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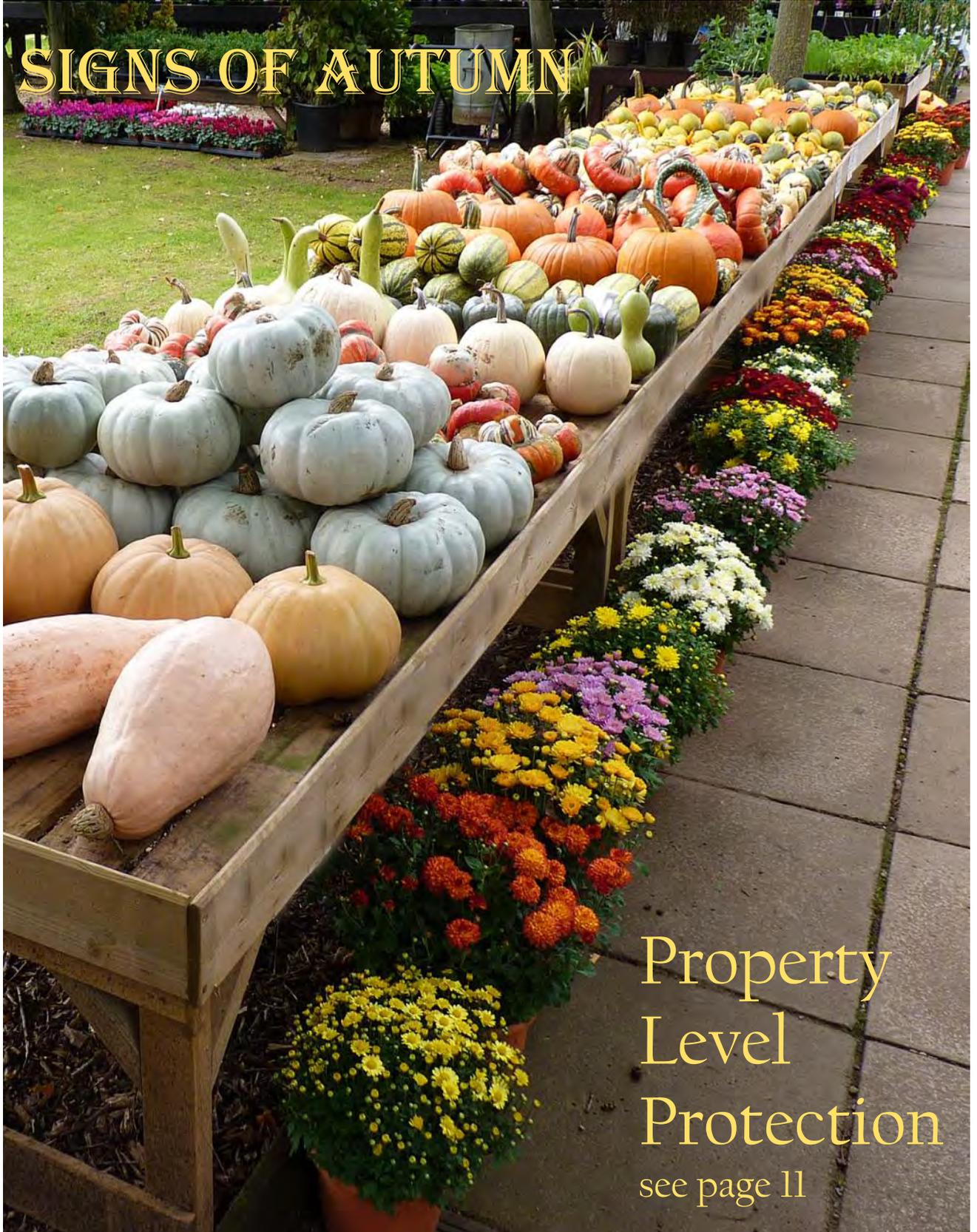
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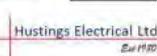
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Organic vegetable gardening



ON Thursday 24th July members gathered to hear an enthusiastic talk by Brian Hesketh who is Chairman of Clapton, Wayford, Drimpton and District Horticultural Society – how's that for a title! Since retiring from the police force he and his wife share their gardening in a simple way – Brian does the vegetables and his wife does the flowers.

Brian divides his vegetable plot into 12 sub plots and uses a crop rotation system so that there is no idle soil. If there is a spare plot/space green manure will soon be grown, so there is no wasted space. Brian talked about the geology of the area and the soil we work with. Organic is the same as 'old conventional' so using what nature gives us and not allowing a buildup of pesticides.

Crop rotation will also help to prevent pests and diseases. Soil improvers over the year will enrich each plot. High levels of improvers with worm compost and animal manures. Medium levels with garden compost. Mushroom compost, green manure and seaweed meal. Leaf mould and straw to be used to cover beds in winter.

Brian showed us his various spreadsheets, which he keeps as a record of all the crops he is growing year on year. Attention to detail is very important and I guess Brian's police training has helped the way he approaches his vegetable gardening. His gardening bible, which he recommended is entitled 'Encyclopedia of Organic Gardening Complete Guide.

After spending some time answering questions and chatting we finished with tea and coffee and a discussion about future events.

We are looking forward to our October meeting on Thursday 23rd, 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Special guest will be Paul Atterbury (see page 9).

Angie Nowell

'Putting a sock in it – literally!' at the September WI

OUR first meeting of autumn, after a lovely sunny summer. We started with a one-minute silence for our dear friend, Pat Shipton. Pat, who passed away recently, had been a long-standing member of our WI, a good friend to many, serving on the committee a number of times and always a ready volunteer. We remember her with great affection and shall miss her tremendously. She was privately cremated, followed by a service of thanksgiving in St. Andrew's Church on 25th September.

There were no meetings over the summer, but it remained busy. Thanks to Nelda for arranging a highly successful summer outing and lunch. 'Bookends' readers were treated to an August tea party held by Shirley, each taking along a favourite book to share. Cake, good company and books – what more could you ask for? One of the books is in fact our next read, Sue Monk Kidd's 'The Secret Life of Bees', about the American South.

Skittles is up and running – a reminder too that there is always space for those who have not played before! Milborne WI's 70th birthday celebrations are in hand, Jenny is in touch with Athelhampton, much to discuss and organise later. By popular demand the monthly Pub lunches at The Royal Oak are back as well.

It is easy for us to be complacent about how we can listen to music at the flick of a switch in our own homes. Guest speaker Gordon Bartlet brought along a number of musical boxes, all harking back to a time before electricity made this the norm. Each of these boxes was a beautiful item in its own right, hand-made and decorated, a no doubt cherished item in any drawing room. This was a time of mechanical music in the home, with a fixed repertoire and volume. Gordon had acquired them at various auctions.

We were treated to 'Pop goes the Weasel' from a small 1820s barrel organ, operatic music from Swiss and German cylinder music boxes, and from the late 19th century, a roller organ playing 'Onward Christian Soldiers', much used in the wilds by American preachers, and apparently still used today by the Amish people. This led to the American 78 rpm disc machine from America which became a household item, played by a needle, but still one volume – requiring a 'sock in it' literally. Finally, the Edison-Bell cylinder phonograph, and an affectionate reminder of 'Little Nipper' the picture by artist Francis Barraud of his brother's fox terrier dog listening to a phonograph, which became a famous trademark for HMV.

