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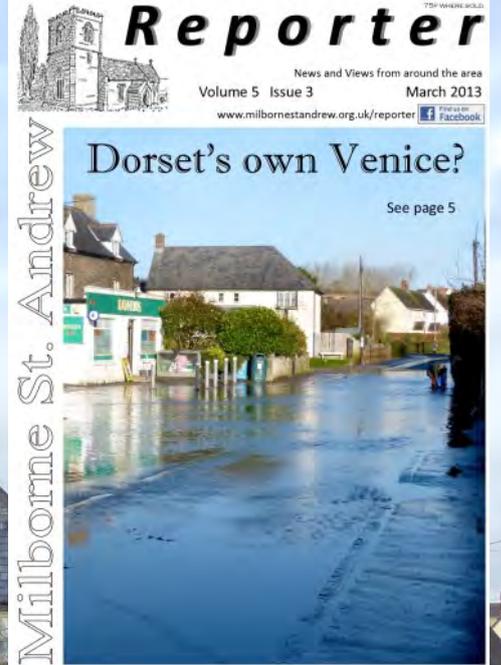
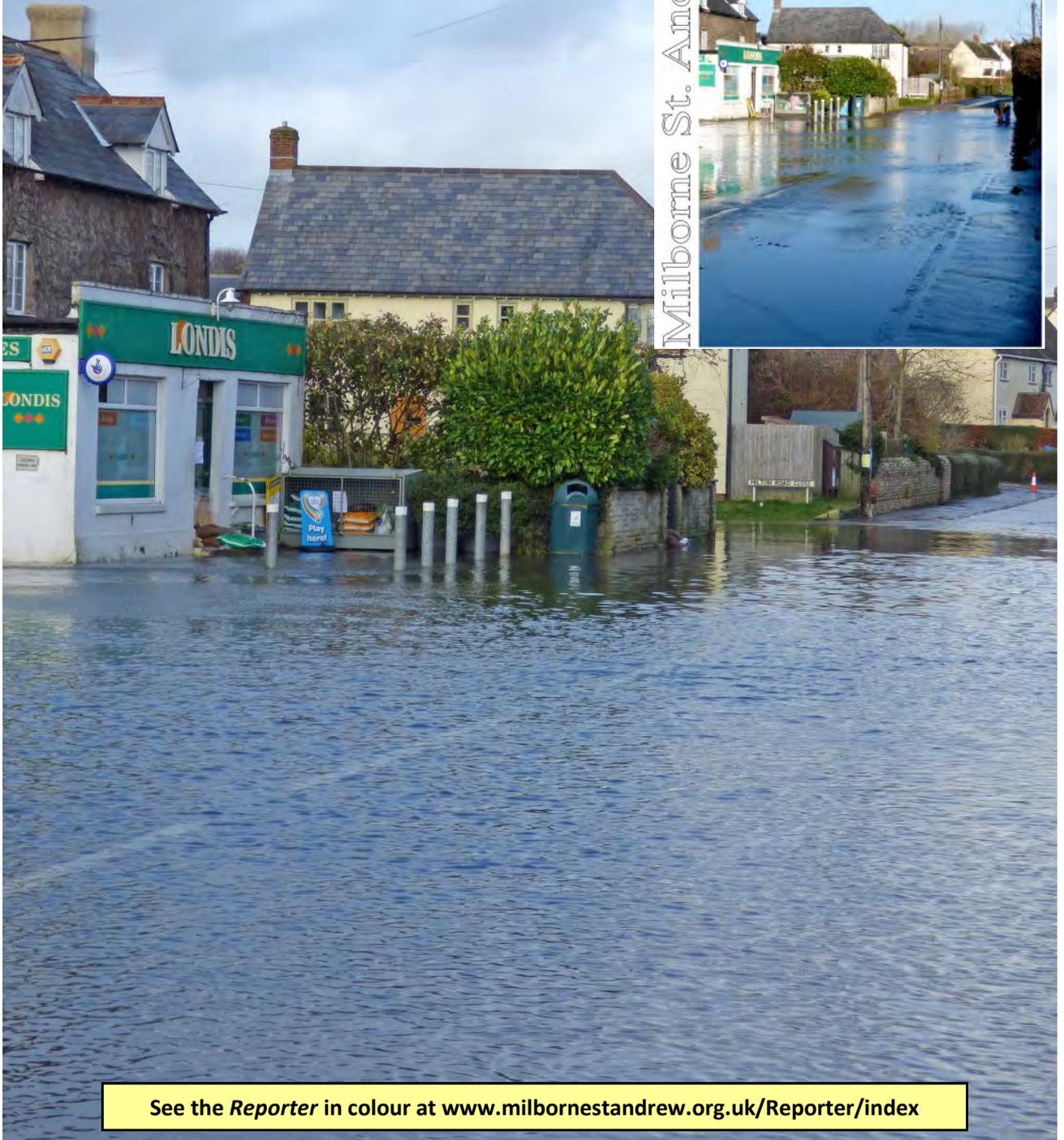
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Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club

Venue – The Village Hall

Date and time – Thursday 27th February at 7.30pm

Talk – Water in Gardens by Alan Eason.

We hope our gardens have dried out a bit by then!

We hope members and friends/visitors will come along.

The talks are always interesting and informative with a break for chatting and refreshments.

Please come.

Mini Open Gardens event planned for sometime May/June 2014.

The Gardening Club and St. Andrew's Church are planning a joint venture to raise money for a local Charity and to help funds for the Church and Gardening Club.

Your help is requested as we would like you to showcase your garden, whether it's large, small, quirky, full of vegetables, wild, herby or just a bit different. Your gardens will inspire all who visit and the whole event is great fun.

Cream teas will be on sale at the Village Hall, where you will buy a map telling you which gardens will be open.

Please contact Gardening Club Chairman, Richard Lock on 837929 for more information.

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The Poppy Appeal 2013



THE Royal British Legion wish to sincerely thank the people of Milborne St. Andrew for the £793.00 collected during the Poppy Appeal for 2013. This was the largest amount yet and will help in the continuing work of the Royal British Legion.

The RBL wishes to particularly thank the organisations and collectors without whose help we could not achieve this result.

Thank you to everyone for your support.

Michael Hopper

December's Parish Council

THE Parish Council held its monthly meeting in the Village Hall on the 18th December at 7.30pm, attended by Councillors J. Balcon (Chairman), S. Cherry, P. Smith, S. Thompson, together with the Clerk and two members of the public. Apologies were received from Councillors M. Hopper and S. Fox. Before commencement of business the public were invited to comment on the agenda, one person raised concerns regarding the planning application for a development at Grays Stores. It was pointed out that the application was an amendment to a previous application given permission by the Planning Authority in 2011.

The short agenda was then worked through with much comment and criticism from Council members with regard to an item of correspondence from NDDC advising that the Council Tax support grant from Central Government was not going to be passed on to Towns and Parishes in 2014/15, as it had been for 2013/14, leaving Parishes to make up the shortfall by either implementing further cuts in expenditure, increasing the precept or a mixture of both.

The development at Grays Stores was discussed with no objection to the application, however a recommendation was made to the Planning Authority that making good any damage caused by the developer to Milton Road Close should be a condition of planning approval being granted.

A request from a parishioner for approval to install a bench seat in memory of his late wife was approved by Members on the understanding that permission will still need to be sought from Highways. This will be coordinated by the Clerk.

