of fun and contemplation. Everyone enjoyed making Hot Cross Buns and Chocolate Nests, decorating Easter Biscuits and



Palm Crosses, and showing their skills at the Craft Table with Story Wheels, Cross Bookmarks and Scratch Art Crosses. While adults finished baking the buns, Sarah Godfrey took the children on an Easter Trail to the church telling them the Easter story. In church they wrote prayers on

folded paper flowers to float in dishes of water. It was wonderful to watch the children sitting quietly round dishes of flowers slowly opening to reveal their prayers. We owe a very big 'thank you' to Sarah Godfrey and all the parents and other adults who worked so hard to make this such a wonderful experience.

Easter Sunday

On Easter Day the church came alive with candles and beautiful flower arrangements. There were 42 adults and children at the service conducted by Sarah Godfrey. The children helped her bless the Easter Garden and light the Pascal Candle which was paraded through the church to the font where it will stay until Accession Day. We are all very grateful to the flower arrangers and cleaners who made the church look so wonderful for this special festival, and to Louisa who played the hymns for us on her keyboard. Our own electronic organ, given to the church in 2004, played its last note a month or so after the death of its donor, Frank Hayward, so we need to make decisions about a replacement.

Church Roof

Now that Summer Time has started we are all looking forward to an end to the snow showers and the beginning of some warmer drier weather, not least because work can then start on repairs to our

church roof. A lot of tiles need to be removed to enable some of the underlying timbers to be replaced. We have received a donation from Dorset Historic Churches Trust which will cover much of the cost, but we still need to keep fundraising! It has been calculated that it takes **£50 per day** to keep our church running – that is nearly £9 per week from everyone on the Electoral Roll.

John Wright, Churchwarden

Thank you

My retirement from being your churchwarden for six years was quite an emotional day for me. During this time St. Andrew's Church has gone through a period of change and has led to an increase in our congregation. New ideas have come forward such as Milborne Praise which I thoroughly enjoyed being part of. Last year saw the transformation of the church with the building of the toilets and kitchenette.

When I became an LPA (Lay Pastoral Assistant) it gave me the opportunity to visit the elderly who are unable to get to church. They would talk over old times and I would keep them up to date on what was happening in church. Working together as a benefice has brought about new friendships and a wider understanding of worship to us all.

I will continue to work for the church as a PCC member. I will also treasure the plaque given to me as part of my retirement gift, the matching note pad and pen will keep me making notes for a long time, and the gardening token will be very well spent as I intend to change a few things in my garden to make it more manageable. The bouquet of flowers has been a real asset over this Easter time.

Thank you to everyone for these gifts and the support you have given me over the past six years.

Eva Stockley

Dewish Church news

Hospitality at every turn

MARCH turned out to be a very busy month for us in the church in Dewlish. We enjoyed very much our Thursday Evening Prayer services led by Jim, and our Lent Lunches proved to be excellent as usual, with different soups being served at each home we visited. Many thanks to all the hosts and hostesses for their hospitality, and for giving us the opportunity to meet up socially as well.

On Maundy Thursday we once again held the Agape Supper in the Village Hall, with 12 people taking part in the supper and service. Thank you so much to Norman for leading our service. The money collected at the Lent Lunches and Agape Supper amounted to £333, and this sum has been donated to Water Aid.

All Saints looked beautiful for Easter and, with the sun shining through the windows, the flowers all looked splendid. Thanks to Norman for taking this service too, to Jim for his assistance, and an especially big thank you to all the flower arrangers.

Our Spring Sale and Coffee Morning proved to be very popular, despite it being yet another freezing day! We made £378.35 for church funds. Many thanks to all the stallholders, to the people who gave so generously and to those who came to support the event.

Upcoming events in May

On **Ascension Day** (Thursday 9th May) we shall once again be holding our service at **6.30am** at the top of Greenways (by the TV mast). We are certainly hoping that the weather will have warmed up by then!

On Friday 17th May in Dewlish Village Hall there will be a **special quiz** to raise funds for the Milborne St. Andrew Scout Group. Doors open at 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. For teams of four the cost will be £16, to include a ploughman's buffet supper. A raffle will also be held. Please send entries – which should be in by 10th May – to joannehewish@yahoo.co.uk or call 0777 155 8521.

The next day (Saturday 18th May) there will be a **Coffee Morning and Sale** in the Village Hall from 10.30am–12 noon. All proceeds will be given to Christian Aid. Please contact Mrs Margaret Groves (Tel: 01258 837 617) for further information.

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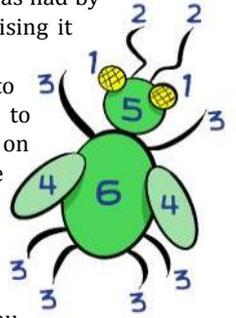
Congratulations to Karen Park of Coles Lane who won the Friday Drop-In Easter hamper. The raffle raised £34.00 for Drop-In funds and this will be used to subsidise future sessions.