Linda thanked him on our behalf for his potted history and for his boxes, such delightful reminders of yesteryear.

At our next meeting on Thursday 9th October, the topic will be 'Metal detecting within Milborne St Andrew'. The competition will be for 'An Apple Cake to a specified recipe'. We hope you will join us.

Pat Bull



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Claire's half marathon for Ladybirds

CLAIRE SCOTT, deputy leader of Ladybirds, is putting her best foot forward in aid of the playgroup. She is running the Bournemouth half marathon on Sunday 5th October and hopes to raise much-needed funds for the pre-school group. She says, "I love working at Ladybirds and we are in need of new equipment – so yes, on Sunday the 5th I'll be running the half marathon to raise money for the playgroup."



The busy mum trained for the Dorchester Race for Life in April and completed the distance of 5km in 30 minutes, raising money for Cancer Research. After this, she continued to run once or twice a week. She says, "I squeezed runs in between my three jobs and looking after my two children. After my granddad passed away recently, I decided I needed something to focus my running on, so I took the plunge and signed up for the Bournemouth half marathon – wish me luck!"

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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 to a fire, giving you time to escape. If you own one, you're 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 home 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 We'll be attending flu clinics across Dorset this autumn, where you can also sign up for a FREE Home Safety Check.

Minis new season starts

The young footballers in Milborne St Andrew are back playing after a great summer break!

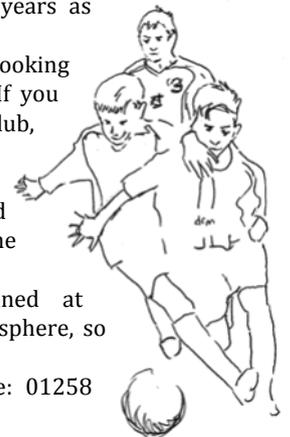
The teams and committee would like to wish Darryl and Beckie lots of luck in the future and thank them for all their hard work and commitment throughout the last few years as they leave the club. Thank you.

The coaches are raring to go and are looking for new players for their mini teams. If you know anyone who'd like to join the club, please contact us on the numbers below. The teams have a fresh new kit and regularly play in league matches and train weekly up on the Sports field in the village.

We have an exciting trip planned at Christmas and there is a friendly atmosphere, so don't be shy... Join our club.

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Bridget Townsend



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St. Francis of Assisi

On 4th October the Church gives thanks to God for the life and teachings of St. Francis of Assisi, a popular and much-loved saint famous for his love of all life, smallest creatures to fierce enemies.

Very soon now I will take my vows as a member of the Third Order of St. Francis. These are people who follow St. Francis in everyday life not community. I have been studying and learning through experience some of the essential principles of the Franciscan way of life. These include developing a spirit of simplicity, openness to all, promoting peace and harmony and above all, making our Lord Jesus Christ known and loved everywhere.

The Franciscan community at Hilfield Friary have been very supportive in my formation and their simple way of life, founded on worship and prayer, work and community life has influenced me and I have met many visitors there who are seeking a closer relationship with God, through Jesus, people who have recognised the need for change in their lives, people who have reached a point of crisis and those who seek the peace of mind that only God can give.

The communities of St. Francis, scattered all over the world live out a strong faith in the abundant goodness of God, His unfailing love and forgiveness for us all to be a follower of St. Francis, in whatever setting, means having an intimate and immediate relationship with Jesus. St. Francis' relationship with Jesus constantly overwhelmed him and he said God "got down in the dirt" with us to share in our humanity.

Prayer was the core of everything for St. Francis. If it is for us, such positive and creative outcomes can happen by the power of the Holy Spirit. Franciscans pray for the integrity of Creation, co-operating and tuning into nature, not cutting across it and of course, Franciscans are peace makers – their principle of poverty means they are not grasping and their possessions are kept simple and waste is avoided. They are non-retaliatory and where there is conflict they hold to truth and the belief that the only way to speak is in the language of the Gospel i.e. Love and Forgiveness. This I believe is such an essential message for our world today.

Sue Turner

Milborne St Andrew Church Notes

WE have had an eventful summer in Milborne with both happiness and sadness. The death of **Pat Shipton** after a fairly short illness came as a shock to us all and we offer our condolences to her brother, sister and other members of her family. We will miss her willing hands that were always there to help at church and in the village.

As I write we are getting ready to start '**Open the Book**' at Milborne School. A group of us will be going into school every fortnight or so to read and act out stories from the Bible. We use the Lion Storyteller Bible and are very grateful to **Milborne Village Lunch** who have given us a very generous donation in memory of Pat Shipton to buy the books and props that we need. This is a welcome addition to the donations of one or two individuals who have helped us to get started.

The 'big event' of August was supposed to be the benefice's **Athelhampton fete** which is reported elsewhere. It was such a pity that the weather was against us but our bric-a-brac and toy stalls managed to raise just over £150, so thank you to all those who supported us.

Since our last report nearly 40 people from the benefice enjoyed Eva's **curry evening** which made £267 for church funds. The weather was superb and holding it a month earlier than last time meant that it did not get dark before we went home. Thank you Eva and the Events Committee for a 'really good do'

We have had a visit from the Diocesan Stewardship Advisor who has given us some tips for how we should go about raising funds from both our congregation and the local

CHURCH SERVICES October 2014

THURSDAY 2nd October

12 noon Lunch-time Communion Milborne

SATURDAY 4th October

1.00pm Holy Matrimony Milborne

5th October – Harvest Festival

9.15am Celebrate – Harvest Milborne
9.30 Harvest Festival Communion Tolpuddle
6.00 Harvest Festival Puddletown
6.00 Harvest Festival Dewlish

12th October – Trinity 17

8.15am 1662 Said Communion Puddletown
9.30 United Methodist Service Tolpuddle
9.30 Parish Communion Milborne
11.00 Puddletown Praise Puddletown Church Room
11.00 Parish Communion Dewlish

THURSDAY 16th October

12 noon Lunch-time Communion Puddletown

SATURDAY 18th October

1.00pm Holy Matrimony Puddletown

19th October – Trinity 18

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

26th October – Bible Sunday

9.30am All-Age Worship Tolpuddle
9.30 Parish Communion Milborne
11.00 1662 Morning Prayer Puddletown
11.00 Family Communion Dewlish

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

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Wednesday – Dewlish Thursday – Tolpuddle
Saturday – Puddletown

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community. Like many other churches our finances are not very strong and we welcome any advice that is offered.

We have now settled into the monthly routine of **Common Worship Communion** with hymns, a lay led **All Age 'Celebrate'** service with breakfast, and a **said Morning Prayer** (matins) service. Some have suggested changes we could make, but we will be sticking with the present formats which range from informal to traditional quiet reflection and a modern communion service with hymns. We welcome anyone who would like to join us for our services at 9.30pm each Sunday morning, followed by a cup of tea or coffee in our 'north aisle facilities' which are about to celebrate their second birthday.

If you want a midweek cup of coffee, why not come along between **11.00 and 12.00 on the first Thursday** of each month for a cuppa and an opportunity to **swap or borrow jigsaw puzzles**. We have a good selection for old and young, and would be very pleased to meet people from the whole benefice.