After the cheque schedule was agreed the meeting closed at 8.20pm. During the post-meeting public participation session the Chairman was asked if it was possible for the Council to seek alternative sources of funding in the light of NDDC's decision not to pass on the Council Tax support grant. Whilst it is not possible for a Parish Council to do so, organisations that cannot be assisted by the Council due to cuts in its expenditure are able to seek financial assistance from a number of organisations.

Colin Hampton, Clerk

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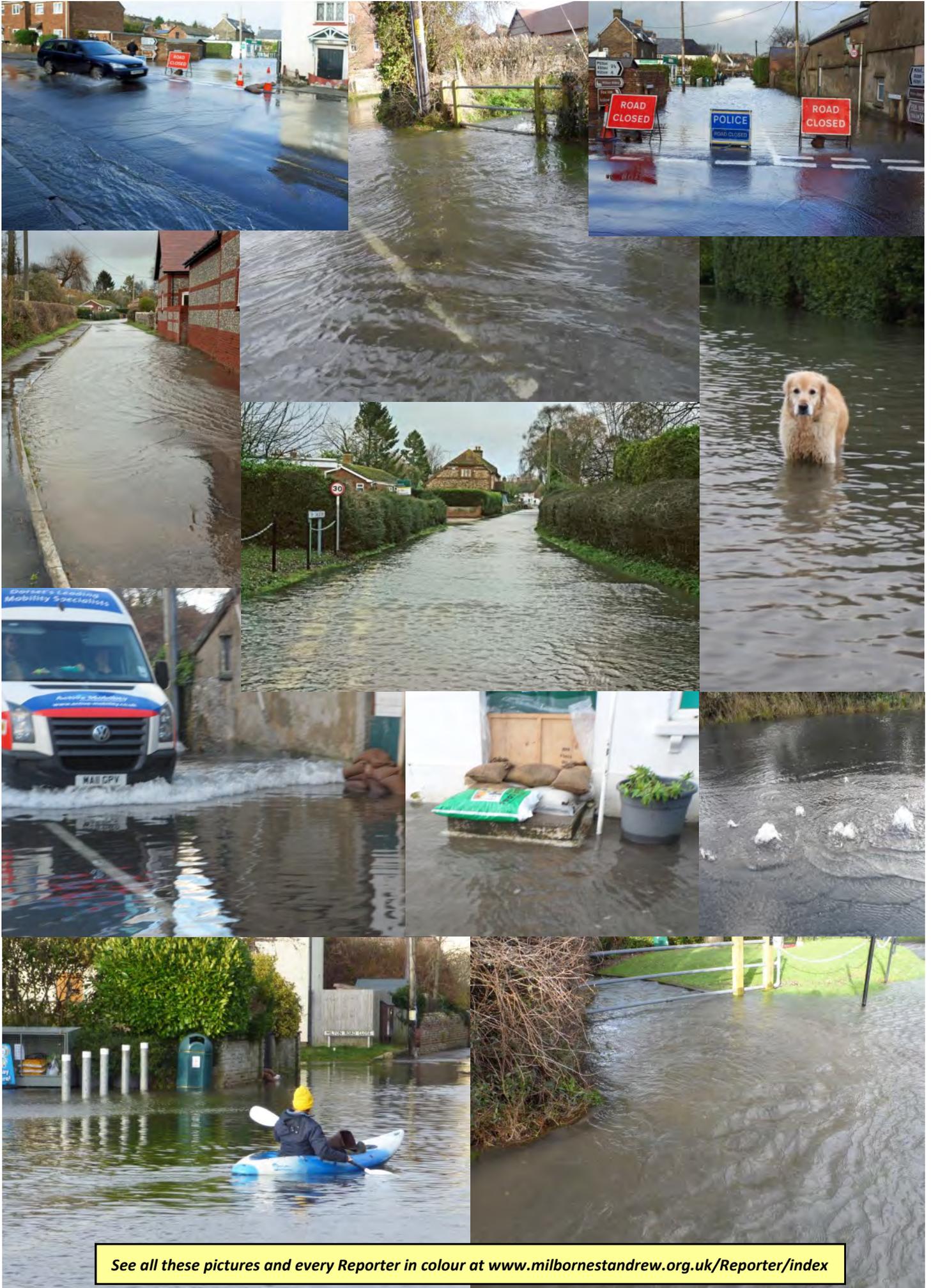
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Challenging times

GETTING back to Ladybirds after the Christmas break has been a challenge to most of us. We were already aware of the resurfacing of the Village Hall car park but added to this was the problem caused by floods – not only in Milborne but also Puddletown, Roke Road and Winterborne Stickland – it was amazing that so many managed to get to the hall. Parents resorted to carrying children along Milton Road – the water was much too high for their wellingtons – after walking to school with older children. Community spirit kicked in again as transport, dropping off and picking up children was shared. Milborne once again proved it is a good place to live.

On the day the lorry, tarmac machine and rollers appeared in the car park the rain had let up so children donned boots and coats and watched the proceedings from a safe distance. It was noisy and somewhat smelly but many of the children were fascinated to watch the tarmacking and had many questions to ask.

One of the children took a toy camera outside and took photos of the men at work. This led us to thinking if anyone has any old digital cameras or phones that they no longer require, Ladybirds would love them. If you do, please drop them into us any weekday morning. Thank you.

Liz Dyer



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Milborne St. Andrew First School



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School News

THE end of 2013 and the start of 2014 have both involved some fabulous productions in school. Before the Christmas holidays all the children in school took part in our Christmas shows. Our KS1



children performed "Little Blue Star", which follows the journey of a special star. As well as the traditional nativity roles there were lots of stars and clouds involved in the production, with some fabulous

costumes provided for the show. All of the children sang with great enthusiasm and there were some young talented soloists who weren't put off by a packed hall of delighted family and friends.



The children in KS2 also showed some great talent in their production of "The Snow Queen". This was a demanding production with many lines to learn for those in lead roles. Once again there was wonderful singing from the chorus which was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience. For both performances staff and children worked hard during rehearsals and were supported by parents who

provided costumes and props. Following each performance Friends of School provided refreshments.

Our Christmas celebrations were rounded off with carols in St. Andrew's church. Children wrote their own carols and actors and readers retold the story of Christmas.

On our first day of the new year we welcomed Forest Forge Theatre group to school to perform "Anne of Green Gables". All the children enjoyed the performance which is imaginatively staged with a small group of actors. Later in the week one of the Forest Forge team



worked with children in year 1-4 in drama workshops, where the children were given words and phrases to act out and then show a "freeze frame" moment, which as you can see were enjoyed by all. Friends of School financed this New Year treat for the children following their successful fundraising at the Real Christmas Craft Fayre, where they raised just short of £1,000. Our thanks go to our talented volunteers for all their efforts and their support.

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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Christmas at the WI, in lieu of a rather wet New Year

IT'S fair to say that January was a 'wash-out', and unusually, our monthly meeting was cancelled. Our President, Jenny Preston, and Secretary, June Maitland, took the wise view that they would err on the side of caution in the interests of members' safety.

However, and as always, our December meeting went ahead with members enjoying a delicious buffet supper to the accompaniment of seasonal music. Cards were gathered and distributed by Veronica Herridge, and Mother Christmas (alias Linda Wright) made something of an entrance with a loud ringing of a muffin bell before distributing presents from her very deep sack.

We are fortunate that Eva Stockley is a past master when it comes to the art of cake decoration, and, as well as bringing along her entire Cake Icing Decoration kit, produced a beautiful miniature sugar flower arrangement for us to see. We were invited to have a go at icing buns and making Christmas cake decorations, with varying degrees of success!

