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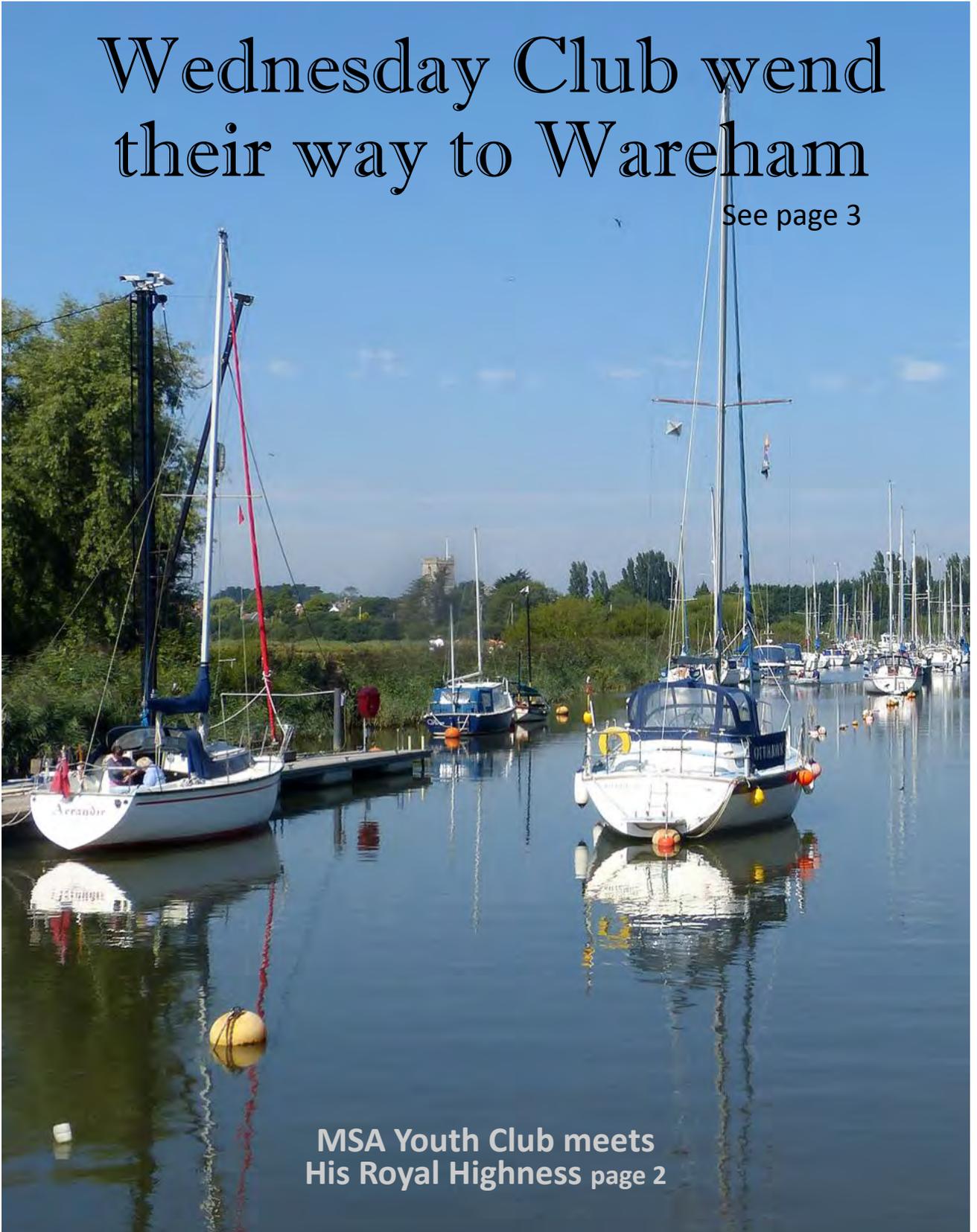
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Milborne St. Andrew

Wednesday Club wend their way to Wareham

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Dorset County Show success



The *Reporter* would like to congratulate Ian and Meg for winning the Gun Dog Retriever Scurry at the recent Dorset County Show against tough competition. They won Sunday's

competition and then had to compete again against the winners of Saturday, winning in a fantastic time of 10 seconds.

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MSA Youth Club meets His Royal Highness

THIS year was the 70th anniversary of the Dorset Youth Association to which Milborne St. Andrew Youth Club is affiliated. As part of the celebrations, youth volunteers and five youth club members were invited to a garden party at Moreton Gardens. Youth club members were chosen at random and invited to the garden where the VIP guest was to be HRH Prince Edward.



We all wore our best outfits, piled into Vanessa's people carrier and after a wrong turn arrived at the entrance of Moreton Gardens to find a member of our armed forces who directed us into the parking field. All excited, hair brushes out and shirts tucked in we made our way into the gardens where we found a range of garden games to keep us entertained whilst we waited in the baking sun for the other guests to arrive. After a round of what could only be described as garden hockey and some new games with a parachute, we were gathered in a marquee for the arrival of His Royal Highness. There were a number of other youth clubs and organisations for young people from across Dorset all there as well as dignitaries from the council.

After a short wait, Prince Edward arrived and spent time with each club. When he spoke with us he wanted to know about our Youth Club and the volunteers. After a short chat with each of us, discussions included plans for the summer break and family holidays, His Highness continued with the other guests.

It was an honour to have been able to speak with the prince so informally and something that we hope the children will remember long into their lives.

After a lovely afternoon tea and the unveiling of a plaque to commemorate the day we headed back to Milborne to tell the tales of the day to our families. A lovely day was had by all. *Amy*

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Double weekend of delights at Dewlish Chapel

MANY locals from the villages of Milborne and Dewlish took up the recent opportunity to experience a delightful art exhibition and two evenings of unique, intimate and outstanding musical performances at the Dewlish Chapel.

Local artist and chapel owner, Anita Law displayed her exquisite work of birds, flowers, portraits and scenes. This small sample was a demonstration of the huge diversity and versatility of her art. A particular favourite amongst the many visitors was her recent 'Victorian Life' portraits based on sepia photographs.

The first evening of music was a real treat from Phil Humphries. He talked about the history of the serpent and demonstrated this wonderfully versatile instrument. His show also included poems by Thomas Hardy and William Barnes brilliantly narrated in Dorset dialect. This entertaining twist proved to be a real hit with the audience and left them in awe not only with the performance but also with Phil's skills of recall, humour and tenacity.

The following weekend local musicians Miles Nipper (bassoon/ contra-bassoon) and Katy Ashman (flute/bassoon/piano) performed a diverse selection of duets and solo music from baroque to contemporary. From the haunting notes of the solo flute to the fruity bass tones of the contra-bassoon the show was a superb demonstration of musicianship and captivated the audience from start to finish.

These celebrations of art and music by local professionals were a real treat for locals.

Anita Law can be contacted for commissions, tuition, prints, giftware and cards at enquiries@artist-anita-law.co.uk, www.artist-anita-law.co.uk

Keep your eyes and ears open for the next events at the Dewlish Chapel. JG/MR

Wednesday Club August lunch at The Royal Oak and September boat trip from Poole to Wareham

ON Wednesday 7th August the Wednesday Club met at The Royal Oak for lunch. Twenty-seven of us enjoyed a delicious carvery, cooked by Shem with strawberry gateau for dessert followed by tea or coffee. We were well looked after by Matt and Tracey and give our thanks to Shem, Sarah and Andy and staff for making this such an enjoyable event.

On Wednesday 4th September twenty-one members of the Wednesday Club enjoyed a coach trip to Poole and a boat trip up the



River Frome to Wareham. It was a glorious day as we left Poole Quay and our captain gave

us an interesting commentary as we crossed the harbour and gently meandered up the river disturbing swans on the way.

In Wareham we had time to find a place of our choice to eat before making our way back to the quay for a relaxing trip back down the Frome and back to Poole.

Once back on terra firma we had a couple of hours to look at the shops, have a cup of tea or simply sit on the quay and enjoy the sights before catching the coach back to Milborne.