We are currently hoping for fine weather for the **'Ride and Stride'** event. We have a few sponsored striders and a team to welcome visitors to the church. We will then be preparing for our **Harvest Festival on 5th October at 9.30pm**. This year it will be led by our 'Celebrate . . .' team so the format will be different from last year. Everyone is welcome, and adults and children alike can bring their gifts to the service which will start with a light breakfast of coffee, juice and croissants. The gifts will be shared between the Longmead Community and the Food Banks in Dorchester and Blandford. The church will be decorated on Friday so please don't bring gifts on Saturday as we have a wedding in the afternoon.

On **Saturday 18th October** there will be a concert in church by the **Mill Singers** at 7.30pm. Tickets are £7 (£3 for children) which includes refreshments.

John Wright and Pam Shults

Dewlish Church Notes

Total contrast in the weather at two events

WHAT terrible weather we had for Athelhampton Fete! Despite the rain, though, some people did brave it and came to support us. Thank you so much! Dewlish raised just over £200 on their stall, and we were so grateful for the many donations. I understand that over £1,000 was raised towards benefice expenses – a really good outcome in the circumstances. Finally, a big thank-you to Patrick and Andrea Cooke for allowing us to use their lovely garden.

In total contrast, our **Benefice Farm Service** was held in glorious sunshine at Sue Britton's Parsonage Farm. The collection amounted to £85 which has been donated to Farm Africa. Thank you so much, Sue, for all your hard work in preparation and also for the delicious refreshments afterwards.

This year's **Harvest Festival** is on **Sunday 5th October** at 6.00pm. We welcome any gifts of produce; they can be brought to the service or to the church during the weekend. The following evening we shall be holding the **Harvest Supper and Auction** in the Village Hall, starting at 7.00pm. Reservations can be made through Mrs Margaret Groves (Tel: 01258 837 617) and cost £6 each.

The proceeds from the Supper will go towards the £10,000 needed to run our church each year. The Auction proceeds will be divided between Water Aid and the Disaster Emergency Committee for relief of the people of Southern Sudan.

Other village news

Dewlish Ladies Group is delighted to report that we raised £558 at our well-attended annual fund-raising event – afternoon tea at Akerian, Dewlish, home of Nonie and Albert Ross. Everything was made and prepared by our six members and friends, and so a big thank-you and congratulations to everyone for their hard work. We also had some wonderful raffle prizes donated – eight hampers, all different, so many thanks to donors for those. And, of course, huge thanks to Nonie and Albert for allowing us to use their beautiful garden and facilities.

We are so pleased to have raised such a large amount of money; this will be divided between Cancer Research, the local Stroke Unit and the Ladies Group.

We would dearly love to have some new members. There is always a varied and interesting calendar of speakers, visits, and so on. Please contact Judith Bridgen (Tel: 01258 837 157) if you would like to join us.

Daphne Burg

HARVEST FESTIVAL AT ST. ANDREWS

Our annual Harvest Festival will take place at
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Summer 2014 Weather in Milborne St. Andrew

JUNE and July were predominately warm and dry but August was disappointingly cool and wet. June rainfall was 49% of average with 28.7mm of rain and July rainfall was 61% of average with 35.8mm. August had 119.4mm of rain which was 175% of average. There were 19 days in August when rain was recorded with the highest daily rainfall of the summer on 5th August with 24.1mm of rain. There was thunder on four days in July.

June and July were both warmer than average but August was 1.3°C cooler than average and was the coolest August since 1988.

The 'Dog Days' of summer occur when Sirius (the dog star) is above the horizon during daylight hours in July and early August and this year they lived up to their reputation as being the hottest days of the year. The Romans believed that the heat from Sirius was the cause of those hot, sultry days and sacrificed a dog to appease the god.

British summers are invariably a mixture of warm, cool, wet and dry weather in varying proportions and there is always a harvest of agricultural crops to feed the human population as a result; but that was not the case in 1816. That year became known as 'the year without a summer'. The most powerful recorded volcanic eruption occurred at Mount Tambora in Indonesia in 1815 which sent vast quantities of ash into the upper atmosphere shrouding the world from the sun and reduced the global temperature by several degrees. There were large scale crop failures in 1816 and widespread food shortages. A hundred thousand people died in Ireland alone. That volcanic eruption affected the global temperature for three years. It could happen again!

Pluvius



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At the Village Hall on Thursday 23rd October
at 7.30pm

Looking forward to an interesting evening, please come.



Wednesday Club outing

ON Wednesday 2nd September we boarded a coach for the journey to Bristol to the Blue Glass factory. It was rather a misty morning so the views of the lovely countryside were somewhat limited.



The factory has a museum which holds over 500 items showing the development of the manufacture of glass from 1500BC to the present day. It contains pieces

of Egyptian, Roman, Viking, Anglo Saxon and Medieval glass but the main interest of the collection lies in the examples of manufacture from all the principal English glassworks of the eighteenth, nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

We were able to watch an amazing demonstration of the making of a vase, a beautiful raised dish on a



pedestal and an elegant wine glass and were also shown how a single ball of molten glass could be blown into a very large fine balloon. It was fascinating to watch the colour change during the process of the glass blowing

and to see the skill of the glass blowers as a small piece of liquid glass, orange in colour became a beautiful cobalt blue piece of fine art.

We then enjoyed a buffet lunch and had an opportunity to talk to the glassmakers and to browse the shop and make our purchases before returning to the coach for a leisurely journey back to Milborne. The mist had cleared and the beauty of the countryside enjoyed.

Our next meeting is the A.G.M. on Wednesday 1st October at 2.00pm in the Village Hall. Subscriptions of £10 will be due for the next year.

We look forward to seeing all members and also welcome any people who would like to become members.

Lis Watts



Deadline for the November Reporter is 14th October

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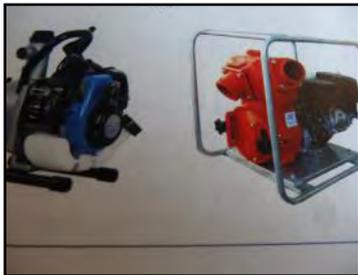


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Property Level Protection (PLP) presentation evening in the Village Hall, 4th September 2014

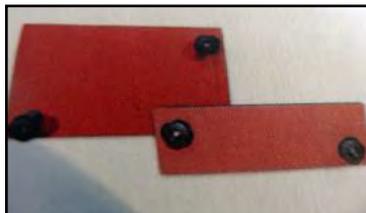
BEFORE an invited audience of 45 Riparians (those whose properties border the river and who bear some responsibilities for its maintenance), Steve Malpas, Flood Risk Engineer from the Environment Agency (E.A.) made the case for PLP i.e. every house vulnerable to flooding will get a free survey followed by free remedial work provided by the E.A. Also present were Martin Hill from Dorset County Council (DCC) Highways Department whose remit was to provide new drains in Milton Road; Brian Richards, Flood Defence Officer, DCC whose responsibilities are all flood defence issues in MSA including the provision of a new pump and funds for the maintenance of streams, and Andy Gill appointed Manager of the SW E.A. by Oliver Letwin, MP and Steve Lord, meeting convener.