Photo by Maria Grimes

Beetle drive at the Wednesday Club

ON Wednesday 3rd April the Wednesday Club held a Beetle Drive. There was lots of laughter and a good time was had by all. Our thanks to Eve Richardson for organising it for us.

Unfortunately the planned trip in May to Compton Acres has had to be cancelled due to lack of interest so our next meeting will be on Wednesday 1st May at 2.00pm in the Village Hall, when Margaret Evans is organising a quiz. Any members who were not at the April Meeting will be able to pay their £5 subscription to October when the new year will begin. We look forward to seeing you all there.



Lis Watts

Society continues to grow

SPRING has sprung (allegedly) and the MSA Allotment Society continues to grow and develop with the seasons!

At just over a year old the Milborne St. Andrew Allotment Society is coming on in leaps and bounds. Rabbit fencing has been erected to keep those pesky rabbits off the brassicca (and anything else they can get their teeth into) and we are within a whisker of the water coming onto site. All this is thanks to the hard working efforts of our hard working committee putting together and winning bids with POPPS, The Community Trust and Spectrum.

This is an important project for our community showing how a plot of unused land can be turned into a major benefit for all taking part, to learn, grow and develop.

This investment shows just how important it is to have these projects that are purely for the benefit of the community and can help it flourish.

Our allotment holders have taken their spades and embraced the Grow Your Own mantra and with help from each other most have already eaten some of their own fruit and veg with a mammoth harvest due in this year.

Allotments are still available and you can contact us either by email msa.allotments@yahoo.co.uk, by telephone on 837957 in person at the Milborne Mini Fun Day at the Sports Club on 11th May.

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They both went to college at Kingston Maurward, so had a real connection to the place, and the weather was reasonably kind, the awful easterly wind had calmed down a little for that day. It all went so quickly – I think I need a Star Trek transporter to relive the precious moments, the last of our family to tie the knot – all three of them in two years! I think we now need a holiday... *Sue Gould*



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Dear Editor,
 May I thank the church flower arrangers for their stunning displays for Easter. They really have surpassed themselves and the arrangements are still looking good two weeks later.
 Linda Wright

Dear Editor,
 We would like to inform the residents of MSA that the recycling bins currently in the car park of The Royal Oak will be removed towards the end of May. This is to coincide with the increased service now being offered to individual households by NDDC.
 Sarah and Andrew Fox

Dear Editor,
 This is just a quick letter to thank you for such a marvellous write up of *Sleeping Beauty* in the March issue of the Reporter. We're very glad everybody seems to have enjoyed it so much and that all the hard work of the cast and crew paid off so handsomely! It was great to be able to give some new (and some not so new!) faces a chance to perform for you all.
 The players are now looking forward

to our next production in September and would like anybody who is interested in taking part, either acting or helping out backstage, to contact us via our website (www.MilbornePlayers.org.uk), email (info@milborneplayers.org.uk), by phone to our Chairman Roy Sach (837033) or by coming along to see us on any Monday evening at the Village Hall at 8.00pm.
 Yours sincerely,
 Jon Riddle
 Director, *Sleeping Beauty*

Ask Millie

– your problems solved



We welcome Millie back after her long holiday sailing in the Caribbean.

Dear Millie
 I think all those people now queuing up for a measles vaccination should pay for it. They had the chance to have it years ago free of charge but decided not to have it. It is now costing the NHS much more in vaccinations and time than it would have if these people had had it earlier in life.

Millie says – On first reading this letter I thought it was a silly idea, how on earth is charging money going to encourage these gullible and feckless parents to finally get their children vaccinated? But, on second thoughts, this could be a real money-spinner for our NHS. Perhaps they should also consider charging for missed hospital appointments? (Cost last year £42 million). Overweight and obese patients could be charged per excess pound, parents whose children need dental

treatment due to poor diet and neglect could find their family allowance cut, smokers to pay for an annual chest X-ray, boozers to pay for annual liver tests, the lazy and indolent required to pay for personal trainers. The list is endless.

Dear Millie,
 What do you think about the rubbish, which is being piled up in the field next to Brooklands on Milton Road? A few old paving slabs appeared first then some big dumpy bags of garden waste. Now there are bits of fencing, concrete blocks and all sorts, we'll have sofas and mattresses next. It's a real mess and something should be done about it.

Millie says – You are really showing your ignorance here, this is not a rubbish dump but is actually a work of art, commissioned by the artistic elite of our village. Other villages welcome visitors by erecting beautifully carved and engraved limestone blocks or floral displays, so not to be outdone and at considerable expense, this feature has been created. It is ongoing and organic and may, in the future, feature a pickled shark, an unmade bed and possibly a fountain made out of a urinal. Watch this space.

Next month-
 Dear Millie
 My next-door neighbour has six cats and each night they keep setting off my security lights every few minutes leading to complaints from several neighbours opposite me. What can I do?

Questions for Millie and further responses can be dropped through the letterboxes of any of the Reporter team or emailed to millie@milbornestandrew.org.uk

Extra month of winter in Milborne

MARCH was wet and cold and an extra month of winter. There was a total of 116.3mm of rainfall which was 153% of average. Fog was a problem in the first week of the month and there was 40.7mm of heavy rain overnight on the 15th of the month. Snow fell on five days of the month but did not settle. There was frost on 19 nights and it was the coldest March in Milborne since 1987. There were four consecutive years between 1984 and 1987 when March was colder than this year. In some areas in the north of England, this March was the coldest since 1962.