Sadly, skittles will lose its captain, Nelda Oakes, who, after 20 years, wishes to stand down, although she will still play. She was sincerely thanked by us all. Heather Hogg was congratulated for her front cover photograph in the WI News.

At our next meeting on Thursday 13th February, there will be much to discuss: the AGM Resolutions, annual subscriptions, not to mention 70th birthday ideas, so we hope to see you all there. Our speaker is Olga Vithrowa, whose talk is titled 'From Russia to UK, from Ballet to Pilates'. Happy New Year wishes to everyone.

Pat Bull

Love is in the air

WITH Valentine's day approaching, some of us might start thinking how wonderful it would be to find a perfect partner and dating websites have become a very popular solution.

Research carried out has revealed that over 200,000 people in Britain may have fallen victim to online romance scams. Criminals set up fake identities using stolen photographs (often of models or army officers) and pretend to develop a romantic relationship with their victim using online dating and social networking sites. Once a relationship has been established, they pretend to be in urgent need of money and ask for help. For example, they may say they've arranged to visit you but need the money to pay travel costs, or a family member of theirs is ill and they need money for medical treatment.

Investigations have seen financial losses suffered by victims of between £50 and £240,000. Victims also suffer what is effectively a bereavement, from the loss of a relationship they believed to be genuine.

Be aware of how to stay safe. Top tips include:

- Never send money to someone you've met online, don't know well and in person, no matter how persuasive. Be particularly suspicious if you are asked to send money via a money transfer agent, such as Western Union or MoneyGram or to buy Ukash vouchers.
- Don't keep things to yourself, even if asked to, speak to a family member or friend.
- Don't give out personal or financial details. Fraudsters may use these to steal your identity or commit other kinds of fraud.
- Don't let your own bank account be used by someone else to deposit or transfer money.
- Don't trust what appears to be a UK address or phone number, they can be diverted to anywhere in the world, typically West Africa.

For more information, or to report a romance fraud visit www.ActionFraud.org.uk or call 0300 123 2040.

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When cancer is diagnosed

Mr C is 72 years old and lives alone. His wife died several years ago of breast cancer. He has two children; a son who is in Australia and a daughter who lives and works in London. Mr. C's GP has referred him to the Oncology department at the local hospital where he was given a variety of tests and given another appointment. He was advised to take someone with him for this visit but decided to go alone. When he met with the consultant, despite his suspicions, he was still shocked when the doctor told him he had cancer.

He was quite unable to take in what was said to him and when he left he could hardly remember anything that the doctor had told him. He was given a lot of leaflets containing information about his cancer but didn't feel as though he could look at them. He didn't want to bother his children because he didn't know what to tell them. He felt confused, apprehensive, and depressed about his future. He would have liked to have had someone to talk to but didn't feel close enough to anyone to share his feelings. One good friend, who knew of the diagnosis, gave him a leaflet about the services offered by Dorset Advocacy and offered to help him make the call for help.

How Dorset Cancer Advocacy helped

When Mr C contacted Dorset Advocacy, he was put in touch with a volunteer advocate, David, who arranged to meet him in his home. Mr C was relieved to find David a friendly and sympathetic listener. After being assured that his privacy would be respected he felt able to tell David about his fears and concerns about his illness and treatment, how to tell his children, and what support might be available.

With the help of David, he developed a list of specific questions he had for his doctor. He and David went through the leaflets to gain more understanding of his diagnosis. He welcomed David's offer to accompany him to the next appointment so that any remaining questions would be addressed.

Mr C then told David about his son, living in Australia, and his daughter who had a very busy life in London. Although he felt it important that they know of his cancer he did not have enough information to give them. He thought that he should know more before informing them so that he could answer any questions they had. David supported this decision and they made a list of questions about sources of help and care that were available.

They arranged to meet again and David left a contact number so that Mr C could contact him should he need more help. As Mr C watched David drive away, he breathed a sigh of relief. Here was someone who could be a real friend and supporter who would understand his fears and could provide support. He immediately picked up the phone to thank his friend for helping him make the call to Dorset Advocacy.

Dorset Advocacy is a charitable organization which provides one to one support, help and advocacy for people over 50. Dorset Advocacy works to provide relief for people living in Dorset with a learning, physical or mental disability, and those suffering frailty through age or illness. Dorset Cancer Advocacy has specifically been developed to support people make informed choices and decisions about treatment and care.

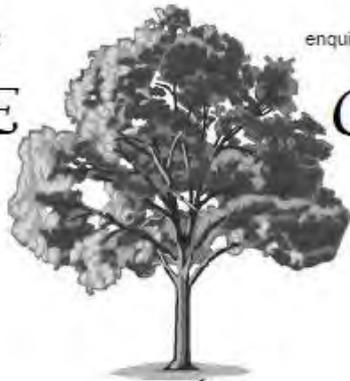
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Susie Edwards Blogger Extraordinaire

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SUSIE'S blog continues to be chatty and upbeat despite spells in hospital to drain her build up of fluid following her operation and the production of 50ml lymph in 24 hours. Discussing her handling of loss she felt that she had modelled her own response on her mother and grandmother and believes that such positivity can be learned at school as well as home without the debilitating effect so noticeable in others diagnosed and treated for the same condition. We talked of 'Survival Kits for Future Shock'. Her philosophy is that too much introspection is bad for people. Some dwell on the negative aspects and she stresses the importance of making memories happy. Her own daughter has channelled her concerns at her mother's treatment regime by raising money for cancer research, £1,000 so far, from silent auctions, raffles, many different stalls and has plans to market designer clothes.

She spoke of the side effects of her treatment, high temperatures, patchy eczema, sore tongue, thrush, herpes, itching. That wherever there is a weakness e.g. rheumatism, there is swelling; weak nails brittle and breaking. To illustrate this she draws everyone's attention to an amusing cartoon showing the signs and symptoms of breast cancer on Facebook. Her advice is to stay vigilant and

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questioning when with medical advisors and treatment providers, not to take Paracetamol whilst receiving chemotherapy, just anti-sickness pills. If there are problems and 'niggles' for you always mention them when seeing the next person. 'Tell everyone everything!' She feels currently that although each skilled member of the medical profession is doing his or her job efficiently it is good to sometimes get a second opinion. 'See someone, take responsibility for your own position'. It is her belief that 'negativity leads to a decline . . . you need to be positive or to have someone with you who is!' To her it is important to achieve balance in information. It is possible to know too much, so, therefore, 'Trust in others is essential'. As always she praises the first class 'faultless' care at Dorchester Hospital commenting that they have a good reputation and, in the present financial climate, secure budgets.

Susie believes that sometimes people expect too much and stop thinking for themselves. Pharmacists are a good source of help and advice rather than wasting the time and resources of hard pressed GPs and hospital staff. She has found them 'impressive, with swift service, up to date thinking, responsive, brisk, sharp with good connections'.

Susie's energy and enthusiasm remain high as she celebrates the (much delayed) halfway point of her chemotherapy treatment. An undimmed delight in the taste of favourite foods, the twigs, leaves and berries of her winter bouquets, the company of her family and pet dog, Nutty, comes through every word and phrase of her blog.

We have agreed to revisit her experiences once the treatment is over. In the meantime, readers might like to enjoy her blog on: www.whodathunkityou.wordpress.com and join the over 3,500 'views' in 19 countries.

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Wednesday Club celebrates the New Year

The Wednesday Club celebrated the New Year in style at The Royal Oak on Wednesday 8th January. Sarah, Andy, Shem and staff all worked hard to provide us with another tasty meal of a selection of three pies with a choice of vegetables, followed by bread and butter pudding and coffee or tea.