Steve Malpas outlined the management of the PLP scheme having stated that prevention work was not possible. The Government, he said, cannot protect everyone with flooding problems. So far, in pilot areas, PLP has had a 'huge uptake' and provoked a lot of interest. For the next 10 years, £2.5 billion is being invested to reduce and manage flood risk in both inland and coastal areas. The Scheme's viability, weighing benefits against costs, is the basis of these decisions. *Benefits must outweigh Costs*. Following guidelines set by the Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA), EA have created imaginative ways to reduce risk. However the ratio in MSA cannot work. This is mainly due to a combination of the amount of water running off the steep sides of hills and springs coming up through the ground with the road acting as a dam. They have looked at culverts with everything running through but can't come up with a viable scheme. PLP is a way to minimise damage by *Resistance*; protecting properties with correct building materials (e.g. non porous bricks and doors), *Resilience*; adapting through services offered. Flood doors will act as barriers; airbrick covers; automatic non-return valves (NRVs); *Tanking*, a membrane to go around the property (there are models to suit period properties); inside replace carpets with tiles; raising units and sockets.



Non-return valves (NRVs):

Can be fitted to drains to prevent floodwater backing up into your home. Also available for use in foul chambers to prevent the backing up and ingress of foul sewage.



Rising groundwater: If you are at risk from rising groundwater which enters your property through the floor, pumps can often help you to keep levels of floodwater down to a more manageable level.

Barriers: can be fitted to any openings such as doors, windows or even cat flaps! Blocks them providing a watertight seal. Can be either manually deployed or can remain in situ working automatically during a flood event.

Airbrick/Vent covers: These are available in a number of different colours from a variety of suppliers to be placed over existing airbricks and air vents sealing them to prevent the ingress of floodwater. Alternatively existing airbricks can be replaced with automatically closing airbricks. These seal themselves when water threatens to enter the property. They do still require regular maintenance and in some instances may be more expensive.

Funding; This is a partnership approach with grants from DEFRA. **Eligibility;** main river and tidal frontage. **Individual Community Flood Plans** will be drawn up; 'we need to help each other out'. Products provided will remain fixtures with all costs covered. Commitment to the scheme is necessary. **Funding Criteria;** £9,600 will be available for each property. This will provide a standard package for the resident's main residence. For any 'upgrades' a contribution of 25% will be expected. The cost of each scheme includes surveys and reports, administration and legal fees, work inspection and installation. Each individual household will be assessed for its level of risk. This process is beginning now until Spring 2015. Pictures of such a scheme in existence in Sturminster Newton were shown. Between now and October this year surveys will be carried out. In November 2014 there will be a Drop-In session. December to February 2014 PLP agreements will be drawn up with installation February to March 2015. English Heritage have signed up for listed buildings' products in keeping with the style of their properties.

Questions were asked about pumping stations, general maintenance, the need for preventative work 'better than cure'; the fact that some houses flood from groundwater. Information was then forthcoming from the agencies present including the formation of a 'Surface Flood Alleviation Team'; other highway improvements to reduce the impact of flood water commencing September 22nd; work in Milton Road will be carried out until mid October. The pipe around the shop to be increased in capacity reducing subsoil damage; from the Square to past Brooklands there will be a new large pipe. The first section 300mm plus a double 225mm then a single 225mm costing £120 thousand. Sand and vegetation will be cleared out including dredging the open channel in the Causeway. Water voles in the river have held up the work. Wessex Water have to identify which are 'private' pieces of pipe. Difficulties in insuring and mortgaging houses were addressed. Until PLP has been in place for two years no decisions will be made on these contentious issues.

Attention was drawn to the Flood Risk Report on the EA website by a representative from JBA consulting who will carry out the work. People were urged to sign up and recount their experiences. Once work is inspected Certificates will be given. People can be 'booked in' and legal agreements drawn up later. The DCC are also using JBA.

For further information see the DEFRA website: www.defra.gov.uk/environment/flooding/manage/propertylevel/index.htm

To sign up for flood warning service go to www.environment-agency.gov.uk/homrandleisure/floods/38289.aspx

National Flood Forum: www.nationalfloodforum.org.uk

Flooding and Historic Buildings Technical Advice Note:

www.english-heritage.org.uk/publications/flooding-and-historic-buildings/

Flood Protection Association: www.floodprotectionassoc.co.uk/

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The August/September picture was taken in
The Square.

Congratulations to Robin Keller who once again was
the only person to identify this.

Try your luck this month on page 25.



Athelhampton Fete washout

WELL . . . it was fine on Sunday afternoon when we put up all the gazebos, but by the time we arrived to set up our stalls on Bank Holiday Monday morning it was raining hard, and it got worse as we approached opening time, and so it continued until closing time. It was little comfort that after we had packed everything into our cars and driven home for a hot bath there was an interval of about five minutes when it stopped raining. It was no surprise that only a few ventured out to take advantage of the stalls overflowing with goods at bargain prices, and that some of the attractions decided not to come. Ferrets won't work when it's wet, nor did the Moonlight Band though we were treated to a fine performance by the Puddletown Handbell Ringers. The ducks for the duck race would have been in their element but there were not enough punters to sponsor them all. Even the shelter of the beer tent failed to gain much support. On the bright side though, it was summer so the rain was relatively warm, the raffle tickets had been on sale for a month or so, the cakes, jams and produce sold well, and our Bric-a-Brac and Toy stalls raised just over £150, so thank you to all those who supported us.



The event made a profit of nearly £1,200 to share between the five churches; a nice sum but well over £2,000 less than we made last year which means that there will be some serious fundraising to be done to keep our churches going. We are all very grateful to Keri Gray and Jim Burg who led the benefice team that worked so hard to organise a great day out. It was such a pity that the weather made havoc of their plans.

John Wright





Autumn in the churchyard. Photograph by Heather Hogg

Busy start to the School year

THIS September Ladybirds have started the year with more children than any other September. We have welcomed 13 new children, some of whom are new to the village, over the first two weeks of term.

If your child is going to be old enough for preschool within this school year please request a registration form – this doesn't commit you to joining us but will help us plan for the future and stop disappointment if you apply later and there are no spaces. Priority is given to those children who live in the village but if we don't know who you are then the place may go to someone outside the village.

The children have enjoyed playing outside in the wonderful weather we are having.



The old favourites of sand and painting have been well used in the small outside area. In the photo some of the children are seen experimenting with dry and then wet sand flowing through sieves and funnels.

Our first topic has been 'Red'. We have made ladybirds and jam tarts, tried red fruits and red jelly, played post offices and with toy fire engines. There are lots of stories with 'red' in the title – the Big Red Bath, Little Red Engine, Little Red Hen, and of course Little Red Riding Hood which was read several times. This then followed with playing What's the time Mr Wolf? Apologies for the screaming children as the wolf chased them home.

Next colours are yellow then blue – wonder what we can come up with for those?
Liz Dyer



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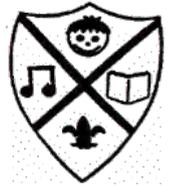
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School News



your school preferences and applying for a place. Full details are available at www.dorsetforyou.com/schooladmissions. The closing date for on-line applications is 15th January 2015.

WELCOME back to our new school year at Milborne St. Andrew First School. We are delighted to welcome our new reception children and those that have joined us in other years. All the children have settled quickly into the school routine with lots of enthusiasm.

As well as welcoming the new children we also welcome Mrs Sharon Hunt as our new Headteacher. Sharon moves from a deputy head position within Dorset.