We were fortunate to escape the heavy drifting snowfalls that occurred further north and all the problems associated with it but the Great Blizzard of 9th–11th March in 1891 affected the south of England as well as the North. 20 feet snow drifts stranded 14 trains in Devon alone and five railway engines became snowbound near Spetisbury. Throughout the country 220 people lost their lives and an estimated 6,000 sheep perished.
 Pluvius.



At the end of each term a group of current Year 4 children are selected to ring the Freedom Bell at school. This is a keenly waited for rite of passage for the children, and a pivotal moment in their last year at Milborne School. The bell ringers to celebrate the end of the spring term were, from left to right, Esther Fooks, Lily Fox, Jessica Connolly, Charlie Moore, Jake Kelly, Jack Hamilton and Gabriel Harvey.

Thank you Mark

The Reporter has been asked to publicly thank Mr Mark Frampton of Manor Farm for clearing the stream all the way to Ashley Barn.



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Food, glorious food

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The village lunch is an opportunity for long standing and new villagers of all ages to catch up with old friends and to make new ones. The menu is fixed with a vegetarian option, supplied by our excellent local public house, The Royal Oak.

The lunch takes place eleven times a year. Normally this is the last Saturday in the month, however the March lunch was held a week early due to the Easter break. The November meal is replaced by a Christmas meal held early in December.

Lunches are held in the Village Hall, where tickets are available on Fridays between 10.00am and 12 noon from the Computer Drop-in Centre. Tickets can also be obtained by contacting Josie Wright on 839090. Please note that tickets are not available the week before the meal takes place.

Current price is £6.50 each (donations towards wine or juice are welcome) but please check out the advert in the *Reporter* for the price and menu of each meal.

If you have not been to a Village Lunch before or have not been for some time, we would love to see you there!

Pete Constant

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So why not come along and ask one of the mentors to show you how to get started with either "Learn My Way" or "First Click", it's easy, fun and completely free! Remember that first time visitors also get a free tea or coffee at Milborne.

We look forward to seeing you next Friday. Telephone Rose and Ed Frost 837921 for further details.



Did you identify this?

Last month's photograph was Home Farm House in Chapel Street.

A visitor to the village, Doris Thompson from Petersfield, Hampshire, was first with the correct answer, she spotted it on the way to church on Easter Sunday.

Try your luck this month on page 7.

Send your pictures, news and articles to the Reporter at msa.reporter.yahoo.co.uk or give to a member of the Team

A Good Read

This month Shirley Dunkley reviews:

"Instructions for a Heatwave" by Maggie O'Farrell

One morning, during the merciless heatwave of 1976, an elderly couple, originally from Ireland, prepare breakfast in Irish North London. Robert (originally named Ronan) leaves to collect the newspaper and does not return. So begins Maggie O'Farrell's new novel "Instructions for a Heatwave" which then explores the secrets and the shared experiences of family life as the three adult children of the couple, Monica, Michael and Aoife, come together to support their mother, Gretta, and seek an explanation for their father's absence. For those who remember the drought of 1976 the recreation of that time of burning hot pavements, yellowing trees and remorseless heat will be strikingly familiar. To any former denizens of North London suburbia, the rows of Victorian terraces, the lines of small local shops will be precise and recognisable. To everyone who has experienced the alliances and misalliances of family, the replaying of ancient experiences to inform present discussions will come flooding back.

Maggie O'Farrell is a master in the study of family relationships and is here at her brilliant best. She fixes time and place with precise accuracy without overloading with 'period details'. She examines her 'warts and all' characters with compassion, yet without judging. I found her book a total delight.



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	Chair: Andrew Booth	01258 837284
Parish Council – Milborne St. Andrew	Clerk: Colin Hampton	01258 837011
	Chair: Jenny Balcon	01258 837121

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	June Maitland	01258 837235

General – Youth

Hazelnuts out-of-school club	Hazel Barrett	01305 848588
Ladybirds (Playgroup)	Liz Dyer	01258 839117
Scout Group	Mike Mullett	01258 837114
Under 5's Group – The Busy Bees	Hayley Davis	07919 156578
Youth Club age 8 – 14 years	Lianne Summers	01258 839081

