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## **Bingo at Wednesday Social Club**

BINGO! and Yes! were the words echoing round the Village Hall on 4th March when the Wednesday Social Club enjoyed a session of bingo. Aply led by caller Jenny Balcon, and assisted by Pam Shults, winners of the one line, two lines and full house were given chocolate bars with the final winner receiving the residue of the ticket costs. We sang Happy Birthday to Trevor Mexham who struggles down to the hall in all weathers. At our next meeting on 1st April we have Mr Roger Lamb talking about Nature and Nurture, sounds interesting.

We are planning an afternoon on the Swanage Railway on 5th May and a cream tea at Athelhampton House on 3rd June so contact Jenny Balcon on 01258 837121 if you wish to join us.

*Margaret Evans*

## **News from North Dorset District Council**

### **Matt Prosser appointed Chief Executive**

At the Council meeting on 19th February, North Dorset District Council approved the agreement to establish the ground-breaking Tri-Council Partnership with West Dorset District Council and Weymouth and Portland Borough Council and to appoint Matt Prosser as its next Chief Executive

### **Liz Goodall retires**

Liz Goodall retired from NDDC on 27th February after 12 years and a career in local government spanning 42 years. Liz inherited a troubled council in 2003 and transformed it into an award winning council. Prior to that she was Strategic Policy Manager in Southampton City Council. An earlier role was Director of the City Art Gallery in Southampton.

### **Council Tax frozen in North Dorset**

North Dorset remains one of the lowest taxing authorities in the country after Members voted to freeze Council Tax this year, meaning that a Band D property owner will pay the same as last year, £111.96 for all those services delivered by NDDC.



### **Eco-Homes event returns**

The very successful Open Eco Homes event returns in May and NDDC Sustainability Officer Paul McIntosh is looking for private homes, public buildings and community projects to take part. The idea is that people visit existing eco-friendly sites to gain an insight into how these projects benefit the owners, the environment and the pocket. The event will be 15-17th May.

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# Theory and Practice . . . Two Different Things?

HAVING read the article in last month's Reporter about the drainage works in The Causeway, I am left wondering if I was reading about a different project, having been a resident of this road for 44 years. I have possibly more local knowledge than most as to what has happened here over the years and what works have already been undertaken to reduce the impact of heavy rainfall and rising groundwater . . .

The recent works, to install the 'large V-section gullies' that people may have seen is, in theory, an excellent idea. However, in my opinion, the gullies used are far too big for this minor road – especially when you consider there are mains services within the carriageway. The gullies themselves are 900mm deep, which meant a trench had to be dug at least a metre deep. Which may not be a problem, unless you come across services such as water, gas, electricity and, the biggest problem, foul sewer pipework from each property.

When the work started it seemed as if it would be a good solution to stopping what most people witnessed last year, which was the river overflowing into The Causeway by the footpath and flowing down the road to the memorial and back into the river. It should be noted at this point that the water has done this for many years, in fact The Causeway apparently used to be called 'River Road' . . . I wonder why!!

Anyway, the first gully was installed approximately 50mm below the previous tarmac level, however from then on the gullies seemed for no obvious reason to be going uphill. This concern was highlighted to the relevant people, however they seemed convinced that the installation was all going to plan, and would be fine. However they continued to be installed uphill, in fact by the time the gullies and lids were installed to the boundary of Tilly Whim and Kingsbrook, the lids were already 260mm above previous tarmac level, and some 80mm above where the first gully was. Something

was clearly wrong . . . a letter was written to Martin Hill at Highways who then arranged a site meeting with the residents and various people. It was clear to most people that something was amiss with the way things were going, and a plan was hatched to remove the lids on a section of the gullies where they were too high, install two plastic pipes inside the gully and then use a tarmac surface instead



of raising the road surface by having the lids, which are themselves 150mm thick. This is why you will now see that there is a long section of road with no concrete lids; this is where there are now pipes in the gully. When they finally managed to get the gullies down

to a level where the lids could be reinstated, they have done so, and the gully now goes all the way to the memorial junction where there is a chamber. There are two pipes from the gullies into the chamber, and then three pipes from the chamber which will ultimately discharge back into the river, (Environment Agency approval is still being sought for the connection each end!) Sadly, the outlet pipes are, again in my opinion, too high, which will mean that very little of the huge gully will be of any use whatsoever, regardless of what people might want you to believe – water will not flow uphill of its own accord . . . I firmly believe that the entire project could have been achieved with something far less invasive, and probably more useful! This project is apparently a continuation of the works carried out in Milton Road, which some people think has been very successful . . . however it should be noted that (at the time of writing) we haven't experienced anything like the conditions that have in the past created the problems, ie very heavy rainfall and high river levels . . .