We have lots of activities planned this term including a visit from the explorer dome later this month.

If you have children who will be starting school in September 2015 please remember now is the time to be thinking about



CONTACTS

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

Headteacher: Mrs Sharon Hunt **Secretary, School Office:** Mrs Lynn Pearcey

Chair of Governors: Mr Kevin Connolly **FOS Chairman:** Mrs Becky Hunter

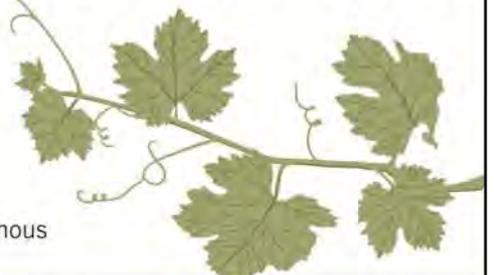
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Environment Agency Floodline		0845 9881188
South West Highways hello@swhitd.co.uk		01404 821500

GENERAL – ADULT

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Secretary:	Brian Burton	01258 839033
Under 5's Group – The Busy Bees	Wendy Britton	07867 720283
Youth Club age 8 – 14 years	Lianne Summers	01258 839081

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SPECIAL INTEREST

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Football – Reserve Team	Tom Lane	07786 156335
Football – Minis	Nicola Malone	07788 217579
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Sports Club Chairman:	John Sanderson	01258 837049
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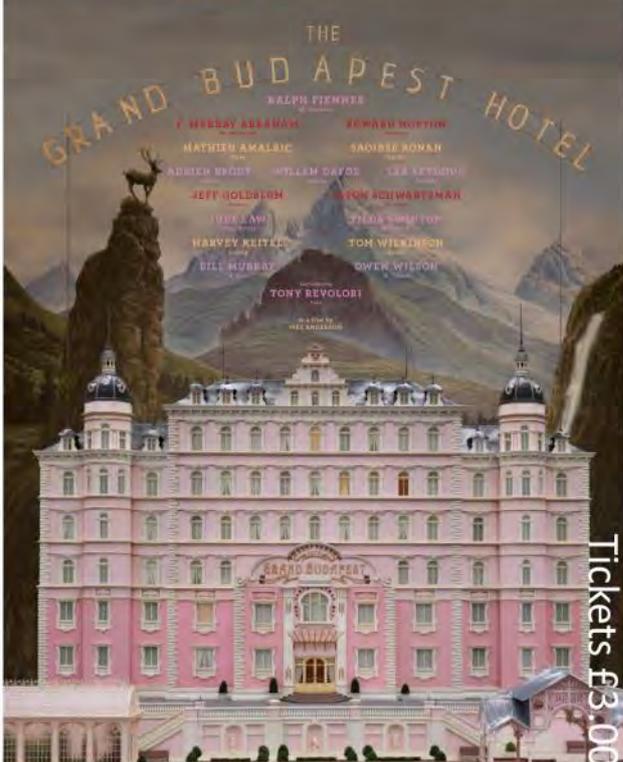


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October

- Wednesday 1st** **Wednesday Club** AGM Village Hall at 2.00pm – see page 3.
- Friday 3th** **Milborne Movies 'The Grand Budapest Hotel'**
Village Hall 7.30pm – see pages 16 and below.
- Saturday 4th** **Race Night** village hall 7.30pm – see page 2.
- Sunday 5th** **Harvest Festival** St. Andrew's Church 9.30pm. All welcome – see page 7.
- Bournemouth half marathon** Claire Scott will be running for Milborne Ladybirds. Please sponsor her – see page 3.
- Tuesday 7th** **100 Club Draw** The Royal Oak everyone welcome to attend – see page 20 for winners and below.
- Thursday 9th** **WI 'Metal detecting within Milborne St Andrew'**
Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 3.
- Tuesday 14th** **Reporter** latest date for the November issue.
- Wednesday 15th** **Parish Council** Village Hall 7.30pm.
- Saturday 18th** **Concert** by the **Mill Singers** St. Andrew's church 7.30pm. Tickets are £7 (£3 for children) which includes refreshments. welcome – see page 7.
- Thursday 23rd** **Gardening Club.** Special guest Paul Atterbury Village Hall 7.30pm All welcome – see page 3.
- Saturday 25th** **Village Lunch** Village Hall 12.15pm. Tickets from Drop-in Centre in Village Hall Committee Room from 10am to 12 noon – see page 3 for menu.

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
- Yoga** Thursday 1.30–2.45pm 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)
- 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 Wendy Britton on 07867 720283.

Milborne Mini Soccer

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Under 11s Stuart Joyce 01258 456594.

Under 8s Nicky 01258 837919.

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'The Grand Budapest Hotel' (R)

shown by 'Milborne Movies'
on Friday 3rd October 2014 at 7.30pm
in Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall

THE Grand Budapest Hotel is a witty, funny, clever and engaging film with an undercurrent of tragedy and loss that is achingly poignant in places. It tells the story of the unlikely friendship between a young Lobby Boy and his mentor, the hotel concierge Monsieur Gustav (Ralph Fiennes). The story is told in multiple flashbacks from the present to the 1930's, like peeling back the layers of an onion. It centres on the story of his induction into the Grand Hotel Budapest as told by an aged Zero, the Lobby Boy (Toni Revolori) to an author in the late 1960's. Despite all the comedy, there is no fairy-tale ending. The spectre of 1930's dictatorships and war hovers at the edges of the story and the sadness and loss, not just of friends and loved ones, but of a whole way of life and 'how it used to be' in the words of the aged Zero, is palpable and very touching, without detracting at all from the comedy that went before it. When the film opens, the hotel has fallen upon hard times with only lonely writers and intellectuals as patrons. One of the hotel's few patrons is a visiting novelist who strikes up a conversation with a mysterious individual, who proves to be the hotel owner and a long yarn unfolds. The film was shot in Germany and the staging and visual effects are lovely.

Ralph Fiennes shines in the rare comic role as M. Gustave, a concierge who brilliantly survives between gentlemen and criminals, whose language is a mix of politeness and filth and high poetry and swearing. Yes, his poetry never leaves him, even when M. Gustave finds himself in the middle of murder investigation of a rich woman who bequeathed all her property to him. At M. Gustave's side is his loyal apprentice, Zero. What would M. Gustave do without him! Tony Revolori is an absolute delight and he and Fiennes have an excellent comic chemistry. The film is a celebration of a time and age long gone.

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

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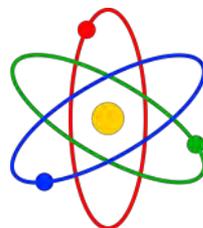
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News from Milton Abbas and Milborne St. Andrew Surgery

October Edition 2014

I AM writing once again 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.

Flu clinics

If you are aged over 65, pregnant, are a Carer or suffer from an illness such as asthma, diabetes or coronary heart disease, you are strongly advised to have a flu vaccination – and a Pneumococcal vaccine if you haven't had one of these before.

Following NHS England guidelines, flu vaccinations are offered only to those who are over 65 years of age, are pregnant, Carers or who suffer from chronic disease.

This year's clinic will be on **Saturday 4th October 2014** at **Winterborne Whitechurch Village Hall**.