Police

Police – Non-emergency contact		101
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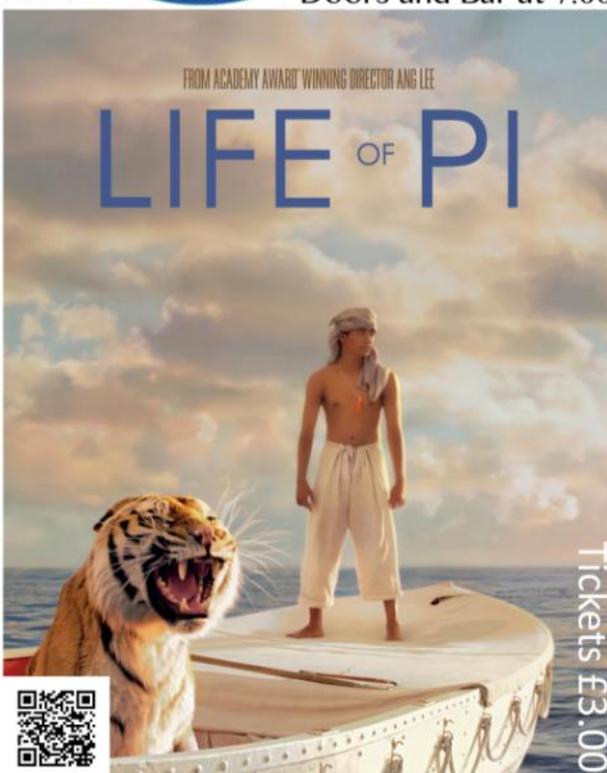
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May

- Wednesday 1st** **Wednesday Club** Village Hall 2.00pm New members welcome – see page 10.
- Saturday 4th** **Ladies Netball Practice** Village Hall MUGA 11.00am–12 noon – see page 7.
- Sunday 5th** **Bluebell Teas** opposite Milborne Woods from 11.00am to 4.30pm – see page 5.
- Thursday 9th** **WI** talk by Ann Gould about 'World of Miniatures' Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 5.
- Friday 10th** **Life of Pi** Milborne Movies Village Hall 7.00pm – see page 16.
- Saturday 11th** **Family Fun Day** Sports Field, Lane End 12 noon onwards – see page 5.
- Sunday 12th** **Gardening Club Plant Sale** Village Hall 10.00am–12 noon – see page 11.
- Tuesday 14th** **Reporter** deadline for copy. Please send your stories and pictures to msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk or to Millie at millie@milbornestandrew.org.uk
- Wednesday 15th** **Parish Council** (Annual Parish Council) Village Hall 7.30pm.
- Friday 17th** **Quiz** in aid of Milborne St. Andrew Scout Group. Dewlish Village Hall 7.00pm – see page 9.
Barn Dance Deverell Farm in aid of Milborne First School 7.00pm – see below
- Saturday 18th** **Coffee Morning** in aid of Christian Aid Dewish Village Hall 10.30am – see page 9.
- Saturday 25th** **Village Lunch** Village Hall 12.15pm – see page 2.
- Wednesday 29th** **Bus2Go AGM** Skittle Alley, The Royal Oak 8.00pm – see page 5.

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 2.00–4.00pm MH
- Gardening Club** fourth Thursday 7.30–10.00pm MH
- Karate** Thursday 5.10–6.40pm MH
- Village Hall Committee** third Thursday 7.30–10.00pm
- Women's Institute** second Thursday 7.30–10.00pm
- Coffee, Cake and Computers** Friday 10.00am–12.00 noon CR
- Youth Club 8–14 years** every other Friday 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
- Milborne Praise!** Plans to be announced.
- 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

April at the Sports Club

- The Busy Bees** Under 5 Group from 9.30am to 11.30am on Thursday term time only. Contact Hayley Davis (07919156578).
- Table Tennis** from 7.00pm to 9.00pm every Monday evening. Contact Sandra Shannon Tel. 837253.

Milborne Mini Soccer

Training on Wednesdays from 5.00–5.45pm for under 6s and 5.00–6.30pm for all other age groups.

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Journeys made by elderly or disabled residents of North Dorset to medical appointments, which require them to travel before 0930

You may be aware that all residents of pensionable age or qualifying disabled residents are entitled to free bus travel after 0930, under a national scheme administered locally by Dorset County Council. This is a valuable concession that allows our older and disabled residents to use public transport for free for social and recreational purposes, as well as basic needs such as shopping and visiting healthcare providers. Many of North Dorset's older and disabled residents are pass holders, and the scheme is widely used where bus services are available.

Until March 2013, under a historic arrangement, North Dorset District Council supplemented the national scheme by providing free travel before 0930. Unfortunately the Council can no longer afford to make provision of this sort, and it will be discontinued from 1st April 2013.

During our discussions with representatives of pass holders the primary concern raised was how the withdrawal of free pre 0930 bus travel would affect residents who need to access healthcare, either at their GP surgery or for hospital treatment. Councillors accepted this challenge, and have reserved a small grant fund for 2013/2014 to provide support. Given the limited resource available we wish to focus this on to assist those of our elderly and disabled residents who are most in need:

- They are pass holders
- They can't access appointments later in the day (bearing in mind that if they use bus travel after 0930 it will still be free)
- They have no other means of travelling to their appointment (friends or family supported)
- They are on a means tested benefit such as Pension Credit Guaranteed or Council Tax Benefit.

We have reviewed a number of mechanisms to use the money to provide support, all of which face the same dilemma. We must ensure that we target those residents who need to travel to their appointments but cannot afford to travel, without creating a bureaucracy that costs more to administer than the benefit it provides.