Each member brought a present to put in the Lucky Dip and everyone seemed pleased with the gift that they received!

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 5th February at 2.00pm in the Village Hall when Alan Maitland will be talking about his "Life in Farming".

We look forward to seeing all members and any visitors who would like to attend.

Lis Watts

Bus2Go is motoring

WE are very excited at Bus2Go as we prepare to enter our second year of operations.

Outings have been arranged up until the end of April. Please follow the *Reporter* for the schedules. This will cover early to late spring and our next schedule will be out in the middle of April.

Last year from January to December 2013 we made 29 outings, used 35 buses and carried 406 passengers.

Grateful thanks to all that use our service and we look forward to welcoming our regular and new passengers on board during the coming months, when we travel to new destinations and re-visit favourite ones too. A warm welcome awaits you all.

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Special thanks go to Dorset Community Transport, Dorset POPP and Spectrum Housing for their ongoing support and enthusiasm for this community based project.



The Hambro Arms Milton Abbas

Valentines Meal

Friday 14th and Saturday 15th February

Starters

Fish Mezze (to share)

King prawns in garlic butter, whitebait and calamari with a sweet chilli dip

Beef carpaccio with parmesan shortbread, dressed rocket and a caper and lemon butter

Chicken liver parfait with real ale chutney, toasted brioche and mixed leaves

Grilled halloumi topped with a toasted walnut crumble, pickled beets, beetroot dressing and herb croutons (v)

Palate Cleanser

Champagne sorbet

Main Courses

Sirloin steak with hand-cut chips, sautéed girolles, confit tomato and a béarnaise sauce (Substitute for fillet steak - £4.50 supplement)

Pan-fried sea bass with an asparagus and pea risotto and salsa verde

Sautéed breast of guinea fowl served with dauphanoise potato, spring cabbage with bacon and a redcurrant and thyme jus

Goats cheese and caramelised red onion parcel with a Provençal sauce, redcurrant and balsamic glaze and watercress (v)

Dessert

Raspberry and white chocolate crème brulee with shortbread biscuits

Baked vanilla cheesecake with a poached apricot compote

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I wonder what your favourite book or story is.

Though it doesn't necessarily sound like the sort of book a vicar would or should enjoy, a good detective novel is probably my preferred read. I think it's partly because I like a good mystery with clues to think about and try and spot, but I'm sure I also find satisfaction in them because by the end of the book most of the loose ends are tied up and the crimes are solved.

That fits well with my character. I am someone who feels uncomfortable with unresolved issues or plans. I like to know where I am with people and arrangements, and I'm not good at adapting to last-minute changes or a vague timetable.

This may be why I find short stories unsatisfying and frustrating. Often they don't have a clear conclusion; things are left hanging in the air. Perhaps the idea is for the reader to continue the story in his or her imagination, but I'm often left thinking "And . . .?", "So . . .?" or "What next?"

Life is, of course, much more like the short story in that respect than the crime novel. There are often not clear-cut resolutions to our difficulties. Relationships with other people do not work like solving a mystery. They are much more open-ended than that, and far less predictable. We can never be the author of someone else's life.

As a Christian, I see God as the creator. But the life that is mapped out before us – our story – is not something in which we have no say. We have been created with minds and wills and not as robotic automatons. We make decisions, with or without God's guidance, and these and their consequences contribute to our autobiographies, our own stories.

The Bible contains part of God's story, and nearly 2,000 years after the later books were written, the story continues. Each one of us is part of it; we can choose whether to believe that or not.

If we do, it can be helpful to look at how the stories of our lives have been written, and where we can see the hand of God in them. We can look towards future uncertainties and trust that God will continue to be helping us to write the tale of our years.

For thousands of years, people have told stories. It is a marvellous way of communicating with others – very few people don't enjoy a good yarn. Often Christians are shy of talking about their faith, but one approach which works well is to share stories with others. It's how we get to know them best. We learn through people's stories what are their passions and joys, where their struggles and pains lie. Biographies sell well because we like to know about others' lives. Listening to or reading someone's story is a way of valuing that person, and often as we learn more of them we find that we discover more about ourselves too.

It works with the Bible as well. So if you've not picked it up recently, why not try this month reading or listening to (there are many CDs and downloads available) what it tells us about God and the story of the world in which we live, an experience that is not confined to the pages of an ancient book however relevant it is for today, but is something in which we are directly involved every minute of our existence.

With best wishes

Sarah

Milborne St. Andrew Church Notes

AS usual we had a busy month of services in December. We welcomed the **Bishop of Sherborne** to take our morning communion service on 8th December, and a week later we held our annual **Christingle service**. At this we collected just over £40 for the Children's Society who have promoted the service for over 40 years. We then held our **Carol Service** with lessons and carols at which we were very pleased to welcome the **Puddletown handbell ringers** who played brilliantly for 15 minutes before the service. Two days later we hosted the **Milborne School Carol Service** which attracted the largest congregation of the year. **Midnight Mass** on Christmas Eve also brought a good number to church as did the **Family Service** on Christmas morning. We are very grateful to all the flower arrangers who decorated the church so wonderfully for the festive season,

CHURCH SERVICES February 2014

2nd February – Presentation of Christ

9.15am	Celebrate . . . Candlemas	Milborne
9.30	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle
11.00	Family Communion <i>with Sunday Seekers</i>	Puddletown
6.00pm	Candlemas Evening Service	Dewlish

THURSDAY 6th February

12 noon	Lunch-time Communion	Milborne
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9th February – 4 before Lent

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

16th February – 3 before Lent

9.30am	Family Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30	Parish Communion	Milborne
11.00	1662 Morning Prayer	Puddletown
11.00	Family Service	Dewlish

THURSDAY 20th February

12.00	Lunch-time Communion	Puddletown Church Room
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23rd February – 2 before Lent

9.30am	All-Age Worship	Tolpuddle
9.30	1662 Holy Communion (said)	Milborne
11.00	Parish Communion	Puddletown
11.00	Family Communion	Dewlish

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

Monday – Puddletown	Tuesday – Milborne
Wednesday – Dewlish	Thursday – Tolpuddle
Saturday – Puddletown	

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There is an answerphone.

and also provided our "Hark the Herald" contribution to the **Puddletown Tree Festival**. Grateful thanks also go to our band of cleaners who gave the church a 'Christmas Clean', and indeed clean our church every week throughout the year.

On 5th January we held a '**Celebrate . . . Epiphany**' service at which those of us able to get through the floods enjoyed a light breakfast with the Sunday papers, heard about the meaning of the Wise Men's gifts, and showed our skill at writing a short poem. The next All Age service will be '**Celebrate . . . Candlemas**' on **2nd February**, starting with breakfast at 9.15am. Do come and join us and find out what Candlemas is all about.

As I write we are looking forward to the benefice **Epiphany Party** in Tolpuddle (January 11th). This should be a good opportunity to get to know people from other villages in the benefice with which we will become more involved after Easter when Sarah Godfrey leaves us for her new post.

The 400 tree saplings from **Woodland Trust** have now been planted as a hedge along the north boundary of the churchyard. We all say a very big 'thank you' to Maurice Fox and Roger Westcott who volunteered to do the work. When they encountered impenetrable nettle roots, tree roots and rubble we were very grateful for the services of Barry Bright and his digger. He did a wonderful digging and clearing job so that the hedge could be completed before the floods arrived. We will now organise a working party to clear away all the rubbish that has been dug up in that area.

Finally, during the festive season I have been very conscious of the efforts of a lot of people who have worked in the church and churchyard to keep everything running smoothly throughout the year. A very big 'thank you' to you all.