The clinic will be from 9.00am–12.00 noon. Using the letter of your surname to indicate the time you should attend worked very well in previous years and we will be using the same system this year. The surname system is only a guideline to avoid a long queue. We fully understand if you need to bring someone with a different surname, are bringing a group or have time limitations we are happy to 'bend the rules'!

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

A-B-C-D – 9.00 – 9.30am

E-F-G-H – 9.30 – 10.00am

I-J-K-L – 10.00 – 10.30am

M-N-O-P – 10.30 – 11.00am

Q-R-S-T – 11.00 – 11.30am

U-V-W-X-Y-Z – 11.30am – 12.00 noon

Patient Reference Group

As you know, the practice has a dedicated, committed and effective Patient Voice Group which meets quarterly to support the practice in improving the care given to patients and in making decisions about the design of services. Patient Voice, working together with the practice, wish to ensure that more patients and Carers are involved in decisions about the range, shape and quality of services provided by the practice, ensuring participation is representative, particularly in seldom heard groups, including patients who may be underrepresented. In a drive to improve communication with people who we may otherwise not get the opportunity to engage, particularly vulnerable patients, we are asking patients to be part of a broader Patient Reference Group whom we would contact only two or three times a year, by email, telephone or post to ask for feedback on one or two matters relating to the services we provide. I am particularly keen also to be able to access the views of patients (and their Carers) who may come to the surgery infrequently but for whom the provision of good quality healthcare is an important factor in their lives, for instance those with dementia or any other debilitating long term condition. If you would be interested in belonging to this "virtual" Patient Reference Group, or would simply like more information, please contact me, Carol, practice manager, by email (caroltaylor2@nhs.net) or by telephone 01258 880210. Thank you

Staff changes

Dr Hilma Starostina: We are pleased to welcome Dr Starostina to the practice as our new GP Registrar. Hilma will be with us until August 2015.

Gill Fitzpatrick: We are also pleased to welcome Gill Fitzpatrick as our Nurse Team Leader. Gill lives locally and has been working as a practice nurse in Ferndown.

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On our practice website patients now have a limited view of their medical record. This gives a summary of your problems, medication, allergies and immunisations and is accessed very securely using the same login details you use to order online medication and book online appointments. So, if you have access to the internet, we do urge you to take a look.

The website also features

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 - Practice Newsletter
 - Access to health information about any topic under the sun!
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 - ◦ Travel vaccinations
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 - Advice on minor illness and what to keep in your medicine cabinet
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 - Patient Satisfaction Survey report
 - Practice Policies
 - Support and Information for Carers.
 - Information about our Patient Voice Group
- Support and/or training can be given. Please ask if you need help.

Milton Abbas Surgery Car Park

I am sorry to report that within the last few weeks two doctors' cars have been damaged whilst in the surgery car park at Milton Abbas. You will understand therefore that we are requesting that patients take great care when they are manoeuvring in this small car park, where cars are parked at their owners' risk. If you are unfortunate enough to have a scrape and accidentally damage someone else's car, we would regard it as a courtesy if you could come in and tell us about it! Thank you.

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

Can you identify where this is in Milborne?

Be the first to send your answer to msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk or give to any member of the Reporter team



Reporter team members can be found on page two.

No prize, just a bit of fun.

Answer in the November Reporter.

Round Robin Ramblers

The local villages walking group

WALKS are normally held on the first Sunday and the third Wednesday of each month. Please join us as we enjoy exercise, good company and the wonderful Dorset countryside, irrespective of the weather.
Any questions, please feel free to contact Ian Bromilow 01258 880044.

Sunday 5th October – 2.00pm

Tarrant Rushton and Ashley Wood

Meet outside the church at Tarrant Rushton, off B3082 Blandford to Wimborne road.

Grid reference: ST 938058 on OS Explorer Sheet 118 (approx. 4.5 miles)

Wednesday 15th October – 11.00am

Gussage All Saints

Meet outside the church in Gussage All Saints, off A354 at Cashmoor.

Grid reference: SU 998108 on OS Explorer Sheet 118 (approx. 6 miles)

Bring a packed lunch.

Sunday 2nd November – 2.00pm

Tolpuddle

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Grid reference: SY 795945 on OS Explorer Sheet 117 (approx. 4.5 miles)

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Draw Date – Tuesday 2nd September 2014

1st £100	Dean Hamilton
2nd £50	Richard Gray
3rd £5	Pip Howell

We are in desperate need for more people to join the 100 Club.

The next draw is at 8.00pm in The Royal Oak, Tuesday 7th October 2014

Everyone is welcome to attend

New members always welcome. Contact

June Maitland 837235 or

Denise Sanderson 837049

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Please speak to Denise Sanderson, Jenny Balcon or June Maitland for information.

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The best bits from the Parish Council Meeting – 17th September

THE meeting, as always, starts with public comments – *Speeding and Roads* – JH expressed concern about the lack of representation from DCC at our meetings, as we need someone to put the village's worries about the state of the A354 road surface. The Parish Council to write to ask Hilary Cox (our representative) to raise this issue. SL also expressed anxiety about speeding in Milton Road, especially when it has laying water. He felt that the "vigilante" style speed monitoring should not be done by villagers and also more signs are needed for awareness of the speed limit, like roundels on the road, or speed bumps.

In the meeting proper

Report from Jane Somper – The amalgamation of District Councils is being considered between NDDC, Weymouth and Portland, and West Dorset District Councils. £600,000 is being made available to help with the formation, it should make savings in sharing staff and skills plus reducing managers. It is in its early stage, but the overall feeling is that it has to be done. It seems to be happening around the country.

Is your grit bin full? – Most grit bins have been topped up (Orchard Rise being the exception), if the one where you live hasn't been topped up, let the Clerk of the Council know.

Environment Meeting on 11th Sept. – A group of influential people met to discuss the ongoing water issues, with the command "to come with decisions". Among the results are

1. Property Level Protection (PLP) will survey properties in Zone 3 floodplain funded by a grant from the EA (up to £9,000 per property), residents are urged to agree to a survey, as it is time limited, it is nationally recognised, and may be expected, in the future by insurers, surveyors and house buyers.
2. Higher Capacity Drains for Milton Road up to Huntley Down, picking up historic wells and springs, enabling lower ground water levels. Work has started and may last six weeks.
3. Annual maintenance of all drains, plus use of a high capacity pump in exceptional water levels.
4. A Storm Drain along The Causeway to below March Bridge, doubling the capacity of the river, work anticipated to start this autumn
5. The River Bere will be hand dredged at the lower end, work starting 29th September if permission is obtained.
6. Sewer Lining Work and inspection chamber repairs next year, and continued use of tankers when needed (as last winter).

Keep the stream free flowing – In addition, there is a reminder that grass cuttings, falling fruit, and weeds etc should be removed from the stream (River Bere) now, to keep the water course flowing quickly. If your property abuts the stream, please do this regularly.

This is not an exhaustive list of the happenings of our Parish Council meetings, but a touch at the interesting highlights!