We need to target the resource through our community partners, healthcare providers, representative groups. To help us ensure this funding is used by those that really need it please find attached:

1. A poster for you to display, if you can, in your waiting areas, reception areas or offices. This poster is explaining the changes in pre 09:30 travel and also lists all of the routes in North Dorset where pre 09:30 travel is still free (see page 25).
2. A sample application form to access the grant fund. There is a simple criteria that will qualify a resident for financial assistance with travel if they need to use the bus before 09:30 for medical appointments.

This is also now available on dorsetforyou:

http://www.dorsetforyou.com/bus_pass_application/north_dorset

If you are aware of residents that are unable to travel on a later bus for medical reasons or are entitled to a means tested benefit please hand out an application form for completion or signpost to customer services at North Dorset District Council, contact details:

Email: customerservices@north-dorset.gov.uk

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If you wish to discuss this further please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Lisa Cotton

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Wednesday 15th May – 11.00am Abbotsbury and Ashley Chase

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Grid reference: SY 588866 on OS Explorer Sheet OL15 (approx. 6.5 miles)

Sunday 2nd June – 2.00pm Hod Hill

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Report of MSA Parish Council

Meeting 17th April

THIS was in two parts due to the unforeseen cancelling of last month's meeting. It took the form of an Annual Extraordinary Meeting when reports were received from local interest groups. The Chair requested a minute's silence at the start in memory of the life and work of Baroness Thatcher.

Three new Councillors were co-opted onto the Council, Sarah Fox, Sue Cherry and Simon Thompson. There was some discussion about the planned closure of Milton Road for what was considered, pointless, maintenance purposes from 24th May–6th June 2013, 8.00am–5.00pm disrupting GP surgery appointments and the school bus service. Strong feelings were aroused. The Council felt it is a decision that needs to be reviewed. Disappointment was expressed that the holes and not flooding appear to be the first priority. It was suggested that this was an opportunity missed to complete innovative engineering. The question posed was, has the Parish Council any power in this matter? Money previously requested from the Highways Department for this purpose had not been forthcoming. Hopes were pinned on a meeting with the Highways department on 9th May and they have until 24th April to respond to this closure. Reinforcing information will be needed particularly from those who live and are most affected by the Milton Road floods. The Parish Council will ask for a delay/deferment in order that flooding is attended to prior to longer term repair. Cllr Sumper, NDDC representative will look into the planning process for this work and also following the concerns expressed at the apparent "ghetto-ising" of social housing on the Little England building site as it gives the wrong message and excludes access to Neighbourhood Planning under the Localism Act. It was suggested that Cllr David Watson, portfolio holder be asked to the next P.C. meeting.

Other issues discussed were the cost of grass cutting Mr Roger's three year contract comes to an end and other quotes will be sought. The PC will put aside £500 for this purpose.

The Chair will be attending DT11 meetings on a regular basis.

The plaque on the Jubilee trees will read *In Commemoration of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 11 Diamond Jubilee 2012.*

Dorset Police reported a drop in overall crime by 16%. There were 102 crimes in the ward of Bulbarrow, 250 incidents, 35 in MSA; 840 phone calls, 50 related to MSA; a small increase in dwelling house burglaries and we were warned to be wary, keep doors locked and look out for our neighbours; phone 101 non-emergency number. We all need to be their eyes and ears for vehicles that 'don't fit'. Police numbers are dropping as they have to make £10million of savings through natural wastage, not redundancies. This affects their work, priorities have changed. Number one is the aftercare of victims; second, offender management, getting intelligence; third, public engagement. Now need speeding information, time and place, tell the police to make efficient use of their time. Ringwatch has now superseded Neighbourhood Watch.

There were reports from the, now, year old Allotment Society detailing their support and ability to attract £5000 funding for fences and water. Interest from Scouts and Ladybirds for community plots now have 13 plots reduced from 32. Sports Club will have second Fun Day on 11th May. Need £1,000 to replace septic tank. Bank Mandate lost by Bank. The Flood Warden spoke of blocked storm drains having inspected them with Barry Holywell NDDC, measuring with a broom handle the rubbish in them such as straw, grit and silt causing flooding. A new culvert is required. Bus2Go (see elsewhere for this and other reports). The Obelisk Fund stands at £2,400. Forestry Commission have refused permission to remove trees to allow access by the public despite The Framptons' agreement to do the work.

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Keeping healthy at Ladybirds

LADYBIRDS have been busy planting potatoes and beans which we hope to taste in the summer. The children have enjoyed tasting different fruits and like to help prepare fruit for snack time. We have a snack café during the morning where children can help themselves to a selection of fruit. The photo shows the children busy chopping fruit. We feel it is important to include children in food preparation where they are supervised in using knives safely, learn



the importance of hygiene and try different fruits. When they have prepared the food they are more likely to eat it.

Before we broke up for Easter the Easter Bunny came along and hid little chicks for the children to find. The children had great fun searching for them and at the end of the morning they were given an Easter egg to take home. Thank you to the Committee for providing this.