John Wright (Churchwarden)

Dewlish Church Notes

Beautifully decorated for Christmas

WE WERE really disappointed that the weather was so bad this year that we were unable to go carol singing around the village. That meant, of course, that our chosen charity would not be getting donations from all of us. Let's hope for better weather next year!

The Carol Service went extremely well, and drew a large congregation. As usual, our children played their parts in the Nativity so very well, and we were grateful that children from other parts of the benefice joined in too. Our young adults read extremely well, and we were particularly pleased to welcome Sue's granddaughter, Elsa, who lives in America, who played the two tunes of "Away in a Manger" on her viola.

A big thank-you also to Robyn and Imogen for singing once again – a regular feature now! Another thank-you to Aiden and his very professional band of musicians – everyone a star! Ed and Adam once again provided the lighting and sound. Thank you so much.

Finally, this would not have happened without all the hard work that Jim put into its organisation. It always starts Christmas off on such a happy note. I am delighted to report that the collection amounted to £189.61; this has been sent to the Children's Society.

Our church was beautifully decorated for Christmas and we thank all our flower ladies for once again showing off our church at its best. We were delighted that Norman was able to take our service on Christmas Day. Thank you, Norman, as always.

Our Christmas Bazaar was a great success, and raised £478.06 towards church running costs. Thank you so much to all those people who ran stalls, gave so generously and joined us on the day. It was lovely to see you all.

Daphne Burg

Do you need a lift to church?

If you have difficulty getting to church or need transport when the Benefice Service is at another church, we can arrange transport for you. Please contact John on 839090.

VILLAGE LUNCH

To be held at the Village Hall on
Saturday 22th February from 12.15 to 2.00pm
Wine or fruit juice/Beef stew with dumplings/
Bread and butter pudding/Coffee or tea/mints

Vegetarian option available

£6.50 per head, half price for children

Everyone welcome young and old alike

Tickets available from the Computer
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Friday 31st January

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or call Josie Wright any time for more information

or to reserve tickets on 839090

*Remember you can always see the Reporter in colour at
www.milbornestandrew.org.uk/Reporter/index*

100 CLUB WINNERS

Draw Date – Monday 30th December 2013

1st prize £100 John Longman

2nd prize £50 Andy Mott

No 3rd prize this month due to so many people
dropping out.

The next draw is at 8.00pm in The Royal Oak,
Tuesday 4th February 2014

Everyone is welcome to attend

New members always welcome. Contact

June Maitland 837235 or

Denise Sanderson 837049

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Milborne Football wins Lloyds Community Fund



THE Milborne Football club joined the staff at Lloyds Bank in Blandford in December to take receipt of their huge cheque of £3,000, after successfully winning the most votes during the Lloyds Community Fund project. With over 4,400 votes, we have to say a huge thank you to all our supporters. The funds will now go towards necessary equipment.

We played well on 12th January, winning at home against Wool. Well done to the teams, coaches and supporters.

A New Year's party, which was planned for the 15th January will take place later in the season due to the horrific weather!

Please 'like' us on Facebook, so you can keep up to date on our activities. Search for 'Milborne St Andrew F C Youth (Minis section)' if you haven't already!?

New Club Secretary and Chairman required for next season

After two years at Milborne Mini Soccer Phillip and Marie Hayter have decided to stand down at the end of this season as Chair and Secretary and are therefore looking for some enthusiastic local volunteers. They have thoroughly enjoyed their time in the roles but feel it is time for a fresh injection of ideas and enthusiasm to take the club forward. This is a fantastic opportunity for someone from the local community to get involved in the running of the mini football club and to work with our fantastic coaches and committee. You do not need to be a parent of a child at the club. If you are interested in more information about what either of these roles would involve then please do get in touch with Marie Hayter on 01258 837241.

Bridget Townsend

Happy New Year

From the 'Team and Passengers at Bus2Go

THE year closed for us in a spectacular way as we secured funding from Skipton Building Society as part of their Grass Roots Funding. From over one thousand community projects and organisations, 160 nationwide recipients were chosen.

With the Panto season just beginning Bus2Go attended the Saturday matinee on 20th December of Cinderella at the Weymouth Pavilion. A great time was had by all, especially as the cast remained behind to say hello to all our passengers. After the show, both children and adults were thrilled to be able to have the opportunity to have a quick chat with the cast of this superb production.

The beginning of January Bus2Go was off again to see Aladdin at Blandford Corn Exchange. This panto had us all enthralled from start to finish and grateful thanks go to Blandford Town Council for enabling so many local families to enjoy panto on their doorstep for the cost of a donation.

Kind regards Margo Kirk Bus2Go Project Leader.

Summer in February (15)

to be shown by 'Milborne Movies'
at Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall
on Friday February 14th 2014 at 7.30pm

THIS most beautifully made film is a true tale of love, liberty and scandal amongst the Edwardian artists' colony in Cornwall, that is based on the novel by Jonathan Smith. In the days leading up to World War I, the incendiary anti-Modernist Munnings, now regarded as one of Britain's most sought-after artists, is at the centre of the complex love triangle, involving Florence Carter-Wood (Emily Browning) an aspiring painter who comes to Lamorna to live with her brother Joey (Max Deacon) and finds herself torn between two men: the reserved, kind-hearted land agent Gilbert (Dan Stevens) and tempestuous, womanising painter AJ Munnings (Dominic Cooper). However, after she impulsively accepts a proposal, she begins to realise that she's made a terrible mistake.

Menaul creates a strong sense of time and place, aided by some stunning coastal locations and some impressive production design, to the point where you end up wishing you could spend more time with Lamorna's inhabitants (particularly Morahan's Hattie, who's frustratingly underwritten and yet still emerges as the film's most intriguing character). Engaging and enjoyable British period drama enlivened by a strong script, stunning locations, some impressive production design work and a trio of great performances from Emily Browning, Dan Stevens, and Dominic Cooper.

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



"Hold a Fish and Chip Supper to help spinal cord injured people rebuild lives after injury"

Great British Fish and Chip Supper – Friday 16th May 2014

Want to eat fish and chips, while raising money for charity? Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 16th May 2014 whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting SIA's vital services.

You can hold a fish and chip supper in your own home, at work or hold a larger supper at your local community centre.

SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting eight friends and asking them to donate an additional £5.00 means you will raise at least £40.00 from your supper but we will also give you additional fundraising ideas to raise even more money for SIA.

In 2014 SIA is celebrating its 40th anniversary and so we want to make the matter matter and raise £25,000 from everyone holding suppers. Last year we raised £12,500 from the suppers.

The money raised from the suppers will help the Spinal Injuries Association offer support to individuals who become paralysed and their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs, and for the rest of their lives by providing services and publications which enable and encourage paralysed people to rebuild lives after spinal cord injury.

Every year in the UK over 1,000 people experience a spinal cord injury and there are an estimated 40,000 spinal cord injured people in the UK alone. Community Fundraising Manager, Elizabeth Wright, says, "The Fish and Chip Supper is a wonderful opportunity for a great evening with friends and family. We are also encouraging people who work to hold a Fish and Chip Lunch in their work places to raise even more funds. You may be a local community group wanting to run a fun evening with your group.

For more information or to request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 071 4350 or email fundraising@siafishandchips.co.uk or visit www.siafishandchips.co.uk.



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News from Milton Abbas and Milborne St. Andrew Surgery

February Edition 2014

MY name is Carol Taylor and I am the new Practice Manager at Milton Abbas Surgery. I am writing to keep you up to date with events at the practice and impart important health messages. If there are any other matters you would like me to address, please let me know by ringing to speak to me on 01258 880210 or e-mailing caroltaylor2@nhs.net.