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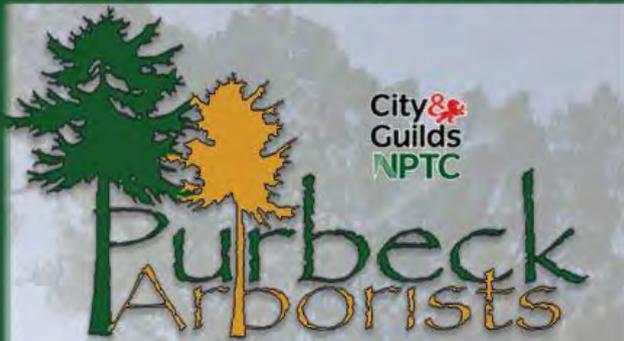
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Chicken liver parfait with toasted brioche with dressed leaves

Mains

Herb-crust rack of lamb, dauphinoise potatoes and beetroot jelly

Wild mushroom and spinach risotto with parmesan and watercress (v)

Pan fried duck breast with cherry and port sauce, fondant potato and sweet baby carrots

Oven roasted plaice with crushed new potatoes and a lemon, caper & parsley butter

Slow-cooked belly pork with bramley apple mash and mushroom sauce

Chicken ballotine stuffed with leek mousse, dauphinoise potatoes and roasted baby shallots

Classics

8oz Hereford Red rump steak with twice cooked chips, oven-roasted flat mushroom and confit plum tomato. (Add either béarnaise or peppercorn sauce)

Beer battered cod with chips, pea puree and homemade tartare sauce

Cajun chicken burger on a toasted bun with roasted red pepper mayonnaise and home-spiced chips

Desserts

British cheese selection

Deconstructed strawberry cheesecake

Lemon posset with spiced berries

Chocolate fondant with a cherry compote and vanilla ice cream

Coffee pannacotta with crème Chantilly and a butter biscuit

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New Village Hall Playground likely to cost £60,000



*An artist's impression of the new playground
(This may be amended after consultation with villagers and village groups.)*

It's "All systems go" for the Village Hall Trustees as they begin the process of raising the money to replace the aged children's playground at the back of the Hall with a brand new one fit for the 21st century.

The current equipment inside the playground is more than 15 years old and is near the end of its life. The big climbing tower and bridge has already been removed because it was not practical to maintain it to the high safety standards required. This drastic action was demanded after the annual safety inspection highlighted a series of problems on the tower that were impractical to remedy. The rest of the equipment has been repaired to a safe standard but, as its lifetime is very limited, the Trustees have decided to start fundraising for a brand-new playground.

The fact that the playground is owned and maintained by the Village Hall is unusual. Most play facilities are on council land and are owned and maintained by Parish or Town councils on behalf of the community they serve, the costs coming from Council Tax receipts. In the case of Milborne's Village Hall playground,

MUGA and field, the money to build and maintain the facilities comes from the Village Hall. Most of the money to set up the facilities has come from grants but the balance and the recurring cost of inspection and maintenance comes from the rent paid by Village Hall users.

At present, our own Parish Council provides a small amount of money to help support the Village Hall. In future however, the Trustees hope that the Parish Council will see fit to increase this amount to reflect the fact that these facilities are used by a great number of the community and ought, therefore, be financially supported by the community.

Trustees hope to be able to obtain grants for up 90% of the cost of the playground but this still leaves at least £6,000 to be raised by our Village. Fund-raising events are planned (some have already taken place) and we hope that the whole community will get behind this great project for the children (and their parents and grandparents) of Milborne St Andrew.

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Police News

Steam Fair

ANOTHER Great Dorset Steam Fair has come and gone with very little reported crime. The trusty British weather threatened to cause issues in the earlier parts of the event but the traffic and site were managed as well as they could be at the critical times. A short power outage affected the local area after a tractor and trailer spreading bark hit a low wire although power was restored a short time later.



The temporary traveller site had a number of visitors to it and any early visitors to the site were managed quickly and effectively by local officers. The only incident happened before the main site opened when two families had an altercation resulting in both parties leaving the Dorset area.

Current priorities – You are telling us that the following issues are a priority in your area

1. Acquisitive crime in rural areas – particularly beauty spots
2. To set up further community speed watch groups in rural locations.

Previous priorities – You said... We did

1. Acquisitive crime in rural areas – High visibility patrols increased with officers tasked daily to trend locations, as well as use on ANPR technology in police vehicles. Regular patrols of beauty spots and education around car crime prevention.
2. A number of new areas have now been set up and we have seven community speed watch schemes in place.

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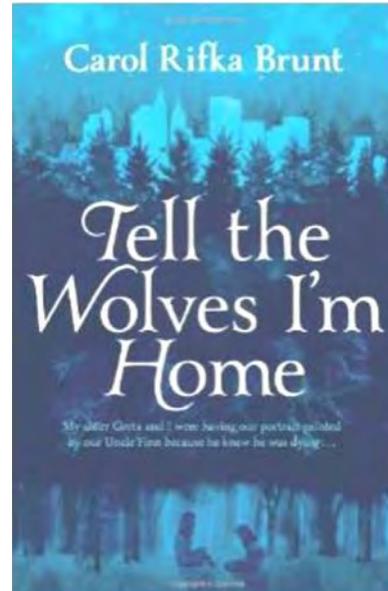
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A Good Read by Shirley Dunkley

Tell the Wolves I'm Home

by Carol Rifka Brunt

THE 'Coming of Age' novel; where the hero or heroine moves from childhood to innocence towards adult awareness is a familiar one – think 'Great Expectations', think 'The Go-Between'. The Americans have a particularly powerful record in this kind of fiction from Louisa



M. Alcott's 'Little Women' series to Harper Lee's 'To Kill a Mockingbird' and this book belongs in that tradition. As in 'To Kill a Mockingbird' it is told through the eyes and mouth of the young protagonist, June, aged 14 years, who lives in Westchester, a suburb of New York, with her accountant parents and her sister Greta, the elder by two years. June is an awkward, 'nerdy' child, enraptured by the Middle Ages, fantasising about being the heroine of a medieval fairy tale, whose close relationship with Greta has recently turned from a loving to a spiteful rivalry.

June idolises her godfather, her uncle Finn, a New York painter whom, she feels, is the only one who truly understands her. However, Finn is dying of AIDS and it is the 1980s when treatments were yet to be developed. The disease was viewed as the 'gay plague' and in some communities, the punishment for unorthodox relationships. Finn dies quite soon in the story leaving June lonely and heartbroken, but she is contacted by Toby, Finn's lover and partner whose existence has been kept secret from her. Through her relationship with him she begins to understand more about her own family and its stresses and eventually begins to mend the ties with Greta.

An account of the narrative does not do justice to the subtlety of the portraits of June and Greta particularly as they both try to cope with the loss of childhood as well as the loss of loved ones. June is difficult, ungracious, spiky in her reactions, Greta is devious and sometimes downright hateful, but gradually the reader becomes aware of the power of the emotional forces driving them. The author is an American writer, now living in England with her English family, but she grew up in New York and recreates the time and place, with extraordinary vividness. I have been unable to track down anything else by this writer but continue trying. Anyone so gifted must have produced more than one work!



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Milborne St Andrew Art Group

The Autumn term is about to start once again for our small but friendly Art Group. We meet in the Committee Room at the Village Hall every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the Month at 7.00pm. The subs are very reasonable at £3 per session and you only pay when you attend.

We meet up to share ideas and tips on all types of painting and drawing and to encourage each other to paint regularly. Occasionally (when funds allow) we hire a tutor or a local artist to demonstrate their skills to the Group.