Our next meeting is the AGM at 2.00pm on Wednesday 2nd October in the Village Hall when we will be paying our annual subscription of £ 10.

New members will be welcome so please come along and join us.

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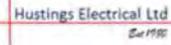




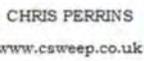














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Jungle Jamboree Holiday Club at Puddletown

IT WAS rather like first day back at school for most of us adults. Those of us who had not done this sort of thing before were a bit nervous about it and hoped that the few who had previous experience of holiday clubs would be able to guide us through the week. We need not have worried, of course, because the experts kept us on the straight and narrow. We arrived at St. Mary's Middle School early each morning to master each of the crafts scheduled for that day; badge and fridge magnet making, bookmarks, decorating a china plate, making animal biscuits, bead bracelets, pipe cleaner animals, bean bags and scratch art key rings, with the odd pencil case and clay model thrown in for good measure. Then we found our way, bypassing locked gates, to set up skittles, football and parachute games on the playing field which we tried to stop getting too rough for the younger children. Back in the hall we enjoyed the puppets brought to us by the Dorchester Baptist Church puppeteers, a dramatized version of one of Jesus's parables, and an exciting drama about the Watt family's trip to an African jungle played in five episodes. This was a rather under-rehearsed production involving eleven of the adults – we did rather better at the benefice Farm Service the following Sunday when we performed the five episodes as an 'omnibus edition'. By the time we had sung one or two jungle theme songs (the best were those led by the children) it was time to go home for lunch, except on the last day when everyone was invited to a barbeque in the car park.

It was a good week enjoyed by 24 children aged 5 to 11 from the benefice and beyond, and we were fortunate that we had fine weather all week. Now that we know a bit more about what we have to do it would be good to have a few more children next year, especially from Milborne. But I will still be very nervous about being in charge of games!

John Wright

Grant success for MSA Youth Club!

MILBORNE St. Andrew Youth Club committee are pleased to announce that we have been given a grant of £1,200.00 by the Dorset Communities Foundation to invest in new equipment. With regular attendance at Youth Club reaching over 35 children, the need for some updated and new equipment was identified. We are so excited for the children to have the new equipment including two new flat screen tv's, Xbox and games, new pool table, air hockey, outdoor Jenga and four new bean bags. Along with the existing



equipment including the Wii, table football, selection of board games, arts and crafts goodies and outdoor sporting equipment we feel confident that the children will be entertained in the weeks to come.

The volunteers and committee are really pleased to have so many young people involved and regularly attending the Youth Club. With a full bill of activities planned for the winter season and a small but strong team of volunteers to ensure that everyone is safely looked after, we are all looking forward to the fun ahead this year. If anyone in the village has any ideas or activities that they would like to propose or get involved with for the Youth Club we always gratefully receive ideas and help.

If you have a child who would like to attend Youth Club and is between the ages of 8 and 14 years, it is on every other Friday during term time from 6.30pm until 8.30pm. Membership is £5.00 per year. If you are a member then a session is just £1.00 plus pocket money for the popular tuck shop where drinks range from 15p to 40p and penny sweets as well as full chocolate bars are available. Non-members are also welcome for a fee of £2.00 per session from October. Your very first session is classed as a taster and it is free!

We look forward to seeing everyone and if any adults in the village are interested in getting involved in this fun and successful little club – having said that we are actually one of the largest clubs for the age group in Dorset now! – give us a call or just drop in to a session. We welcome all the help we can get!

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Michaelmas and Harvest Festival

Harvest Festival services seem to be as popular as ever in this country. Our school children have been finding out about some of the fascinating history and folklore behind this season.

Harvest Festival used to be celebrated at the beginning of the harvest season in August and was called Lammas, meaning 'Loaf Mass'. Farmers made loaves of bread from the first of the new wheat crop and gave them to their local church. They were then used as the Communion bread during a special mass thanking God for the harvest. Nowadays we have harvest festivals at the end of the season. Jim Burg our churchwarden at Dewlish still makes an elaborate loaf in the shape of a wheat sheaf for the harvest service and the children enjoy spotting the little bread mouse amongst the corn.

At the start of the harvest, villagers would appoint a respected man of the village as their 'Lord of the Harvest'. He was responsible for organising the fieldworkers and their wage. The end of the harvest was celebrated with a big meal called a Harvest Supper, eaten on Michaelmas Day. The 'Lord of the Harvest' sat at the head of the table.

The tradition of celebrating Harvest Festival in churches began in 1843, when the Reverend Robert Hawker invited parishioners to a special thanksgiving service for the harvest at his church at Morwenstow in Cornwall. Victorian hymns such as "We plough the fields and scatter" and "Come ye thankful people, come" are still popular today as is the annual custom of decorating churches with home-grown produce for the Harvest Festival service. At this time of the year our churches in the benefice look beautiful so do come and see.

Michaelmas Day is the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel, celebrated on 29th September. St. Michael was the Angel who threw Lucifer down from Heaven for his treachery. Michaelmas Day is traditionally the last day of the harvest season. Michaelmas used to be a popular day for the winter night curfew to begin - the first hint that winter was on the way. The church bell was tolled, usually one strike for each of the days of the month that had passed in the current year.

Folklore in England holds that the devil stamps on bramble bushes or as they say in some areas, spits on them. Therefore one must not pick blackberries after Michaelmas. It was said that the devil was kicked out of heaven on St. Michael's Feast Day, but as he fell from the skies, he landed in a bramble bush! He cursed the fruit of that prickly plant, scorching them with his fiery breath, stamping on them, spitting on them and generally making them unsuitable for human consumption. It is therefore supposed to be very unlucky to gather blackberries after this date.

We shall be celebrating Michaelmas with a benefice service at 10.00am in Tolpuddle on Sunday 29th September. Harvest services are being held in all four churches on the following Sunday 6th October. Please see the service rota for the time in your church.

Sarah Godfrey

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CHURCH SERVICES October 2013

Thursday 3rd October

12 noon Lunch-time Communion Milborne

Saturday 5th October

12.30pm Wedding Tolpuddle

6th October – Harvest Festival

9.30am Harvest Festival Tolpuddle

Holy Communion

9.30 Harvest Festival for all ages Milborne

3.00pm Harvest Festival Event and Service Puddletown

6.00 Harvest Festival Dewlish

13th October – Trinity 20

8.15am 1662 Said Communion Puddletown

9.30 Methodist United Service Tolpuddle

Chapel

9.30 Parish Communion Milborne

11.00 Family Service Puddletown

Church Room

11.00 Parish Communion Dewlish

Thursday 17th October

12 noon Lunch-time Communion Puddletown

20th October – Trinity 21

9.30am Family Communion Tolpuddle

9.30 Parish Communion Milborne

11.00 1662 Morning Prayer Puddletown

11.00 Family Service Dewlish

6.00pm Service of Wholeness and Healing Puddletown

27th October – Bible Sunday

9.30am All-Age Worship Tolpuddle

9.30 1662 Holy Communion (said) Milborne

11.00 Holy Communion Dewlish

11.00 Children's Society Puddletown

Holy Communion

MORNING PRAYERS (Monday–Thursday 8.15am, Saturday 9.00am)

Monday – Puddletown Tuesday – Milborne

Wednesday – Dewlish Thursday – Tolpuddle

Saturday – Puddletown

Flowers – w/e Saturday

5th October – Harvest –
All helpers please

12th and 19th October – Eve Richardson

26th October and 2nd November –
Maureen Lock

Milborne St. Andrew Church Notes

AUGUST ended with a wonderful day for the **Athelhampton Five Churches Fete**. There was a good crowd of people and our bric-a-brac and toy stalls both attracted a steady stream of customers who helped us make nearly £350. This followed a very busy **August Holiday Club** week at which Milborne was well represented in the line-up of adults but it was a pity there were not more Milborne children. Each morning we had fun discovering new crafts, and the adults polished up their acting abilities in the various dramas that we performed and established how fit they were when it came to football and other games. Perhaps we should have considered it an honour to be asked to perform an 'omnibus edition' of the daily drama episodes of the Watt family's expedition to the African jungle at the **Benefice Farm Service** on the following Sunday.