Booking Appointments online

You may already have visited the practice website at www.masurgery.co.uk and be aware that you can order your repeat medicines online. I am pleased to tell you that you can now book appointments to see the GPs online as well.

To gain access to both the online ordering and appointment booking area of the website you will first need to collect personal login details from the reception desk at the surgery. Armed with this information you will be able to log in to the website at home to register for access to these highly secure online functions. We do hope you find this useful.

Patient Survey

During the Autumn of 2013 we conducted a survey of patient views of the surgery and our services. The report from the survey is now available to view on our website at www.masurgery.co.uk. If you don't have internet access and would like to see a copy of the report, please let us know and we will arrange for a copy to be sent out to you. If you'd like to make a comment or suggestion, please feel free to contact me by phone or email.

Bad weather

In the event of severe snow and ice Milton Abbas Surgery can become inaccessible to staff and patients. In this event we will do our utmost to provide urgent medical care from Milborne St. Andrew Surgery. Updates will be provided via the website if adverse weather is forecast.

Surgery Opening Times

Monday	8.15 – 1.00	2.00 – 6.00
Tuesday	8.15 – 1.00	2.00 – 7.00
Wednesday	8.15 – 6.00	
Thursday	8.15 – 6.00	
Friday	8.15 – 6.00	
Saturday	8.30 – 10.30	

Any changes to our opening hours are advertised on our website and in the surgery.

The dispensary is closed every day between 1.00 and 2.30pm.

Carol Taylor Practice Manager

Thank You!

The Trustees of the Village Hall would like to thank residents and Hall users for their forbearance and support during the work to resurface the car park. This was clearly disruptive during the period 30th December through 6th January particularly given the foul weather and flooding in the village. Particular thanks go to residents of The Causeway and Ladybird's staff and parents.

Thank you all!

Youth Club News

WE were so excited to find out in late December that Amber Clarke won the Dorset Youth Association Christmas card competition for her age group 8–9 year olds. She won a small voucher and had her card made up professionally with a few copies given to close family and friends. We were all very proud of her as this was a Dorset-wide competition for all associated youth clubs! Well done Amber!

We are all looking forward to another year of Youth Club in the village. 2013 was a fantastic success for the group and we hope to continue with the same success and support this year. With 58 members, we are bursting at the seams on some evenings and so we are keen to ensure that we have a number of organised events to entertain our members this year. We have had an offer from a gentleman from the Blandford Rotary Club to come and do an evening of advice and demonstrations on bicycle maintenance which we feel would be great for our members and will look to organise this in early spring. With the new car park laid (which looks fantastic) the members will be able to safely have their bikes in the car park for this event. We are also looking for other ideas and would like to take this opportunity to shout out to the community as ask if anyone has anything to offer! If you have a skill, interest or passion for something that you would like to pass on to our large group of 8–14 year olds please get in contact with us. It could be a short 10 minute talk or a full two hour session. It doesn't have to interest all as we can segregate the groups easily into different areas within the village hall or outside. From dress-making to fire safety – our young people could benefit from a wide range of activities and so we hope to hear from anyone who has something to offer.

Amy Tanswell

Send your articles to the Reporter by e-mail at msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk or give to a member of the team



February 2014

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	Jane Somper	01258 471089
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	Chair: Andrew Booth	01258 837284
Parish Council – Milborne St. Andrew	Clerk: Colin Hampton	01258 837011
	Chair: Jenny Balcon	01258 837121
Floods		
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GENERAL – ADULT

Computer Drop-in Centre	Rose and Ed Frost	01258 837921
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

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

POLICE

Police – Non-emergency contact		101
Community Beat Officer	PC Dave Mullins	101
Safer Neighbourhood Team	PC Dave Mullins and PCSO Luke Goddard	101

SCHOOL

Milborne 1st School		
Headteacher:	Neil McDermott	01258 837362
Chair Governors:	Kevin Connolly	
Friends of School Chair:	Becky Hunter	

SPECIAL INTEREST

Bellringers	Pip Bowell	01258 837329
Bridge Group	Laurie Benn	01258 837720
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MSA Friendly Art Group	Elaine Anthony	01258 837089
MSA Gardening Club	Richard Lock	01258 837929
Milborne Players	Roy Sach	01258 837033
Modern Sequence Dancing	Brian Webber	01935 812347
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SPORT

Abbey Swimming Club	Pat Cowan	01258 880601
Archers – Crossways	Sheila Ryall	01258 837504
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Badminton	David Payne	01258 837700
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Booking Secretary:	Sandie Sach	01258 837033

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Milborne Movies

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Community Events Diary

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January Friday 31st	Milborne Movies <i>Hyde Park on Hudson</i> Village Hall 7.30pm.
February Tuesday 4th	100 Club Draw The Royal Oak everyone welcome to attend – see pages 11 and below.
Wednesday 5th	Wednesday Club Alan Maitland will be talking about his “Life in Farming”. Village Hall 2.00pm – see page 9.
Thursday 6th– Saturday 8th	Milborne Players <i>Ali Baba and the 40 thieves</i> Village Hall 7.30pm (Saturday matinee 2.30pm) Tickets from The Royal Oak and Londis £6.00.
Thursday 13th	WI <i>From Russia to UK From Ballet to Pilates</i> Olga Vithrowa Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 7.
Friday 14th	Milborne Movies <i>Summer in February</i> Village Hall 7.30pm – see pages 13 and 16. Reporter latest date for copy and adverts for the March issue. Please sent via e-mail to msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk.
Wednesday 19th	Parish Council Village Hall. Everyone welcome 7.30pm – see pages 2 and 19.
Friday 21st	Turlough O’Carolan <i>This is your life</i> Village Hall 7.30pm – see below and pages 25.
Saturday 22nd	Village Lunch Village Hall 12.15pm all welcome. Tickets from Drop-in Centre in Village Hall Committee Room on Fridays – see pages 11.
Thursday 27th	Gardening Club ‘Water in Gardens’ by Alan Eason Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 2.

Regular Bookings at the Village Hall

Ladybirds Playgroup Monday–Friday 8.30am–1.00pm MH (term time only)
Beavers Monday 5.00–6.30pm 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 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

February 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
Training on Wednesdays. Reception children aged 4 and 5 years old 3.30 until 4.00pm; Year 1 and 2s at 4.00pm; Year 3 and 4s at 6.00pm.
Year 5’s who now train in two groups one at 4.00pm on Wednesdays and the other at 6.00pm on Thursdays.



Please let the Reporter know if there are any alterations to this list or you would like something added.

A new musical play by Dorset’s Colin Thompson

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Notes from Parish Council Meeting 15th January

THE Parish Council held its monthly meeting in the Village Hall on the 15th January at 7.30pm, attended by Councillors J. Balcon (Chairman), S. Cherry, S. Fox, M. Hopper, P. Morgan (Vice Chairman), P. Smith and S. Thompson, together with the Clerk and twenty members of the public. Also in attendance were District Councillors E. Parker, J. Somper and PCSO D. Mullins with a colleague from the Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT).