There is a display of our work in the Committee Room for all to have a look at and if you feel inspired please do come and join us. The next meeting dates are 8th and 22nd October, 12th and 26th November and 10th December.

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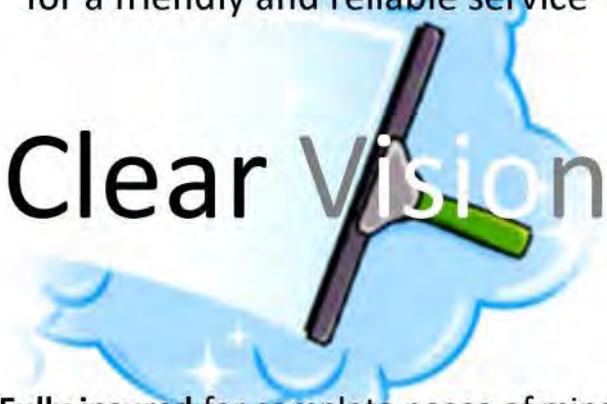
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Recently it's become a criminal offence for a trader not to leave your home when asked, or to return again another time. We and those we work with, Dorset Police and district and borough council Community Safety teams, hope the newly refreshed stickers will help you to say 'No' by deterring uninvited traders from knocking at your door.

We've made them for you so why not pick up a pair of stickers at your district or borough council office reception, or by sending a small letter sized stamped addressed envelope to: No Uninvited Doorstep Traders, Trading Standards Service, Colliton Annexe, Colliton Park, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ.

'The Story Giant' with The Shanty Theatre in partnership with Artsreach on Friday 17th October 2014 at 7.30pm in Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall

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Adapted from the book by legendary Liverpool poet Brian Patten, this is a family production.

The village hall and bar is open from 7.00pm and the film starts at 7.30 pm. Tickets £8 adults, £6 under 18s, £24 family which can be obtained from Londis Village Shop in Milborne St. Andrew or from Alice Harrall by phoning 01258 837371.



LETTERS to the Reporter

Dog waste fouling in Milborne

Since moving into Garden Cottage in Chapel Street in December last year we have felt very welcomed by all who we meet in the village. I feel very much part of the community and have received nothing but politeness and generosity, especially when we spent most of January and February under water, along with many other Milborne residents.

On the matter of dog ownership here, despite the relatively high number of dog owners, we have a pretty minor problem with dog waste. The vast majority are responsible owners who have no difficulty picking up their dog's mess and putting it into the numerous dog waste bins provided by the council. However . . . for part of this morning I spent removing numerous bags of dog poo from the brambles and trees at the corner of our garden which borders the stream, yet the nearest bin is a mere 100 yards away. Seeing as the owner has gone to the trouble of

picking up the poo, walking a little further to the waste bin isn't too much to ask. Do we really need to go to the lengths of informing the dog warden and the Environmental Health people?

If we want to live in a clean, beautiful village then we need to respect others and the environment a little more.
Phillip Harris

Have you met Ray Hayward

I have been reading the Reporter and when I came to the above article, there is an "inaccuracy" in the statement that they are "the only 'original' inhabitants left in WC". This is not correct. Three of the five bedroom bungalows still have their original inhabitants, myself being one of them, with my late husband until he passed away earlier this year, and I believe there is also one other house!

Many thanks, Judith King



Cheselbourne Theatre Club



The Kite Runner at Salisbury Playhouse

On **Monday 17th November** Cheselbourne Theatre Club has arranged tickets and transport to see an evening presentation by Nottingham Playhouse and Liverpool Everyman of a play based on *The Kite Runner*, the best-selling novel and film by Khaled Hosseini. With reviews describing it as "utterly absorbing from start to finish", "exhilarating", and "magical" this is your chance to catch a production that is on for one week only at Salisbury Playhouse.

Please contact John Widdowson (01258 837791) as soon as possible, but by 22nd September at the latest, if you would like to see this haunting tale of friendship (costs £32.50 per person).

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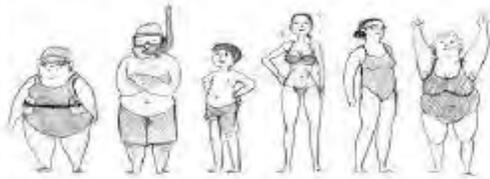
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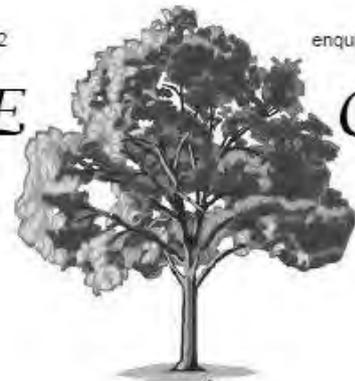
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In your Garden

Seasonal notes and tips from Maureen Lock of *designerGardens*

Taking cuttings

WE'VE just returned from a week in France and it is fantastic to see how all the towns and villages are decorated with beautiful flowers and trees. All the verges have a mix of flowering perennials, shrubs and annuals so they look good most of the time. The trees form an avenue and they mainly use one variety which, of course, adds to the impact. It would be great if we did that sort of thing here – I know they plan the street planting in Poundbury but how fantastic would it be to see all the villages and towns in bloom.



Anyway enough of my rant – I thought I would do a bit this month on taking cuttings and autumn is a good time of the year for doing this.

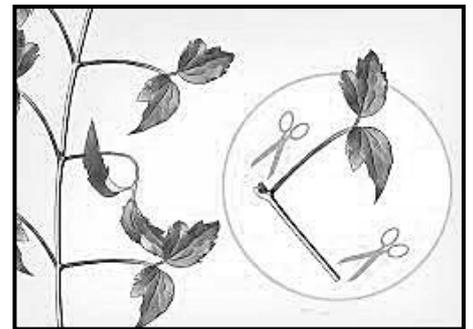
For some of the more tender perennials it is advisable to take a few cuttings before they are damaged by frost – Penstemons are a good choice and cuttings are generally easy to take. You could also try pelargoniums, chrysanthemums, coleus, lavender and so on. Take the tip of a healthy shoot, cutting just

below a node (the knobby bit). Leave just a couple of leaves on the tip of the cutting and put into a gritty/sandy compost mix. It sometimes helps to cover the pot with a plastic bag held clear of the cuttings using short sticks and secured with a rubber band to keep it airtight. I have had good success using this method and haven't had to use any rooting compound. Make sure the container doesn't



dry out, but don't allow it to become water logged either.

If you have walked along Milton Road during the summer, there has been the most amazing clematis hanging over the fence and I think it has been in flower most of the time. It's really easy to take Clematis cuttings – and here is how:



Choose a healthy piece of stem – this year's growth and without flower buds.

Make a note of which way is up. It may sound odd, but it

is really important. The two little buds in the leaf joint are always 'up'. Cut about two inches below the leaf joint and also just above the leaf joint – and then remove one leaf completely so that you are left with just one leaf. Push the stems right into the compost and grit mix until the actual leaf joint is sitting on the surface.

Resist the temptation to check if there are any roots growing for about six to eight weeks. They should be ready to pot on by then. Before you know it, you will have several different clematis plants growing in the garden.

If you are taking cuttings from someone else's plant do remember to ask their permission first. Enjoy your garden.



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