We are still searching for a Treasurer to take over from Peter Anthony in November. You do not have to have connections with the preschool to take up this position just an understanding of bookkeeping and a willingness to make a difference in your community.
Liz Dyer



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School News



Church where the whole school were joined by family and friends. After returning to school and enjoying some much needed hot cross buns, everyone headed out to the field for our traditional egg rolling. The eggs had been decorated by the children with some great imagination, before they were rolled from the hill – a prize being awarded for the furthest intact egg. We were delighted that the children joining us in September from Ladybirds were able to be with us for the morning and take part in the egg rolling. Friends of School donated the refreshments on the day and the chocolate prizes, before completing the week's activities with an Easter egg hunt. Our term finished with a celebration assembly before the Freedom Bell was rung.

The art project for May was produced by Milborne St. Andrew WI and shows the many activities they enjoy linked to the central May Pole.

DURING the spring term, as part of the local musicianship programme, our Year 4 children have been learning to play a brass instrument. Parents were treated to a special assembly where they demonstrated their talents. To complete their science curriculum for the term they also enjoyed a trip with the Year 3 children to the INTECH science centre in Winchester, enjoying the planetarium and many of the hands on activities the centre has to offer.

Our Easter celebrations began with a service at St. Andrews



CONTACTS

If you require any information about the school, including admission details or would like to arrange a visit please contact Mrs Pugh in the school office

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- Grilled sardines with basil and tomato salsa and salad
- Warm goats cheese with toasted walnut crumble, sweet onion marmalade, pickled beets and toast
- Pan fried pigeon breast with green lentils, braised vegetables and sweet potato crisps
- Crab tian with gazpacho and citrus salad
- Chicken liver parfait with poached pear, red onion confit and toast

Mains

- Rump Steak with confit tomato, flat mushroom, hand cut chips, dressed rocket and a red wine jus
- Confit pork belly with braised red cabbage, apple puree and champ mash
- Pan fried fillet of seabass with sunblush tomato, caper berry, new potato and organic leaf salad

- Pan fried fillet of red mullet with pesto mash, lemon butter beurre blanc
- Courgette, lemon and coriander linguine
- Turnip and sorrel risotto

Pub Classics

- Breaded plaice with hand cut chips, peas, tartare sauce and lemon
- Trio of sausages with black pepper mash and red onion gravy
- Venison burger with pickles, salad and hand cut chips
- Lamb curry with basmati rice, mango chutney and handmade naan bread

Desserts

- Chocolate brownie with raspberry compote
- Chocolate and coconut torte with crème anglaise jelly
- Iced vanilla parfait with pineapple salsa
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Where some routes, see below, in North Dorset have less frequent public transport services pre 9.30am travel is free where there is no other service or the next available service is 10.30am or later.

Route

- 25** Gillingham-Salisbury **0906** from Gillingham – applies to Gillingham only Mondays to Fridays
- 26** Wincanton-Warminster **0908** from Wincanton – applies to Bourton only Thursdays
- 34** Buckhorn Weston-Shaftesbury **0910** from Buckhorn Weston – applies to Buckhorn Weston to Madjeston Thursdays
- 37** Gillingham-Poole **0900** from Gillingham – applies to Gillingham through to Hill Farm Shaftesbury Mondays
- 38** Gillingham – Bournemouth **0900** from Gillingham – applies to Gillingham through to Hill Farm Shaftesbury Fridays
- 39** Gillingham-Salisbury **0900** from Gillingham – applies to Gillingham through to Hill Farm Shaftesbury Tuesdays
- 40** Gillingham-Dorchester **0900** from Gillingham – applies to stops in Gillingham through to East Stour Wednesdays
- 42** Gillingham-Yeovil **0905** from Gillingham – applies to stops in Gillingham and Madjeston Tuesdays
- 80** Shaftesbury-Bath **0910** from Gillingham – applies to stops in Gillingham and Milton on Stour Wednesdays
- 83** Shaftesbury-Wimborne **0845** from Shaftesbury – applies to Shaftesbury through to Blandford Mondays to Fridays
- 89** Gillingham-Trowbridge **0910** from Gillingham – applies to Gillingham through to Zeals Thursdays
- 158** Shaftesbury-Wincanton **0920** from Shaftesbury – applies to Shaftesbury and Motcombe Mondays to Fridays
- 184** Salisbury-Weymouth **0840** from Salisbury – applies to Woodyates through to Blandford Camp Mondays to Fridays
- 307** Marnhull-Dorchester **0912** from Marnhull – applies to Marnhull and Hinton St. Mary for travel to stops beyond Sturminster Tuesdays to Fridays
- 311** Dorchester-Blandford **0830** from Dorchester – applies to Dorchester through to Bryanston Mondays to Fridays (School Holidays)
- 311** Dorchester-Blandford **0841** from Puddletown – applies to Puddletown through to Bryanston Mondays to Fridays (Schooldays)
- 314** Poole-Salisbury **0830** from Broadstone – applies to Corfe Mullen through to Sutton Waldron Tuesdays
- 315** Blandford-Ringwood **0920** from Blandford – applies to Blandford only Wednesdays
- 316** Blandford-Wareham **0905** from Blandford – applies to Blandford to Bere Regis only Thursdays
- 317** Stalbridge-Blandford **0920** from Stalbridge – applies to Stalbridge and Stalbridge Weston only Thursdays
- 318** Stourpaine-Blandford **0915** from Stourpaine – applies to Pimperne and Letton Thursdays
- 320** Tarrant Keyneston-Wimborne **0905** from Tarrant Keyneston – applies to Tarrant Rushton through to Shapwick Fridays only
- 322** Milton Abbas-Poole **0919** from Milton Abbas – applies to Milton Abbas through to Winterborne Stickland Fridays
- 323** Dorchester-Sturminster Newton **0852** from Dorchester – applies to Dorchester through to Mappowder Mondays
- 368** Yeovil-Blandford **0830** from Yeovil – applies to Babylon Hill through to Shillingstone Mondays to Fridays
- 368** Yeovil-Blandford **0902** from Stalbridge – applies to Stalbridge through to Sturminster Newton Mondays to Fridays
- 368** Blandford-Yeovil **0700** from Blandford – applies to Hazelbury Bryan through to Babylon Hill Mondays to Fridays
- 400** Cann Common-Salisbury **0905** from Cann Common – applies to Ashmore through to Farnham Tuesdays