Before the start of the Council meeting proper the floor was opened to the public for comments and questions. The current situation regarding the flooding was widely commented on and a question as to why traffic was still using Milton Road, despite it being closed, was comprehensively answered by PCSO Mullins, who reported that he and his team were awaiting official clarification on how the closure can be enforced. He also asked for anyone with evidence, including photographs, of vehicles using the road whilst it was closed to forward it to the SNT for possible further action once the position is clarified. Several members of the public asked for a vote of thanks to be recorded to everyone who assisted in dealing with the flooding, in particular to Cllr. Philip Smith and the Flood Warden, Steve Lord, for the sterling work they had put in. Special mention was also made of the assistance given and extra work undertaken by Grays Stores at this time. Finally Cllr. Hopper read a letter of thanks from a resident who singled out Cllr Smith and Steve Lord for their efforts. Other queries raised by the public concerned the problems experienced with rubbish collection during the worst of the floods, which had been dealt with by the Chairman and Cllr. Somper, and whether a new planning application for a wind farm at Puddletown has been received?

An agenda item concerned with the flooding was brought forward to the beginning of the meeting, the intention being to review the current situation and consider what lessons could be learnt for the future. The Flood Warden gave a report on his experiences and following a wide ranging discussion it was agreed that the following action plan should be implemented by the Parish Council and Flood Warden:-

1. Produce a list of volunteers willing to assist in an emergency. Flood Warden to act as co-ordinator.
2. Vulnerable residents who may require assistance to be identified.
3. Keep a stock of sand and empty sacks available at a central collection point.
4. Riparian owners to be reminded of their responsibilities in keeping the stream and banks clear.
5. Actively pursue the County Council to address highway drainage, in particular the Milton Road/A354 junction.
6. Warn schools of the danger of children playing in contaminated floodwater.
7. Contact the Environment Agency to suggest that monitoring equipment at March Bridge be used to measure ground water levels instead of relying on Piddle Valley monitor.

Anyone who wishes to add their name to the list of willing volunteers please contact either Steve Lord (flood warden) 839222, Jenny Balcon (PC chairman) 837121 or Colin Hampton (PC clerk) 837011 - thank you.

Other business of the evening consisted of receiving reports from the two Ward Councillors covering a forthcoming meeting on Highways, rubbish collection, a planning appeal to be held regarding two applications adjacent to Bramble Cottage and consultation on a possible wind farm site at Winterborne Whitechurch. Cllr. Hopper gave a report on the introduction of electronic planning application procedures at NDDC in February, which will mean no more paper copies being produced. A planning application for an extension to a house in Wetherby Close was considered with no objections arising. The Clerk's financial report for the third quarter of the year was

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LETTERS

to the Reporter

For the Editor:
Sir

I must take issue with your respondent in the December issue who suggested that readers 'should not believe everything you read in the minutes' of the Village Hall meetings. I can assure readers that in my experience the meeting notes are agreed by the committee as a reasonable and comprehensive record of our discussions.

Paul Tasker

Dear Reporter

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all the villagers who have helped with the recent flooding problems. The people who helped fill and distribute sandbags, those who directed traffic, who put in the extra mile to collect sand before North Dorset delivered to us, to the lady who gave away a pint of milk when the shop had none. The kind people who dropped into their neighbours to ensure they had all the supplies they needed. The shop for staying open, with a unique delivery service, and the Post Office for taking in parcels that could not be delivered. And although I do not wish to mention any names I think that the hard work done by Steve Lord the Flood Warden and Philip Smith the Postmaster both who worked unstintingly with an uphill battle should be recognised.

Jenny Balcon

Dear Editor

I'd like to thank all the public-spirited people who filled sandbags and worked so hard to reduce the damage to houses in the village during the recent inundation. One of the benefits of living in a village is how the community pulls together to help one another, and I'm sure everyone in the village is grateful to those who volunteered their time and efforts.

And to the lorry driver who insisted on 'getting through' even after it was pointed out to him that his bow-wave would put water into people's homes, might I offer a giant raspberry? With many thanks,
Susan Cawley

What do you think?

After watching the fireworks at midnight on New Year's Eve from around the world on tv I must say I felt it was a total waste of money. Given that we're all supposed to be suffering 'austerity' together how can it be justified to spend so much money for a couple of minutes' entertainment? Could Governments from around the world not spend the money on something of more lasting benefit to its populations, such as a few extra nurses, getting food and clean water to the starving around the world or filling in a few potholes in Milton Road?
David Payne

Dear Editor

Wasn't it nice during the floods to see and hear the children walking to school instead of being transported by car. The sound of the children talking and laughing was a great sound in the morning and afternoon and really made a difference to my day being stuck indoors.

Let us hope that when the water level goes down parents will continue to use the healthy option and walk to school with their children.

Local Resident

A Day in the dispensary

Morning

Dispensing medication ordered the day before.
Dispensing 'acute' medication.
Unpacking medication deliveries.
Checking and packing repeat medication.
Put completed prescriptions either in delivery boxes or in tray ready for collection at Milton Abbas.
Doing Dispensary call back, sorting out queries from patients.
Giving out medication.

Between 1.00–2.30pm

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Printing off all of the repeat medication requests, this will actually produce an FP10 – The green paper and a new repeat slip, and it will also produce labels for all the medication ordered. We match up labels to prescription, and sort alphabetically.
We then order all the medication needed to dispense the repeat medication.

Afternoon

Dispensing repeat medication.
Dispensing 'acute' medication.
Unpacking medication deliveries.
Checking and Packing repeat medication
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Diana Toomey

Motley crew celebrates

Three members of the Motley Crew celebrated birthdays during January. As one's age had a zero at the end, they treated us to a meal at The Royal Oak. The picture shows the party before the meal was served and the noise level dropped as Shem's delicious cooking was consumed. It was a wonderful evening with good company and excellent food. After we had all enjoyed the birthday cakes, a slice was sent home to a lady who had been unable to attend.

Many thanks to David and Brian for a wonderful evening. We hope they have many more birthdays. *The Motley Crew*
PS We'll be occupying a table at the Theme Nights at The Royal Oak each month. Why not join us for good company in an excellent location?





Surprise party for Joyce

I HAD the pleasure of being invited to a surprise 75th Birthday Party for Joyce Thorne who has lived in the village for 55 years. It was wonderful to see Joyce speechless which is very rare, when she arrived at the village hall to see about 75 friends and family inside, she even pinched herself to make sure she wasn't dreaming; she thought she was just going to The Royal Oak for a meal.

Photograph shows Joyce with her children and most of her grandchildren.

Heather V Hogg

New Year at Coffee, Cake and Computers

THANK YOU everyone who bought Christmas puddings and supported the Christmas Raffle. As a result of your generosity we have raised just over £110 which will allow us to balance our books for the next few months.

As usual, just ask any of the mentors for individual help with your technical problems, especially if you have had any Christmas presents that are proving tricky to understand. In addition we will be continuing our short ten-minute tutorials on a range of subjects. Gather round in a small group at around 11.00am to listen to a short introduction to some new ideas.

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Rose and Ed Frost

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Cheselbourne Theatre Club



Two trips to Salisbury Playhouse in March

Cheselbourne Theatre Club has arranged to see two very different plays in March. The first, on the evening of **Monday 10th March**, is *The Canterbury Tales* by Geoffrey Chaucer. This accessible production by the Tacit Theatre features live folk music, local ale, and laugh-out-loud stories. If you fancy joining a crowd of far from devout pilgrims in the Tabard Inn as they get ready to set off for Canterbury then book your place (£28) by 8th January with John Widdowson (01258 837791).

On the evening of **Monday 31st March** we are off to see a newly commissioned play *The Worst Wedding Ever* by Chris Chibnall who in 2013 created *Broadchurch* the acclaimed TV murder mystery set on the Dorset coast. *The Worst Wedding Ever* features Rachel and Scott who are forced to scale back their wedding plans. Rachel's mother resists downsizing to the register office. What if the family all pull together and make it a wedding to be proud of? With a marquee in the back garden, a hand-me-down dress, and two Portaloos surely the day will pass without a hitch. *The Worst Wedding Ever* has its premiere at Salisbury Playhouse. Quite a coup! Get ahead of the crowd by booking your transport and tickets (£25) with John Widdowson (01258 837791) as soon as possible but by 29th January at the latest.