Sadly the first week of August saw the funerals of two of our parishioners, **Margaret Daniels** and **Derek Clarke**. Margaret's service was at Weymouth Crematorium, and Derek's was held in church. At this there was a good congregation of nearly eighty who were treated to the sound of our pipe organ which had remained silent for several years. However this was only possible after a very temporary repair with sticky tape to stop air escaping from the wind chest, and two of the five stops still do not work at all. We will soon be getting a report from the diocesan organ advisers telling us what can be done with it.

In September we started a **Jigsaw Swap Shop** during the cakes and coffee hour before our monthly **first Thursday mid-week communion service**. It was a slow start but we hope that as the evenings draw in there will be more people wanting to take advantage of the good selection of puzzles that we have collected for all ages.

Before winter sets in, however, there is work that needs to be done in the churchyard. A **Probation Service Payback** team have spent another day clearing long grass, ivy and debris from part of the churchyard but there is still quite a lot to do before we can plant a new hedge just inside our north boundary with St. Andrew's View. We hope to have a **working party**, possibly on **Saturday October 19th**, to get the ground ready for planting the hedge slips that we hope the Woodland Trust will be giving us in November. We will also be checking that all the **gravestones** are firmly fixed in the ground. Families will be advised of loose or dangerous stones which must be fixed or laid flat.

Pam and Jill heroically set off for Dorchester on the morning of **Ride and Stride** and strode between all seven churches plus Milborne to collect a total of £50.00 which will be split between St. Andrew's and the Dorset Historic Churches Trust who have greatly helped us over the years with grants for expensive building repairs. Many thanks to Pam and Jill and the band of stewards who greeted the 11 'riders and striders' who dropped in at Milborne.

Our **Harvest Festival** will be on **October 6th at 9.30am**. Gifts of produce will be very welcome to decorate the church. As last year they will then be passed on to Longmead to help their community.

Looking further ahead, we will be holding our annual **Christmas Market** in Milborne Village Hall on **November 23rd**. We will be very pleased to have any contributions for the raffle as well as the cakes, preserves, gifts and toy stalls. If anyone would like to have a stall of their own please ring Josie Wright on 01258 839090. We are also making plans for the following Saturday, **St Andrew's Day**, which we will tell you about next month. *John Wright*

Dewlish Church Notes

Grateful for all the hard work at Athelhampton Fete

WE WERE blessed with a glorious day for the Athelhampton Fete, and we are most grateful to Jim and Marion for all the hard work they put into the organisation. The Dewlish Church stall (jams, marmalades, pickles and produce) made over £240, and I understand that the overall total raised for benefice expenses was in the region of £3,300.



Derek Clarke 1930–2013

Cynthia Clarke and family wish to thank neighbours and friends in Milborne St. Andrew and beyond who provided help and support during

Derek's recent illness and subsequent death at the end of July.

The cards, telephone calls and messages of sympathy were a great comfort during a very sad and stressful time.

With heartfelt thanks from all of us.

Cynthia

Many thanks to all who donated goods, helped on the day and supported it, and an especial thank-you to Patrick and Anthea Cooke for allowing us to use their beautiful gardens and for supplying drinks to sustain us.

Our Family Service and Picnic was held on a blustery but dry Sunday, and so we were most grateful to be able to hold the event in our village tent, which has been kindly donated for parish use.

Many thanks to Chris Uden and Ed Westropp for erecting and dismantling it.

Jim led the service and Aiden played the keyboard. A big thank-you to them, and to Ed Uden for loaning us his sound equipment. We all enjoyed a splendid variety of food for the picnic. Thanks to everyone for all their donations.

Auction for Farm Africa and Water Aid

Our **Harvest Festival** is being held on Sunday 6th October at 6.00pm, followed the next evening by our **Harvest Supper** in the Village Hall at 7.00pm. Once again Mrs Margaret Groves will be taking reservations for the supper, the cost being £6 for adults and £4 for children.

The harvest produce will be auctioned after the supper, the proceeds from which will be divided between Farm Africa and Water Aid. Hopefully there will be plenty to sell after a much better gardening season this year.

Sad loss of Dewlish Church stalwart

Mrs Eleanor Carey, who has just died, was a great supporter of our church for many years, making the splendid kneelers and altar kneeler. Right to the end, she was supporting us financially too. Mrs Carey, who was 96, was a true Christian – in her faith, her kindness, and her caring and consideration. We send our condolences to Robert, Stephanie and James.

Another of our church helpers, organist Emily Wride, is leaving us to go to university to study music. We shall miss you very much, Emily, and wish you well.

Daphne Burg

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Summer is over!

AFTER a lovely hot summer holiday it wasn't long before the wet weather set in. The children happily donned waterproofs and enjoyed playing outside, jumping in the big puddle, filling containers and pouring water from jugs.



The misty mornings provided beautiful spiders webs. The nasturtiums have many caterpillars and the log pile has several insect inhabitants. The children have excitedly called for bug pots and collected up many creepy crawlies to examine and look at through magnifiers. All were safely released at the end of the day.

This term we welcome to Ladybirds several new children and their families. The returning children seem to have grown over the holidays but perhaps they just look big next to the new ones.

It has been lovely listening to the chatter of adventures and holidays taken. We are looking forward to sharing activities and more experiences with these little ones throughout the year.

Liz Dyer



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School News

Welcome back to the new school year at Milborne St. Andrew First School. We are delighted to have welcomed 15 new children into our Reception class and a number of new children in other year groups who have all settled into the school routine with relative ease. Everybody returned refreshed from the summer holidays and with many happy holiday memories. During the final week of our summer term the whole school visited Studland for a day of fun and games on the beach. On a gloriously sunny day there was time for everyone to build sandcastles, create beach art, have a cool paddle in the sea and enjoy a picnic. Adults and children all returned very tired, but having had a great day. Many thanks go to all the parent



helpers we had who made such a trip possible and to Friends of School who met the transport costs.

This term we start to think about the children who will be joining us in September 2014. We are delighted to offer prospective parents an opportunity to meet with the headteacher Mr McDermott and tour the school during our open day sessions on Wednesday 6th November. If you would like to visit please contact the school office indicating which of the sessions below you would like to attend.

Wednesday 6th November, 9.15am–10.00am or

Wednesday 6th November, 2.00pm–2.45pm.

Details of the Local Authority admissions process for this coming year will be distributed through Ladybirds as soon as we have them.

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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Milton Abbey Music Festival and Summer School – a resounding success

SUNDAY 4th August marked the end of a hugely successful week for Milton Abbey School's music department, as their debut International Music Festival and Summer School drew to a close with a final afternoon concert in the abbey.

Musicians of all ages from around the country, as well as from overseas, travelled to the school to take part in a week-long series of specialist music workshops, offering the opportunity of an intense music-making experience, set in Milton Abbey's beautiful and inspirational location. Tutors included several well-respected associates and acquaintances of Milton Abbey's director of music, David McKee and participants were also treated to workshops with award-winning British a cappella octet VOCES8.

A series of concerts ran alongside the summer school activities, open to the public and attracting visitors from the local community as well as from further afield. A daily evensong was held in the abbey, offering

the summer school participants a unique opportunity to experience being a part of an English choral tradition. But the undoubted showpiece and highlight of the week was the iconic Verdi Requiem performance, a festival ensemble involving everyone who had taken part in the week's events and an emotional and awe-inspiring experience never to be forgotten.

Milton Abbey's director of music, David McKee, who organised the event and directed many of the performances, said of the week's events, "The opportunity to host this festival in Milton Abbey's beautiful setting has been a wonderful experience. It has given passionate music students a unique opportunity to work alongside a host of professional and renowned musicians, and learn new skills in a fun and friendly atmosphere. Aside from the incredible music which has been made over the course of the week, new friendships have been made and old ones renewed and we plan for this event to be just the first of many more to come."

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Gardening Club visit to the secret garden at Serles House



A NUMBER of Gardening Club Members had a trip to Wimborne one sunny evening in August. We took picnics and wine and enjoyed this enchanting house and garden. Ian Willis, the owner, was our host and his enthusiasm was infectious.