At the time of writing The Causeway has only been re-opened to traffic for ten days, and already most of the concrete lids are loose, and rattling when cars pass over them, they will apparently be refitted to hopefully alleviate this, as at the moment it sounds like a cobbled road . . .

Hopefully, it will be many years before we know whether any of the works that have been undertaken to reduce the impact of high water levels are successful, I think we would all agree that 2013–14 winter was an especially wet one.

*Ronald Hogg*



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## Just good stuff at Gardening club



OUR February meeting *'Just good stuff to know – down to earth tips about seeds and planting'*, given by Steve from Milton Abbas Farm Shop certainly lived up to its title, and was one of the most informative and practical talks we have heard at the Club. We were particularly pleased that some of the 'allotmenters' joined us as it was mainly about vegetable growing.

Steve has had a lifelong interest in farming and horticulture, starting when he went to live on a farm at the age of four, lasting through school, and leading to a course and apprenticeship at Kingston Maurward and experience of all types of farm. A particularly interesting one was an early job as a manager at the Prison Farm on Portland, where inmates had to be discouraged from planting cannabis among the cauliflowers!

His knowledge is therefore very wide and he was able to give very many useful hints on growing vegetables. Most people plant seeds too deeply – parsley and carrots especially should be only just covered. Carrots should be planted in small groups, not long rows, so they can all be pulled together for a meal, as the smell from handling the leaves attracts carrot fly which will then attack nearby plants. Leaves should then be destroyed – not on the compost heap. Seedlings of parsnips, leeks and any of the cabbage family, on the other hand, should be planted as deeply as possible to encourage good growth. Tomatoes, aubergines and courgettes respond well to growing in pots which can later have bases removed and be placed in grow bags.

Steve answered many audience questions through the talk and at the end and even said he would give advice at the Farm Shop if we had problems. Altogether he was a most interesting, helpful and amusing speaker.

Our March meeting is a multimedia presentation on Wildlife in Hants and Dorset, and in April we have another practical session on Interactive Pruning. Non members are most welcome to come to any of our meetings.

*Sally Dyer*

## Bob Walter MP opens Bus2Go new HQ in Blandford



ON 27th February Bob Walter MP (North Dorset) officially opened the new home of community transport project Bus2Go at The Resource Centre at Spectrum Housing Group's offices in Blandford Forum.

At the invitation of Margaret (Margo) Kirk, Bus2Go's founder and Project Leader, Bob joined local dignitaries, project volunteers and supporters as they celebrated the community project's success and new office space.

Established just three years ago in Margo's front room with core funding from Dorset POPP and Spectrum Housing Group, Bus2Go makes use of Dorset Community Transport's 16-seater school buses in their down-time to run affordable trips to help tackle rural isolation in the DT11 area.

The project, which has also received support from Dorset Community Action, Volunteering Dorset, Dorset Community Transport and Pramacare, is now doing so well that backers Spectrum Housing Group have offered Bus2Go use of their Resource Centre one afternoon a week to work from.

With a new website ([www.bus2godorset.org](http://www.bus2godorset.org)) launched at the event and the search for 'onboard' bus volunteers continuing, the project will soon be offering even more choice to its loyal customers, who Margo says are the real reason behind the projects 'people-led' success. Bus2Go's trips are for all ages, often catering for whole families at weekends and during the school holidays.

Bob Walter MP said: "I've met Margo before and I think what she has contributed to her local community with the creation of Bus2Go is inspirational. I'd like to congratulate her on her recent Community Hero Award, which was thoroughly well-deserved.

"I'm delighted to have been invited to join Bus2Go's celebrations and enjoyed meeting all of those volunteers and organisations who have supported Margo along the way."