Police News

Local incidents in March

- 5th** Criminal Damage – dwelling – Window smashed Orchard Rise
- 24th** – Motor Vehicle – Sat Nav stolen
- 25th** Milton Abbas Burglary – non-dwelling – Tools and produce stolen

Community speed watch

Community Speed Watch (CSW) is a project working across Dorset empowering communities to play an active part alongside the police and the Safety Camera Partnership in tackling the problem of speeding in their neighbourhoods. CSW is not enforcement.

The aim is to empower local communities to inform those found to be breaking the speed limit by means of an advisory letter, and if appropriate, to gather evidence to support any proactive action or intervention by Dorset Police.

In an effort to help tackle the common complaint of speeding, teams of volunteers, (minimum of six) who have their local parish/town council's support, will be trained to use speed guns. One of the volunteers acts as the co-ordinator and is the point of contact for the team and responsible for looking after the radar equipment. The groups are issued with a speed radar gun, two community Speed Watch signs and reflective jackets. Volunteers then carry out speed checks in 20 and 30 mph limits working to Dorset Police guidelines.

Returns are completed logging various details such as vehicle registration mark, make, model or colour. These are then used to obtain the registered keeper details. Registered keepers whose vehicles are observed breaking the speed limit will have their details recorded and will receive a warning letter requesting them to keep their speed down. Those who persistently offend will be notified to Roads Policing and the local Safer Neighbourhood Team for police enforcement action.

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Maureen, who has been showing the breed since she was 20, had taken Chloe to championship shows as far away as Peterborough,



Stafford and Bulith Wells in Wales, but finally secured a Crufts entry place much closer to home. Chloe's Crufts ticket was gained by being placed first at a show in Bournemouth. Her success at the national show this year qualifies her for instant entry at Crufts 2014.

Chloe joined the Lock family two years ago, when she was imported from France, having been bred by friends of Maureen. They visited Chloe in France as a pup every month for a year, as red tape meant it took twelve months to gain entry into this country. The breed has a beautiful, thick black

double coat and is known to be intelligent and athletic. With her other two Groenendaels, Maureen also practises agility with Chloe.

Ed Richards

Not Just Babies at the Ladybirds Sale

IT'S time to start having a rummage if you're interested in making some extra cash, as Ladybirds Playgroup announce the date of their fundraising table top and car boot sale. The sale is on Saturday 8th June at the Village Hall, and sellers are invited to bring nearly new children and baby goods, such as clothes, toys and equipment. A more general car boot sale will also take place, so it's worth having a spring clean of all your unwanted but saleable items. The event is also open to sellers of craft and gift products. There will also be tea, coffee and cakes for sale to keep you refreshed after picking up some bargains.

The cost of either a table top or car is just £5 - and all proceeds will be donated to Milborne Ladybirds Playgroup. Sellers may arrive from 2.00pm, with the sale taking place from 2.30 to 4.30pm.

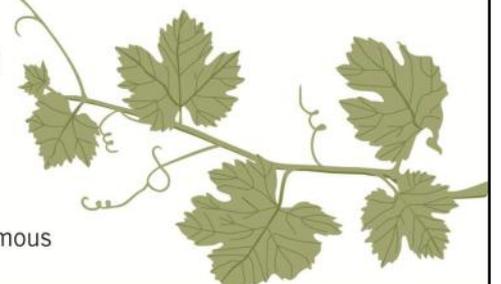
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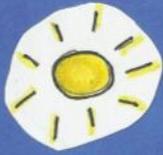
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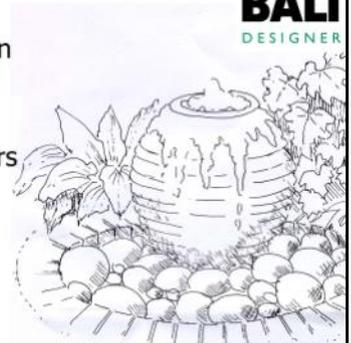
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Prickly heights

NOTHING sets off a house like a climbing rose in full bloom against a wall or growing up a porch. There are two types of climbing rose: the rambler and the climber.