Every corner in the garden was filled with something unusual – maybe a water feature, a metal figure, a cobbled path leading to a seat tucked away. There is a sunken garden, a summer house, a fernery, an obelisk to commemorate the Queen's Golden Jubilee and many artefacts that Ian has collected over the years. We would thoroughly recommend a visit (NGS open gardens) as it is impossible to describe all the amazing details that we found. The Victorian house is equally fascinating – full of beautiful things that Ian has bought over many years. Well worth a visit next year.

Our October meeting on Thursday 24th at 7.30pm will be a talk on House Plants for Christmas. Visitors welcome.

Date for your Diary

Thursday 21st November – Charity Kurling Event at the Village Hall, details next time.

Angie Nowell

West Dorset Wind Farm TAINT News Update

THE proposal to site nine industrial turbines 126.5 metres high between Tolpuddle and Milborne St. Andrew and affecting other surrounding villages has been put on hold.

The determining authority, West Dorset District Council, served a Regulation 22 letter on the developer, West Coast Energy Ltd, requiring them to revise their application which was severely criticised, as inadequate and misleading, in particular the company's Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment. WDDC further advised that if the application went ahead in the present format planning permission was likely to be refused.

West Coast have indicated informally that they intend to submit a replacement scheme for five industrial 115 metre high turbines on the same site.

The local action group Tolpuddle Against Industrial Turbines (TAINT) which encompasses concerned residents from all the affected villages have declared that they will continue to campaign against this new proposal. They consider the sighting of a cluster of five industrial turbines inappropriate in this location and the reduction of a mere 11 metres simply cosmetic. Giant turbines would be incongruous, alien structures in a Hardy heritage chalk downland area close to designated Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty besides threatening wildlife.

The group also remain concerned about the turbines' close proximity to some village houses, with the reported noise and health problems that they allegedly can cause.

An additional problem for Milborne is the heavy construction and servicing traffic using the A354, which can only add to the pothole and flood damage problems already experienced, not to mention the disruption caused to traffic flow and danger of driver distraction from sudden sighting of turbine movement and even shadow flicker.

Once West Coast submit a new application, the planning process will start afresh. This will invalidate all the existing correspondence on file which presently stands at 1,166 letters almost unanimously objecting to the proposal. These objectors will need to write again in reaction to the new application and TAINT, energised by the success so far of its campaign, will ensure that its members and supporters will make their voices heard.

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The Great Gatsby (12A)

To be shown by 'Milborne Movies'

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on Friday 4th October 2013 at 7.30pm

The Great Gatsby is a film based on the novel by F. Scott Fitzgerald and is set in the volatile Jazz Age of the 1920s. It is the story of Jay Gatsby (Leonardo di Caprio), a poor boy whose love for rich golden girl Daisy Buchanan (Carey Mulligan) is the catalyst that leads to his rise, and ultimate demise, in the society whose respect he craves. This tangled tale of wealth and entitlement, love and longing is told by Daisy's cousin Nick Carraway (Tobey Maguire), a quiet but sophisticated observer, who takes a cottage next door to the mysterious millionaire Jay Gatsby and finds himself sucked into an elaborate and dangerous plan involving his second cousin – the equally wealthy Daisy Buchanan. As Nick bears witness, both within and without the world he inhabits, he pens a tale of impossible love, incorruptible dreams and high-octane tragedy that holds a mirror to our own modern times and struggles.

It is a dizzy, dazzling and deliberate story of decadence and the movie brings F. Scott Fitzgerald's novel to life in a brilliant fashion. With a few tweaks here and there of the novel, the director and his strong cast have created a visually-impressive world that is not to be missed. The quality of the direction, the acting and the photography are first class, while the settings, costumes, music and references are spot on. With a beautiful soundtrack, great acting and a director whose style fits the main character's lifestyle so masterfully, this is a film that is an experience that will be hard to forget.

The village hall and bar is open from 7.00pm and the film starts at 7.30pm. Tickets £3.00 can be obtained on the door.

Deadline for the November issue is 14th October

Tolpuddle Against Industrial Turbines (TAINT) Invitation

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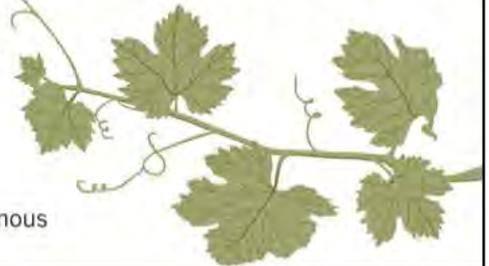
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BACK again after our sunny summer break. In, and between, holidays we met for our summer outing this year to the RNLI Headquarters in Poole, where June Maitland bravely took the helm in a simulator, which then delivered a force eight gale! Nevertheless a good time was had by all. The Literary Lunch at



Athelhampton, attended by members from across the county, was fully subscribed and enormously enjoyed by those present. Following a delicious lunch (with an absolutely wicked pudding) we were treated to a talk by Jane Robinson, a social historian specialising in the study of women pioneers in various fields. Her history of the WI movement, 'A Force to be Reckoned With' looked at the courage, humour, spirit, eccentricity and common sense of its founding and present members. *Well recommended.*

And . . . 'Bookends', with eight years of successful reading behind it, and boasting 14 members, is moving on from Salman Rushdie's 'Midnight's Children' to Daphne du Maurier and 'Frenchman's Creek'. Nelda Oakes has the list of this season's skittles matches; new participants are encouraged to give it a go. Pub lunches are back on the agenda: Wednesday 16th October at 12.30pm at The Royal Oak is the next date. A sub-committee has been set up to look at celebrations for our 70th birthday anniversary in 2015.

"I woke to absolute stillness and total silence . . .". Thus the scene was set for Christine Shaw's account of her adventurous Spitsbergen cruise on an expedition ship, making a photographic expedition to arctic Norway. Polar bears are earth's largest land predators, and she was able to view them as they swam between ice floes, and hunted for seals, often with cubs in tow, amid spectacular scenery. The sea cliffs are home to thousands of sea birds, including guillemots, puffins and terns. Reassuringly, we were told that the arctic cold was kept at bay with lashings of hot chocolate (and Baileys) on board ship! She is an inveterate traveller, with visits to the Amazon and Galapagos earlier in the year and a planned trip to Ethiopia on the horizon.

Do join us at our next meeting on Thursday 10th October, when Colin Dean will take us back to the 1960s with his talk about 'A Bobby on the beat'. If you have an item from that decade, please bring it along for the exhibition. *Pat Bull*

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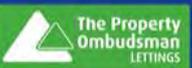
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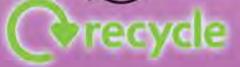
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Margaret Daniels nee Fiddes 19th April 1921 – 17th July 2013



MARGARET FIDDES was born in King's College Hospital, London. Her family's history deep rooted in shipbuilding around Bermondsey and Rotherhithe South London. At seven years old the family moved to Putney then Chiswick.

While attending a VE Day Party given by a great aunt in Dulwich she met Fred Daniels for the first time. It wasn't quite love at first sight, Margaret said "I thought he was short and a bit too forward for his own good". However the couple were married on the 6th June 1948 at St. Michael and All Angel's Church, Bedford Park, Chiswick. This was Margaret's Parish Church, where she sang in the Choir.

Following the death of Margaret's father in 1961, the couple moved from Dulwich back to Chiswick to live with her mother; this was to last for 16 years. Although Margaret loved her mother dearly, it was not an easy life. Margaret and Fred would go for long walks on Sundays. It was at this time that they took up dancing. They particularly enjoyed Ballroom and Latin American dance, with the Cha Cha Cha being their favourite. They won numerous cups and medals for their efforts.

After the death of Margaret's mother, Fred and Margaret moved to Epsom. They joined the local Operatic Society and sang in a number of productions. Being an excellent needlewoman Margaret helped make the costumes for such operas as Die Fledermaus.