Stuart Davies, Neighbourhood Services Director at Spectrum Housing Group said: "This is a really great project which we are happy to support. We wish Margo and Bus2Go all the best for the future."

## Bus2Go launches into Spring

We have had an amazing time at Bus2Go both behind the scenes and on the buses too.

I was both thrilled and shocked to receive the Community Hero Award from Spectrum Housing Group. It was totally unexpected and proudly sits on the window ledge at the Resource Centre at Spectrum Housing Group alongside our other awards.

We have the use of the office every Tuesday afternoon from 12.00 – 5.00pm. This makes a huge difference to the project and gives our volunteers the opportunity to meet, not just for committee meetings but for training too on our new website, which also has a phone app. This will help our passengers see what outings we have planned over the next five months and to book them online if they so wish. The location of the office means that we are close neighbours of Dorset Community Transport, providers of the buses that we use. This too is very helpful as they can now pop across and visit us to chat over future outings that we have booked and have a cuppa with us.

Our outings have increased in popularity and more often than not we require two buses. Grateful thanks to all our passengers, who are making this amazing journey possible.

Please see advert (page 17) for April outings. May outings are Jailhouse Café, Portland, Clarks Shopping Village, Galton Garden Centre and Wolfeton House including tour and cream tea in the Tudor Hall. This tour will be exclusively for Bus2Go.

Swanage Railway 4th July same price as last year £18.50 return includes return bus and train.

We shall be at Milton Abbas Street Fayre on 25th July. *Margo*

## The Hundred Foot Journey (PG)

shown by 'Milborne Movies'  
on Friday 17th April at 7.30pm  
in Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall

THE Hundred Foot Journey is a film about the Kadam family, who have been displaced from their native India and are now drifting through Europe. They arrive in France and after a chance car accident and the kindness of a young woman, Marguerite, they settle in the village of Saint-Antonin-Noble-Val where Papa Kadam is inspired to set up an Indian restaurant across from Madame Mallory's (Helen Mirren) French restaurant. As cultures clash and food flies, a heated battle escalates between the two establishments – until, that is, Hassan Kadam's (Manish Dayal) passion and talent for French cuisine begin to enchant Madame Mallory and even she can't deny this young chef could have what it takes to garner even more acclaim for her beloved restaurant. This, along with Hassan's new-found friendship with her beautiful sous chef Marguerite (Charlotte Le Bon), starts to weave a magic between the two cultures and, despite their different tastes, they discover an unlikely recipe for success that surprises them all.

This is a tale that mixes the ingredients of romance, ambition, rivalry, bigotry, triumph over adversity, tolerance and acceptance. It has an uplifting and feel-good cultural feast, full of Indian spices, French sophistication and British wit, with excellent attention to detail, capturing the essence of la belle France. Ms Mirren's and Ms Le Bon's costumes are particularly stylish and chic. It is filmed in the south west of France, with gorgeous locations including sun-dappled tones in a charming village, Saint-Antonin-Noble-Val. This is a delightful movie, with a subtle charm which draws you into the story – you care about the characters and what happens to them.

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.



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It was a week that encompassed the utter depths of sadness and darkness and the greatest joy imaginable.

It was a week when even Jesus, the Son of God, cried out "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Had it ended with the crucifixion, the disciples would rightly have despaired. But it didn't stop there.

Nothing could extinguish the light of Christ. God had been there all along, walking alongside Jesus in his suffering and vanquishing the power of death in raising him to new life.

On 5th April (or 12th for those who follow the Julian calendar not the Gregorian), Christians around the world will be celebrating the resurrection with great joy and lots of Alleluias.

This is not just a celebration of an event that happened about 2,000 years ago. It is a celebration of an event that makes a difference in the lives of Christians today as well. The resurrection gives hope, because it shows that even in the deepest and darkest times, God's life and light are greater than the powers of evil and death.

There is horrendous suffering in the world, much of it caused by human beings, but because of the resurrection, we can hold fast to hope, to the knowledge that it will not last for ever, that there is a more glorious time to come.

The book of Revelation has a wonderful picture of God dwelling with humanity, in which "he will wipe every tear from their eyes". There will be a time and place where "death will be no more", and where "mourning and crying and pain will be no more".