Ramblers do what they say 'on the tin', and tend to be very vigorous and have long, pliable stems. They can grow to 15–30 feet high so they are not roses for small spaces and can easily cover the wall of a house, scramble into trees or cover an ugly shed or garage. Rambling Rector is an ideal rose for this – it is also extremely fragrant – the scent wafting across the garden on a warm summer's day is just wonderful. Other lovely ramblers are Banksiae Lutea – a very early flowering yellow variety; Sander's White – very fragrant and late flowering; and Veilchenblau – a dark purple fading to lilac with an orange scent.



Ramblers flower on new wood, so they need to be pruned just after

flowering – obviously that is a bit difficult if it is growing high up into a tree – so you might just have to leave it to scramble away!

One of their drawbacks is that they generally only have one flush of flowers but there are exceptions – Malvern Hills and Snow Goose are much shorter, are repeat flowering and fragrant. I often use these in my planting designs as they are so versatile.

The other type of climbing rose is the Climber.

Climbers have much stiffer stems, they are

not as vigorous as ramblers and have larger blooms – many of which are repeat flowering. You can easily train climbers into a framework to cover an arch, a pillar or a pergola. Climbing roses flower on current year's growth so would need to be pruned in March/April. If you don't prune them, they will become leggy and only

have flowers at the top.

David Austin has bred some of the most beautiful climbing roses and I do use and recommend

them a lot. They repeat flower reliably and produce lots of stems from the base, making them easy to fan out and train up walls, grow up pergolas and the like. His English Climbing Roses don't grow much more than about eight feet and are,



in my opinion, an excellent choice. Climbing roses can be grown together to create a stunning display – for example Malvern Hills

(pale yellow) contrasts well with Tess of the D'Urbervilles (deep crimson). Teasing Georgia is a deep yellow rose that keeps its shape well and will grow to about ten feet and looks good with Snow Goose (white).



One of my favourite climbing roses is Blush Noisette – a soft pink rose, very fragrant which flowers continuously, well into autumn. It will also grow in a fairly shady position. If you want a rose for a north facing wall/pergola, you could try New Dawn (pale pink), Mme Alfred Carriere (white), The Pilgrim (yellow) or Gertrude Jekyll (pink).

In fact, there is a rose to suit just about every situation (and I've just given away many of my trade secrets!).





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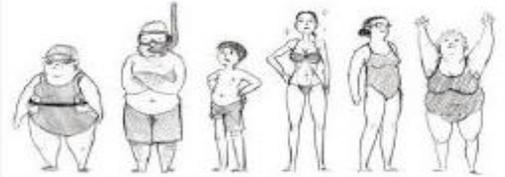
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Be a kind cat owner

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It's easy to see why this is imperative, when you consider how successful cats are at breeding; a female cat can become pregnant at just four months old, brothers will mate with sisters and females can become pregnant just six weeks after giving birth. It's not uncommon to find kittens having kittens. Pregnancy in cats is nine weeks long and one cat can have three litters of kittens a year with around six kittens in a litter. That's a lot of kittens, and physically demanding for the mother cat. It is estimated that there are nine million stray and 1.5 million feral cats in the UK today.

Keep your cats indoors until they've been neutered. Cats can be neutered from four months of age, and this is the age recommended by Cats Protection, the leading feline welfare charity. Of course, cats can be neutered at any age.



The obvious benefit of having your cat neutered is no litters of kittens which is a lot for any owner to cope with; increased expense of feeding a pregnant cat and then the kittens as they get older and the problem of finding GOOD homes for the kittens. In the current economic climate it's not easy to find homes for any animal and there are so many animals needing homes. It isn't beneficial for a cat to have a litter of kittens before she's spayed.

Neutering reduces both male and female cats wandering away from home in search of a mate and so reduces the risk of them getting lost or hurt in a road accident. Neutered male cats are less likely to fight which improves their chances of avoiding serious diseases which are transmitted by cat bites. Neutered males are less likely to mark territory by spraying urine. Female cats will call and wail if they're not neutered and this could lead to a queue of amorous unneutered male cats hanging outside your house.

Feral cats are those either born wild or that have lived so long away from humans that they can no longer be found new homes as pets. They are the same species as our pets and are equally protected in law.

An uncontrolled feral colony will grow quickly; the cats will be susceptible to disease and may also become a nuisance. Simply removing the cats is not a long-term solution, as a new colony will soon move in.

The best option, therefore, is to neuter all of the resident feral cats within as short a time frame as possible. Over a period of years this will reduce the size of the colony. A controlled, healthy and manageable colony will deter other feral cats from moving in and will keep vermin levels down.

Cats Protection offers advice and in some cases, financial assistance, with neutering cats, both pets and feral cats. For more information, visit www.cats.org.uk or get in touch with the Blandford branch on 01258 858644.

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