In the late 1980's Fred and Margaret moved to Milborne St. Andrew. Margaret was shocked to find there was no street lighting but she soon became part of village life. She soon knew more people in the village than she had back in London. Margaret joined the Women's Institute and they both enjoyed the dances held at the Village Hall. Music was an important part of their lives. Margaret enjoyed crossword puzzles and Fred helped with the difficult words giving the Greek or Latin root of that word Margaret had difficulty spelling. Margaret loved cooking but Fred could burn the water boiling eggs.

Margaret was a committed Christian attending the 8.15am Communion Service. She also looked forward to Home Communion as long as it was not one of those new-fangled services. She knew the 1662 service off by heart.

Fred died suddenly in March 2006, after nearly 56 years of marriage. Margaret was grateful for the friendship she received in this close knit community, her friends, neighbours and carers. She was fiercely independent and so wanted to end her days at "Catkins". Margaret's health declined, with frequent visits to the

Fishy tale

Hi, I'm a Fan tailed Shubunkin, I consider myself attractive being a fish but my inconsiderate owner possibly didn't see me like that and dumped me in the Milborne stream, being as I am not a natural species to this environment I wasn't happy, luckily I was found by someone who recognised this and has installed me in his pond. Hey-ho he thinks I am worth £15, I am happy again now.

Notes from the Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 18th September

THE Clerk will write a letter to Spectrum Housing regarding wheelie bins parked on the pavement outside Crown House. They are not necessarily a hazard but are unsightly and they should not be left on the pavement all week.

The Clerk will write a letter drawing the owner's attention to the dangerous guttering and windows at Shambles, 22 Chapel Street.

NDDC have sold voters' Electoral Register details 26 times in the last seven years. They make £15 per name, a minimal amount for such important information. If you don't want your details sold, make sure you request exclusion each year when registering to vote.

The Allotment Society has held its AGM. Water is now available at the site. A Lease from the Parish Council to the Allotment Society has been drafted. Plots in use are now fenced off from those still to be allocated. More people are still needed to take up allotments – contact Jo Lovett on 01258 837957 if you'd like to apply.

The Village Hall has received a grant for the surfacing of the car park. There is a vacancy for an Honorary Secretary.

Bramble Cottage Planning Application – The two appeals continue. The developer has drafted a Deed to impose Restrictive Covenants on prospective purchasers of the property, to maintain the drainage system, which includes a duty on the Parish Council in perpetuity to provide an information pack to incoming owners to explain the surface water drainage system, and to engage with maintenance contractors to act in an emergency! Legal advice taken by the Parish Council finds the proposed covenants untenable and unenforceable. Cllr Hopper will respond accordingly to the Planning Inspector at Bristol.

Internal and External Audits for 2012-13 accounts are now completed satisfactorily, with a few recommendations which were implemented at the beginning of the latest financial year.

The Mini Soccer Club has asked to install another set of floodlights. The Council supports the idea of lights as it gives youngsters better access to a positive and healthy activity. The Sports Club is still behind with its rent to the Parish Council and is to be requested to clear the outstanding balance and provide a set of accounts before being granted permission for the lights. A Standing Order was suggested to ensure that arrears do not build up again, particularly as it is a major part of the Parish Council's income.

Cllr Balcon will attend a meeting regarding changes to the bus service. Her response will include the points made by Cllr Hopper in his note to the Blackmore Vale Magazine. *Susan Cawley*

Summer weather in the village

THE summer of 2013 was considerably better than that of 2012 in both rainfall and temperature. The total rainfall during the summer months of 2013 was 73% less than the summer rainfall of 2012 and the average temperature was 1.6°C higher than 2012. The highest daily rainfall of the summer occurred during the afternoon of 27th July with 18.6mm of rain and that unfortunately was the day of the Milton Abbas Street Fayre. There were 14 days in July when the day temperature exceeded 30°C and the highest day temperature of the summer occurred on 13th July with 36°C. The summers of 2006, 2003, 1995 and 1983 were all warmer than this year but the summer of 1976 still holds the record for the hottest summer in the last 42 years.

2013 is being hailed as a 'mast year' as trees have produced an abundance of fruit (or mast) which is more than wildlife can consume thus leaving some seeds to germinate and grow to perpetuate the species. This happens every few years and is not fully understood as it does not necessarily correspond with the same weather conditions. The 'hard mast' seems to have been more copious than the 'soft mast' this year and there have been better 'mast years' than 2013.

The summer of 2013 was an enjoyable one which seemed to end far too soon. As Shakespeare wrote in sonnet 18: "And summer's lease hath all too short a date." *Pluvius*

Community Contacts

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	Jane Somper 01258 471089
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General – Adult

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Ladies Group – Dewlish	Judith Bridgen	01258 837157
Moonlight Swing Band	Gillian Pink	01305 260731
M.A. Neighbourcar	Nigel Hodder	01258 881709
Wednesday Social Club	Margaret Evans	01258 450518
Women's Institute	June Maitland	01258 837235

Archers – Crossways	Sheila Ryall	01258 837504
Athletics – Junior	David Pearson	01258 837057
Badminton	David Payne	01258 837700
Circuit Training and Pilates	Claire Barratt	01929 554999 or 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 11s	Marie Hayter	01258 837241
Ladies Netball	Jane Williams	01258 839291
Running Group	Anne-Marie Pearson	01258 837057
Skittles – Dewlish	Frank Ross	01258 837366
Sports Club	Chairman: Phillip Hayter 07830 125610	
	Bookings: Dean Hamilton 01258 837370	
Tap Dancing for Adults	Libby Goodchild	01305 268029
Tennis	Dennis Nelson	01258 837734
Tennis (Members Secretary)	John Sanderson	01258 837049
Yoga	Sue Chapman	01305 848053

Village Hall

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Chairman:	Paul Tasker	01258 837590
Booking Secretary:	Sandie Sach	01258 837033

General – Youth

Hazelnuts out-of-school club	Hazel Barrett	01305 848588
Ladybirds (Playgroup)	Liz Dyer	01258 839117
Scout Group	Mike Mullett	01258 837114
Secretary:	Brian Burton	01258 839033
Under 5's Group – The Busy Bees	Hayley Davis	07919 156578
Youth Club age 8 – 14 years	Lianne Summers	01258 839081

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Milborne 1st School		
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Chair Governors:	Kevin Connolly	
Friends of School Chair:	Sarah Clark	

Special Interest

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Bridge Group	Laurie Benn	01258 837720
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Secretary:	Sue Gould	01258 837575
MSA Friendly Art Group	Elaine Anthony	01258 837089
MSA Gardening Club	Richard Lock	01258 837929
Milborne Players	Roy Sach	01258 837033
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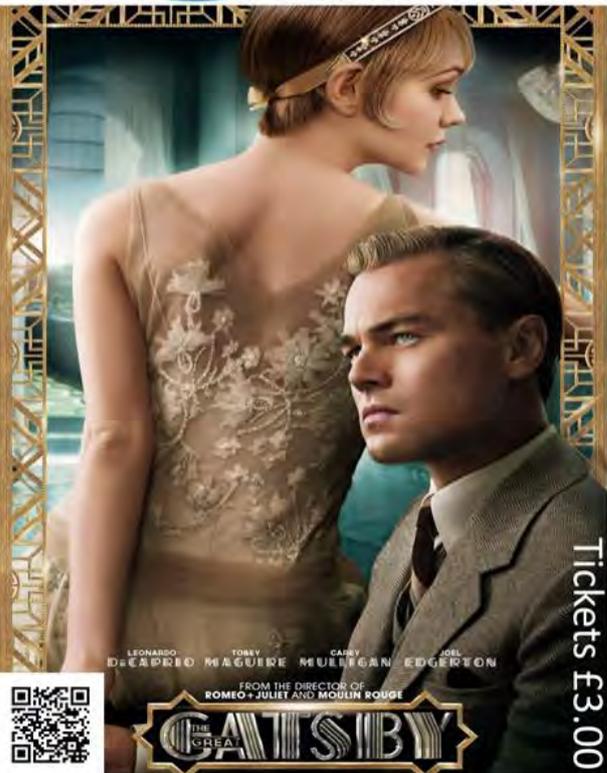
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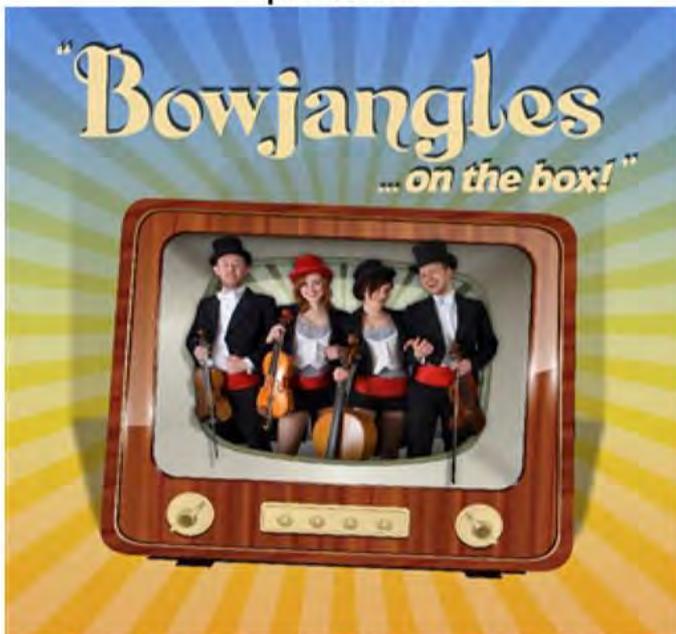
October