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Now this spring, Dorset's Colin Thompson presents a newly dramatised musical show about O'Carolan. Thompson, aged just sixteen, won a music competition at the Royal Festival Hall, and went on to study guitar and violin in London. As a member of the English Guitar Quartet for six years, he developed an interest in early and traditional music, which has since led to projects such as 'Benjamin's Book' with folksinger Tim Laycock and membership of the New Scorpion Band.

Colin is ably supported in this, his latest show, by harpist Florence Astley, who studied at the Royal College of Music, and talented local actor Barry Irwin. This show celebrates O'Carolan's achievements at the time, and transports him to the present day to reflect on some of the many different interpretations of his music that have since occurred. Join Turlough O'Carolan, and his brilliant two musical interpreters on harp and violin, as he confronts some of the peculiarities of the 21st century!

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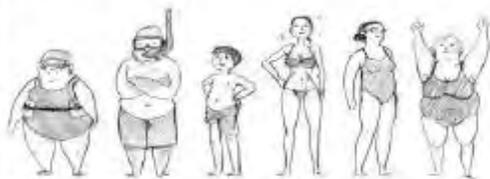
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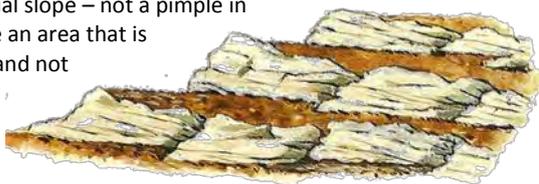
Garden Rocks

IT'S hard to turn your thoughts to the garden when the weather is so dismal, but on a nice sunny day I just can't wait to get outside. The Great Garden Revival series on the TV did a piece on rock gardens recently and that got me thinking.

Rock gardens were all the rage in the 60's and 70's but have since gone out of fashion along with the coloured bathroom suite and the hostess trolley!

A well-made rock garden can be a striking feature in the garden especially if you have a slight slope. If you don't all is not lost – you will need to create a mound, but do make sure that it is a good size with a very gradual slope – not a pimple in the lawn! Choose an area that is open and sunny and not underneath overhanging trees or it will suffer from being too wet and smothered with leaves in autumn. Then take a bit of time to choose the rock you are going to use – generally speaking something locally sourced looks better and is much cheaper – something like Purbeck Stone or a sandstone.

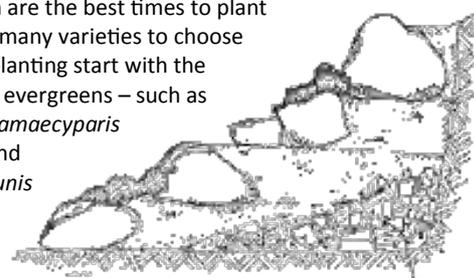
Arrange your rocks so that the layers all run in the same direction – a bit like you would see a rocky outcrop in the wild and slightly tilt them backward; then make sure they are firmly in place and don't have a wobble when you stand on them. Please don't plonk them on top of the soil! Infill with soil and some gravel or grit to ensure good drainage and you are ready to start planting. Give the whole area a feed of bonemeal to give the plants a good start.



Spring and autumn are the best times to plant alpines and there are many varieties to choose from. When you are planting start with the anchor plants – the evergreens – such as dwarf conifers *Chamaecyparis pisifera* 'Nana' and *Juniperus communis* 'Compressa' which are good statement

plants. Then you might have some thrift *Armeria*, *Aubretia*, *Dianthus alpinus* and some sedums, rock rose *Helianthemum*, saxifrage and so on – the list is endless. You may want to add a few heathers, just check to see that they will grow in our alkaline soil as many heathers like acid soil. Look to see when they flower and you will have some colour most of the year.

Dwarf bulbs will give you some added interest in the spring and if you don't like the thought of the leaves swamping the other plants when they go over, submerge a small pot of blooms and remove it when they have done their bit. You can then add some colourful annuals in their place.



To keep your rock garden looking good remove all weeds as soon as you see them – especially the deep rooted ones like dandelion and dock. They can be really difficult to eradicate if they get a hold especially under the rocks. Feed once a year with blood, fish and bone, and enjoy.

If you want to see some amazing rock gardens then a trip to Wisley or Kew Gardens is a must; and closer to home there is a Grade Two listed rockery in Bournemouth Lower Gardens near the Pavilion which was first created in 1930 and is the largest municipal rockery in the United Kingdom.

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LOOKING to consolidate their second place in the league, Milborne started this game facing a strong wind. However, they started brightly taking the game to their opponents and, within four minutes a Chucky Taylor thunderbolt looked likely to open the scoring until stopped by a central defender who was left dazed. TJ McFarlane then put the ball wide when well placed before Taylor then had his squared pass intercepted after seven minutes. Swanage's first threat came after thirteen minutes when James Parkes did well to smother the ball from an oncoming striker. The Laneenders however were looking well on top and after twenty minutes McFarlane spurned a one on one opportunity. Milborne continued to press, whilst their back four were in command with Ross Heaton putting in a near faultless performance, partnered by Carl Tewkesbury and Dan Austin and the returning Mark Lambert after a brief sojourn with Chickerell. Despite their dominance the Laneenders needed a goal, and it duly arrived after thirty minutes when Austin's great interception and forward drive led to Taylor getting clear of the trailing defenders, rounding the keeper, and slotting home from the angle.

With the wind in their favour in the second period Milborne threatened to score more, although they were let off the hook almost immediately from the restart when Swanage should have done better after a lapse of concentration. The Laneenders were not to be denied however and after fifty-one minutes Austin's twenty yard effort was well saved by the visiting custodian at the foot of the post. The second goal finally arrived after sixty-one minutes when Paul Aston dribbled past two defenders before looking to lose control only for the ball to fall fortuitously and see his persistence pay off with a shot that found the top corner. Taylor then went close again before the hard working Dom Gaillard headed over with seventy three minutes elapsed. Twelve minutes from the end Karl Dean then got in on the act with a mazy run from the right that saw him bamboozle three defenders before setting up McFarlane for a relatively standard finish from close range. Sports then put the final nail in the Swans coffin three minutes from the end when substitute Jelami Miles-Bell showed great skill in skipping past two defenders and then finishing with aplomb past the advancing keeper.

This was a day when all of Milborne's team worked hard and also played some fine football to ensure their victory and now look forward to their next game

Mike Lathbury, Chairman

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received and a draft budget for 2014/15 discussed at length, culminating in a five to two vote in favour of accepting the proposed precept and budget after one line of expenditure was removed. The precept being applied for is an increase on this year of 48p for a Band D Council Tax property. Because of the length of the meeting an agenda item on a Neighbourhood Plan was postponed until the February meeting, therefore the final item of the evening was to consider adopting Cllr. Hopper's proposed responses to the District Council's Local Plan pre-submission document as the Parish Council's response, which was approved. The meeting closed at 22.00hrs.

Colin Hampton, Clerk

Planning appeal date

TWO planning appeals are to be held in a bid to build two homes adjacent to Bramble Cottage in Chapel Street. Both appeals will be heard at an informal hearing on 6th February at 10.00am at the North Dorset District Council chamber in Salisbury Road, Blandford.

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