For Christians this is the ultimate hope, that a time will come when God renews everything, and all suffering is banished. We trust in this hope, having seen a foretaste of God's life-giving work in the resurrection of Jesus.

If life is good, then I invite you to join with millions around the world in proclaiming: Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

If your life is dark at this present time, I pray that you will know that you are not alone in your sadness, even if it may feel like that. Remember that even Jesus felt abandoned, but the resurrection showed how God's light can pierce through even the most terrible circumstances. May God bring you out of darkness into his marvellous light so you too can join our celebration of hope.

With best wishes

*Sarah Hillman*

## St. Andrew's Churchwarden's Report

AT the beginning of March we had a very interesting talk in church by Mary Gayton (Community Engagement Officer from the Dorset County Records Centre) about sources they hold which are useful when looking into the history and people of Milborne – or anywhere else. Over 30 people enjoyed her illustrated talk and were then able to look at photos and other items brought in by villagers whilst having tea and cakes.

Later that week it was lovely to have a full church for the christening of Isaac and Charlie during the morning communion service. It was delightful to welcome them and their families into the church.

On **Mothering Sunday** we had a good gathering for a service led by the 'Celebrate' team. After the usual breakfast of coffee and croissants we saw the version of the story of Moses being found in the bulrushes as performed at the village school by the 'Open the Book' group. To give thanks to our mothers, everyone was given a rose to give to a mother that we admired.

At the beginning of March, members of St. Andrew's church started a **Friday morning**

## CHURCH SERVICES April 2015

### 2nd April – Maundy Thursday

7.00pm	Agape Supper	Dewlish
7.30	Holy Communion	Puddletown Church Room

### 3rd April – Good Friday

10.00am	Reflective service	Tolpuddle
12noon	Church open for Meditation	Puddletown and Milborne
(– 3.00pm)		
2.00pm	Easter Experience (for children)	Milborne Village Hall
6.00	Good Friday service	Dewlish

### 5th April – Easter Day

9.30am	Easter Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30	Easter Communion	Milborne
11.00	Easter Communion	Puddletown
11.00	Easter Communion	Dewlish

### 12th April – Easter 2

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

### THURSDAY 16th April

12 noon	Lunch-time Communion	Puddletown Church Room
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### 19th April – Easter 3

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

### 26th April – Easter 4

9.30am	Coffee, Pastries + All-Age Worship (10 a.m.)	Tolpuddle
9.30	Parish Communion	Milborne
11.00	1662 Morning Prayer + APCM	Puddletown
11.00	Family Communion	Dewlish

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Saturday – Puddletown	

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'Coffee and Sharing' group. The intention is to open the Village Hall committee room and welcome everyone to meet others, share thoughts, ask for help, and have a drink and cake at the same time. The group starts at 8.45am and finishes at 11.45am. We were encouraged by the number of those who came to see what we were up to on our first day and hope that it will be a welcome drop-in centre for a broad section of the village. Children will be welcome with a parent, grandparent or carer as long as they are not supposed to be at school!

Lent is nearly over and we are now looking forward to Easter. By the time you read this we will have had our annual church meeting and elected the churchwardens and Parochial Church Council for the coming year – we are keen to encourage some new faces but hoping that we won't lose too many old ones! The school will have held their Easter service in church, and many of the children are now getting ready for our annual '**Easter Experience**' in the Village Hall on Good Friday. If you are interested in bringing your children (0-9 years old) to this event or in helping please get in touch as soon as possible.

One or two have given us their view about what we should do with the **Royal British Legion flag** which has had to be moved from the back of the church. So far the view seems to be that we should take it to the RBL headquarters in Bovington where it can be permanently displayed. If you disagree, please contact one of the churchwardens as soon as possible.

Looking ahead to June, we are planning to have an **Open Gardens** event on **Saturday 13th June** so put this date into your diaries and invite your friends along to see what Milborne can show.