- Wednesday 2nd** **Wednesday Club** AGM. New members welcome Village Hall 2.00pm – see page 3.
- Friday 4th** **The Great Gatsby** Village Hall 7.30pm – see pages 11 and 16.
- Sunday 6th** **Harvest Festival** St. Andrew's Church 9.30am.
Harvest Festival Dewlish Church 6.00am.
- Thursday 10th** **WI** talk by Colin Dean "A Bobby on the beat in the 1960's" Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 13.
- Saturday 12th** **Race Night** Village Hall 7.00pm – see page 3.
- Sunday 13th** **Bowjangles: On the Box** Village Hall 7.30pm – see pages 17 and 20.
- Monday 14th** **Reporter** deadline for copy. Please send your stories and pictures to msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk or give to a member of the team – see page 2.
- Wednesday 16th** **Parish Council** Village Hall 7.30pm.
- Saturday 19th** **Working Party** required at St. Andrew's Church – see page 7.
- Tuesday 22nd** **100 Club Draw** The Royal Oak, Everyone welcome to attend. New members always welcome 8.00pm. – see pages 17 and 22.
- Saturday 26th** **Village Lunch** Village Hall. Everyone welcome 12.15pm – see page 2.
- Thursday 24th** **Gardening Club** talk on House Plants for Christmas Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 10.

November

- Thursday 21st** **Gardening Club** Charity Kurling Village Hall.
- Saturday 23rd** **Christmas Market** Village Hall. Details to follow

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- 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 every two months 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)
- Ladies' Netball** Saturday 9.30–10.30pm MUGA
- Village Lunch** last Saturday of the month 12.15–2.30pm MH
- Sequence Dancing** third Saturday 7.30–10.30pm MH
- 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

October 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).

Milborne Mini Soccer

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Milborne at Athelhampton Fete

UNLIKE last year when it poured with rain, the weather on Bank Holiday Monday was ideal for the Five Churches Fete at Athelhampton House, by kind arrangement with Patrick Cooke. There was no strong wind to blow away the gazeboes, it was not too hot for comfort and the sun shone brilliantly to bring in what seemed to be a record crowd. There were stalls dealing in cakes, preserves, produce, toys, bric-a-brac, tombola and a coconut shy, which were joined by craft stalls, golf, ice cream tricycle, and of course a grand raffle and the beer tent. Of great interest to the children were the bouncy castle, giant slide, rides on the Dewlish Donkeys and the duck racing event when 200 yellow plastic ducks set off down the Piddle in a neck and neck race. Those looking for the ferret racing were disappointed but may have found 'Splat the Rat' an alternative, or solace at the barbeque run by the Athelhampton kitchen where excellent burgers and sausages were to be found; these were enjoyed while listening to the Moonlight Swing Band (formerly the Memory Lane Swing Band, and conveniently positioned in front of the beer tent) who entertained us with a wide selection of songs and music from the shows.

After three hours of busy trading it was a weary group that packed up their stalls and took down their gazeboes, but the chief organisers Marion Bishop and Jim Burg were well pleased with the result which will provide about £3300 towards the cost of running the four benefice churches in Milborne, Dewlish, Puddletown and Tolpuddle, plus St. Edward's Orthodox Church at Athelhampton.

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READERS may have noticed that Dorset County Council is proposing to introduce parking meters in East Street, West Street and the Plocks, the last bastions of free parking in Blandford. At a time when rural bus services are being slashed, including the complete loss of weekend buses, this would appear to be a short-sighted exercise to make money on one budget whilst not considering how they propose to collect Business Rates from shops which have closed due to lack of custom. Statistics show that fewer people are shopping in the town since charges were introduced in the (now empty) Stour Meadows car Park, a trend that can only continue with the loss of the 'free to use if you want to nip quickly to a shop' parking.

It would seem that whoever is responsible for transport planning in the county needs to learn about an integrated approach to transport, as the current set of ideas are bound to make life for rural dwellers and for the traders of Blandford much more difficult.

If you are interested in trying to keep alive the centre of in a town which has a wide variety of locally owned shops and businesses despite the arrival of yet another mega-supermarket on its doorstep, you could write to Dorset County Council and North Dorset District Council, asking them to look into other ways of raising money (or indeed saving money) before taking a step which is likely to cost them more in the long term, and also to make life very difficult for those of us who live in the outlying villages.

Cllr Hopper's recent letter to the Blackmore Vale Magazine identified the problems of losing our services – as well as shopping, visiting and hospital trips being made more difficult, those without cars who need to work or train for work in Blandford or Dorchester, particularly at weekends, will no longer be able to catch a bus. If you have a view of the minimal service we in Milborne are to be left with under the new proposals, you could write via the Dorsetforyou website, using the pages for 'consultation on bus services'.

Susan Cawley

Who are the Lions and what do they do?

AS a member of the local community you will almost certainly have seen the Lions collecting for local charities in and around the Blandford area, and probably have asked yourself "Who and what are the Lions?" – a question we are also frequently asked. This is why your local Lions Club, Blandford and District Lions, is inviting you and anybody you think amongst your friends, family or colleagues would be interested, to an open meeting to be held at the Blandford Parish Centre in The Close, Blandford on Wednesday 23rd October 2013, commencing at 7:30pm.

Our operational area is anywhere in DT11 and for a small club we have achieved quite a lot both locally and worldwide over the past 40 years (we have collected and re-distributed £15,000 over the last two years alone), but we feel much more could be achieved if we could increase our membership. The evening is part of a recruitment drive the club is currently undertaking.

Please let me know if you or any of your friends are able to attend so that we can have an idea of likely numbers. I can be contacted on 01929 472336 or email me at blandfordlions@hotmail.co.uk.

Tony Ives, Blandford and District Lions

North Dorset Electoral registration annual canvass

THE electoral registration annual canvass forms are being sent out at the beginning of October. It is important that you respond to your form as soon as possible, either by Freephone or internet if there are no changes, or by returning the form if there are changes.

Please note that we are required by law to ask each year if individuals wish their details not to appear on the Edited Register. You can update this when responding by Freephone or internet.

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Meet at the Tesco car park in Blandford Forum – near recycling area (approx. 6.5 miles). Bring a packed lunch.

Sunday 3rd November – 2.00pm

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The village hall and bar is open from 7.00pm and the **show starts at 7.30 pm. Tickets:** Adults £8.00/Under 18s £6.00/Family Ticket (for 2+2) £25.00. **Booking essential** – tickets can be obtained from: Alice Harrall on 01258837371 or from the Londis Village

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Thanks team

Come and start allotmenting at the new site in the village!

WE have had a fantastic growing summer, and also have four more allotment holders, three from Bere Regis. At the beginning of August the group got together and cleared a couple more plots ready for the new holders, ending the evening with a BBQ up there, watching the sun go down, looking across the valley toward the Purbecks.



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If anyone in the village would like to have an allotment, just call me on 01258837575, or Jo on 01258837957, alternatively you can email: msa.allotments@yahoo.co.uk

Did you identify this?



The August/September picture was on the bridleway going towards Tolpuddle near the junction with Snag Lane.

Congratulations to Chris Nowell for being the first, and only, person with the correct answer.

Try your luck this month on page 16. Send your pictures, news and articles to the Reporter at msa.reporter.yahoo.co.uk or give to a member of the Team



Getting ready for autumn

Friendly advice from Dorset Fire and Rescue Service

THE seasons move on and after a great summer, autumn is coming. This is the perfect opportunity for us to remind you about the dangers you can face in your home as the weather turns colder.

A working smoke alarm is one of the most important things you can own. It will provide you with an early warning of a fire, giving you time to escape. If you own one, you are half way there – just make sure you test it once a week and replace the batteries when necessary.

We usually see an increase in chimney fires over the autumn period. Chimney fires are preventable if the right precautions are taken. Having your chimney swept is vital. The function of sweeping the flue/chimney is to remove the deposits that build up. By sweeping the flue/chimney it ensures that there is a clear and safe passage for the safe exit of combustion products, which are caused by the burning process. This lessens the chances of the chimney catching fire.

If you are putting the fire or the woodburner on, please consider a guard and how far away combustible materials are, like clothes. Don't forget to make sure all the embers are under control and put out properly when you go to bed!

As the evenings draw in, candles are also great to create an atmosphere and add some extra light – just don't leave them unattended! Make sure you put them out before you go to bed and you use an appropriate base for them, like a plate.

Cooking has been the cause of over 50% of accidental fires in the homes that we have attended over the last year (2012/13). When cooking, don't be distracted and please don't leave anything unattended. If you have to leave the kitchen, think about turning off the hob or using a timer – that way cooking won't be forgotten about!

Finally, have you received a home safety check from Dorset Fire and Rescue Service? We provide them free of charge and we will give you bespoke home safety advice designed around you and your home such as escape routes, cooking, electrics and much much more. An hour of your time could save your life and if it's appropriate our staff will fit free smoke alarms too. To sign up call 01305 252600 or check our website www.dorsetfire.gov.uk.

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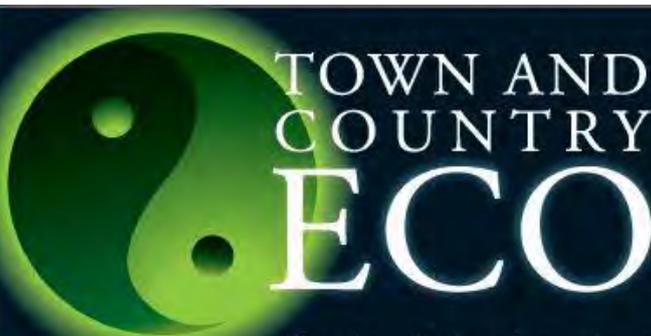
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We are calling for all Milborne *Reporter* readers to support us. There are three ways to vote. In branch (the nearest is Blandford), on-line by visiting www.lloydsbank.com/communityfund or by SMS text, please text VOTE ELSLA TO 61119.

As the club continues to grow some of our training times have now changed. Our year 1 and 2's train at 4.00pm on Wednesdays and our year 3 and 4's train at 6.00pm; we still have some limited spaces for these groups. We also have a number of spaces for year 5's who now train in two groups, one at 4.00pm on a Wednesday and the other at 6.00pm on Thursdays.

We are extremely keen to get a reception group going this season, however at the moment we are still looking for a willing volunteer to coach this group before we are able to open this up. All coaches receive full FA training (paid for by the club) and will receive the full support of the other coaches and committee at MSA Mini Soccer.

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Ask Millie

– your problems solved



In response to the August/September problem of which way up to store the village hall wineglasses.

Millie says –

When glasses are dried with a tea towel and stored upside down then the slightly damp conditions inside the glass can lead to the growth of bacteria and the glasses will smell musty and unpleasant. Also the bases of any glasses are stronger than the more delicate rims, which are more likely to be damaged. If the rims of the glasses are in direct contact with the cupboard shelf, which may not be perfectly clean; then the rims go in your mouth, which is not a very pleasant thought. People store glasses upside down in an attempt to keep dust out of them, but as the cupboards in the hall are closed in that shouldn't apply. If you are very short of cupboard space at home then you can alternate a row of upside down with right way up which fits more glasses into the space available. I suspect most people just do what their mum and dad did, a bit like which way round to hang the loo roll.

Hi Millie,

I don't care which way up the village hall glasses are stored as long as they are in the cupboard. I turned up to help run a bar for an event to find only half a dozen glasses there. I know people take the glasses home to wash in the dishwasher, but please bring them back pronto!

Don't bin your bin!

Thank you for all your 'helpful' suggestions, here are a few of the more sensible ones. Uses for your old dustbin

1. As a compost bin, upside down with the bottom cut out, you may need to weight the lid.
2. As a compost bin, right way up with drainage holes at the bottom or just cut the bottom off.
3. As a water butt.
4. Use to grow strawberries, carrots or potatoes.
5. Sink into the ground as a small wildlife pond.
6. Post it on Freecycle.
7. Keep chicken or dog food in it.
8. Store kindling in it.

Hi Millie,

What are the contact details for the new car showroom on the Causeway? There are always at least five cars on display and I really like the look of one of the Mercs. Shame about all the Hall Users keep clogging up the space, can you do something about that please.

Millie says –

Parking places in the Causeway are very limited and a little bird told Millie that a former officer on the VH committee gave verbal permission for residents of the Causeway to park there when the hall was not in use. Which would seem a sensible arrangement as the VH tries very hard to maintain good relations with all those living close by.

There is currently a government review looking into the rental of driveway car parking spaces. The new guidance will make clear that homeowners should be able to rent out space to park a single car without planning permission "provided there is no public nuisance to neighbours, or other substantive concerns". A distinction is made between renting out a space to park a single car or a clear commercial use like a car showroom or minicab rank, which would require planning permission. There is, as yet, no law against parking caravans or motor caravans in your driveway. As ever, common sense, a good sense of humour and tolerance are needed when living in a village to maintain good relations with all your neighbours.

Hi Millie,

Thanks for pointing out my stupidity in failing to put in my e mail address in the article in the June issue, about the online social justice group. Unfortunately I do make mistakes, perhaps too often, but I do value people pointing them out to me. My e mail address is - austeneric@yahoo.co.uk - just in case anyone should want to contact me. With regards to the letter suggesting that I am in the same category as the Taliban, I hope that is not true. I have recently read the justification from the Taliban for shooting the Pakistani schoolgirl Malala Yousafzai. I hope that I don't fall into that category, but I am very willing to hear why some people may think that I do. I find that I always learn more from people who criticise me than I do from those who support me, which is why I value comments made to me by my atheist friends.

I would be very happy to meet with the writer of that letter or some other delegated person(s) and/or anyone else. I will be at The Royal Oak here in Milborne on Monday 14th October at 7.30p.m. to listen to the insights from the letter writer, others and/or yourself about attitudes towards women and gay people and 'coffee tasting like gravy'. As people may not be able to identify me I shall wear my **Africa Woman** t shirt which celebrates the role of eight African women who have helped to change the face of Africa, which includes Nelson Mandela's wife. I hope that you feel that this is a positive response to your comments.

Yours sincerely, Eric Austen

Millie thanks Eric for his kind invitation to meet up and was rather tempted to turn up wearing a "Justice for Stompie Moeketsi" t shirt but is, of course, unwilling to reveal Millie's true identity.

However, perhaps The Royal Oak could arrange a "Controversial Milborne t shirt evening" with a small prize for the most original slogan? Here are a few ideas to get things started – "I love townies" "Lets get cracking with fracking" "Wind Turbines Forever (WTF!)".

Send more Milborne slogans and comments.

Next months problem –

Hi Millie

Can you help with a bit of a mystery? Goldfish keep disappearing from my garden pond. I restock and things are fine for a few days then they all vanish again. Is it cats? What can I do to keep my fish safe? I don't want to cover the pond with an unsightly net.

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

BUS2GO – Autumn Schedule

OCTOBER 9th Wimborne: Stewarts Garden Centre, God's Blessing Lane. It is said, the lane was named after Cromwell's Army was assembling for an attack on Corfe Castle. Cromwell himself addressed the troops and gave them a blessing. Bus2Go will not be planning any attack only on the purchase of plants and lunch. Our passengers are very adept at doing both.

When we came back from Otter Nurseries, in Devon (after our visit to the Donkey Sanctuary), both buses resembled mobile greenhouses with hanging baskets strung (safely) from various points, young plants nursed carefully on knees and there was even a baby lamb (ornamental of course).

October 30th (half term) Weymouth: Dorset Fire and Rescue Headquarters. We shall be taken on a guided tour of the newly built unit; this includes a reconstructed fire in a domestic room. We shall of course be viewing, from behind the safety of toughened glass. The tour starts off with light refreshments and a chat. After the tour lunch will be served in the restaurant

November 10th Bovington: Remembrance Sunday. All welcome to join with us as we remember all serving heroes past and present. After the service there will be an opportunity to visit the Museum and have lunch in the restaurant.

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The car has been used at schools, colleges and community events across Dorset, utilising trading standard's 'On the Road' booklet which provides a wealth of information to car buyers.

We've also developed a checklist that you can take with you to help you to narrow your choice of cars down further. It won't guarantee your next car is a safe car, we'd always recommend that you take someone knowledgeable with you or get an independent report on the car before you buy it, but it will help you focus in on the cars that deserve a closer look.

These resources can be found on the 'Buying a used car' pages of our website at <http://www.dorsetforyou.com/403832>.

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In your Garden

Seasonal notes and tips from Maureen Lock of *designerGardens*

Autumn shades

OCTOBER is the time when we start to put the garden 'to bed' in readiness for the rush of growth next spring. It is yet another busy month in the garden – moving, clearing and cleaning – and there are still some things you need to prune!

Climbing roses and ramblers should be pruned in late autumn and winter. As always start with the 3 D's – *dead, diseased and damaged* – and cut these stems out first. Then you can see the wood for the trees (as it were). Cut back any side shoots to two-thirds of their length and tie in any growth that is needed to cover the trellis. Don't feed now as any new growth will be damaged by winter frosts but feed in the spring. In fact, this applies to everything in the garden.

Put well-rotted manure or compost around the shrubs to help improve the soil and if you want to add a fertilizer then use one that promotes root growth – otherwise wait until spring.

For a bit of late summer colour you can't beat asters. There are lots of new varieties that are resistant to mildew and rust which asters often suffer from. Did you know that the word 'aster' is from the Greek for 'star'. They come in all shades of white, purple, blue, pink and red and provide a good contrast to the yellows and golds of rudbeckias and heleniums. These plants also provide a good source of nectar for insects that are finding it increasingly difficult to survive in the wild.

Asters are easy to care for and don't need staking unless your garden is on the windy side. Asters like a sunny or partially shady site



with a nice well-drained soil. You need to give them some water during the summer to stop them wilting.

Steer clear of Aster novi-belgii hybrids as these are susceptible to mildew but look for Aster novae-angliae, Aster amellus and Aster x frikartii 'Monch' for a good mildew resistant variety with traditional lavender blue flowers. If you want to know more there is a very good supplier 'Old Court Nurseries and The Picton Garden' who provide an excellent mail order service (www.autumnasters.co.uk). Their website gives detailed descriptions of all the asters they supply and I have frequently used them for gardens that I design and plant up.

October is also the month for getting in your spring bulbs and the shops are full of tempting varieties. Plan carefully and you will get a succession of colour from February to May. Snowdrops and aconites will start you off in February, followed by scillas, chionodoxas and early narcissus. In March there are daffodils, hyacinths and anemones, followed by tulips which will take you through April and May and then alliums which will flower with the roses and lupins and their seed heads will still look good in late summer.

For those of us who belong to the **Gardening Club**, we have our Poundbury Garden Autumn vouchers – well worth having and worth being a member of the gardening club for. Keep any eye on what's happening with the Gardening Club in the *Reporter*.

So here's to a productive October.




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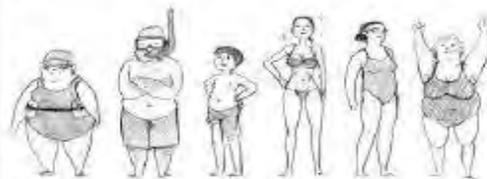
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A Good Read

by Shirley Dunkley

“Old Filth”; “The Man in the Wooden Hat”; “Last Friends”

by Jane Gardam

FOR fans of Jane Gardam’s Filth books, the good news is that *Last Friends*, the third of the trilogy, was published this summer. For readers unfamiliar with the wonderfully realised world of Edward Feathers Q.C. it is a chance to bury yourself until Christmas exploring all three.

The first, *Old Filth*, which stands for ‘Failed in London Try Hong Kong’, is the life story of the High Court Judge who has retired with his wife, Betty, to the Dorset village of Donhead St. Ague. He looks back on a life that started in the colonial Malay States before the Second World War when he was sent by his widowed father to be schooled in England. We follow “Fevvers” adventures through school, the war, the army and the law as he struggles in post-war, austerity Britain before moving East. We learn of his marriage to Betty, another Raj orphan, imprisoned by the Japanese when very young and of his nemesis both at the Bar and domestically, one Terry Veneering always, it seems, one of life’s winners.

The Man in The Wooden Hat tells Betty’s version of the same time and now *Last Friends* gives us Veneering’s unlikely beginnings. All three books fill out the relationships of the central characters but a battalion of minor characters drift in and out, whose importance to the plot varies with the protagonists. *Last Friends* spends more time with the elderly survivors, giving an astringent account of Dorset village life, but *Old Filth* is the one to start with. All are full of vivid variety, enticing the reader into the lost worlds of Empire and war, reconstructing the pain and gain of childhood with humour and painful emotion. This creates a trio of rounded, infuriating yet sympathetic heroes. Readers start now on a delightful, absorbing and moving experience!

Wanted – someone to write an article on nature or another interesting subject each month. Please telephone 837700 or e-mail msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk



Cheselbourne Theatre Club



IT’S only October but we are already making plans to avoid the post-Christmas blues. We are going to cheer up with a traditional and blessedly celebrity-free pantomime on **Friday 3rd January** at 2.30pm. The panto team at Salisbury Theatre returns with another laughter-filled family show with plenty of audience participation. Why not bring some young guests to see **Dick Whittington and His Cat** (book by 1st November, £25 includes coach, with John Widdowson 01258 837791). This is a good time to explain why the club needs members to book so far in advance. The Cheselbourne Theatre Club, as an official patron of Salisbury Theatre, enjoys the advantage of:

- Two previews, in early spring and autumn, of the forthcoming season’s programmes before they are released to the general public
- Early block booking for members on a sale or return basis – but we must commit to final numbers by the Salisbury Theatre’s two-month deadline

However, if you can’t meet this early deadline you could buy your own theatre tickets directly from Salisbury Theatre (01722 320333) to coincide with our Monday night trip and join us on the club coach to get to the theatre. Travel costs £11 per person but before you telephone the theatre please discuss this option with John Widdowson (837791).

There is still time to catch the following shows:

Monday 7th October at 7.30pm *Elegy for a Lady* by Arthur Miller and *The Yalta Game* by Brian Friel.

Monday 4th November at 7.30pm *The Recruiting Officer* by George Farquhar.

Coach pick-up times are Cheselbourne 5.25pm, Cross Lanes 5.35pm, Melcombe Bingham 5.40pm, Ansty 5.45pm, Hilton 5.50pm, Milton Abbas 6.00pm, Winterborne Whitechurch 6.05pm, Blandford Forum (Tesco) 6.20pm, Pimperne 6.25pm. Additional stops may be arranged.

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