*John Wright and Pam Shults (Churchwardens)*

## Dewlish Church Notes

### How do we stop church numbers from dwindling?

THE **Agape Supper** will once again be held in Dewlish Village Hall on Maundy Thursday 2nd April, at 7.00pm. This is a communal supper during which the Passion Gospel is read and a service of Communion takes place. This will be led by the Rev. Norman Beggs. The cost of the supper is £5, and any profit will be donated to Water Aid. Please let us know numbers before 1st April (Tel: 01258 837 466).

Our **Good Friday service** is at 6.00pm and the **Easter Day service**, which will be a Holy Communion, will be at 11.00am.

We shall be holding the **Dewlish Church AGM** on Tuesday 21st April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All members who are on the Church Electoral Roll are welcome to attend, and we would love to see you. Our numbers in church each Sunday are dwindling, and we would very much like to have your input on how to put things right!

*Daphne Burg*

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I AM sure that in a village the size of Milborne St. Andrew there must be many people who were once involved in Scouting. You may have been a Beaver, Cub, Scout, Venture Scout, Explorer Scout, Scout Fellowship or Scout Leader. If so, we would love to hear from you.

Scouting is a family, which over the years can become fragmented as people move into different spheres of life, or even move away from the area in which they did their Scouting. We would like to hear from anyone who would like to renew their acquaintance with what could have been one of the happiest times in their life.

The local Scout Group are having an AGM in June, and if you want to come along and enjoy the company of a Scout Group once again, please get in touch. If you don't fancy the idea of an AGM, get in touch anyway, and maybe we can arrange a social get-together sometime soon.

*Brian Burton*

Milborne St Andrew Scout Group Secretary  
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## Online auction site

ONLINE auction sites are regularly targeted by fraudsters advertising desirable items for sale which are below market value, but do not exist. Fraudsters use a variety of techniques to persuade the potential buyer that the item is genuine and that any advanced payment will be protected or reimbursed should the product be faulty or not received.

### Protect yourself:

- Stay within the auction guidelines stipulated on the website.
- Payments made via bank transfer, money transfer or e-money are not protected, should you not receive the item.
- View the item in person if possible.

If the item advertised seems too good to be true, it probably is.

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## School May Fayre

A MAY FAYRE is being planned at Milborne First School next month and the organisers, Friends of School, hope it will be a real community event. There will be pony rides, an auction of promises, bouncy castle, flower crown making, face painting, craft stalls and much, much more. The date of the fayre is set for **Saturday 16th May** at 2.00pm.

The fayre will raise money for Friends of School, who provide funds and organise beneficial events within the school for the children. The group will be providing the refreshments at the fayre, including a barbecue and tea and cakes. So if you'd like to run a stall, demonstrate a skill or simply come along and join in the fun, you'll be supporting Milborne's schoolchildren and having a great afternoon out.

There are still stalls available at the very reasonable price of £5.00 plus a donation of a raffle prize, per pitch. If you're interested in reserving a pitch and supporting the school, please call Emma on 07920 060706.

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## Tolpuddle Wind Farm latest

A DECISION on the proposed Tolpuddle wind farm development that would affect Milborne residents was due to be made on the 27th February. That date came and went with no decision. At the time of writing (end March) the planning portal still shows the target decision date as 27th February. If you wish to see the current status of the application, go to the West Dorset planning portal on the Dorsetforyou website and search for application number WD/D/14/000885.

## Winter 2014/15

### Weather in Milborne St. Andrew

IT was a kindly winter in Milborne with no extremes of rainfall, wind, snowfall, temperature or fog. The long range forecast for the winter of lower than average rainfall and slightly lower than average temperature proved to be a fairly accurate prediction for once.

December was a dry month with only 47.4mm rainfall which was 39% of average. January rainfall of 114.3mm was about the average rainfall for January. February rainfall was 66.6mm which was 82% of average. The total rainfall for the winter period (December-February) was 228.3mm. When compared with the total rainfall of 746.2mm for the same period last year it is not surprising that the stream overflowed at that time.

The highest daily rainfall during the winter was on 14th January with 26.9mm. The lowest temperature of -5°C occurred on 19th December, 19th January and 1st February.

The only measurable snow occurred on 2nd February with 2mm of snow cover.

Nationally it was the sunniest winter on record.

The long range forecast for the rest of the spring this year is for average rainfall and temperature in April but wetter than average during May.

*Pluvius.*

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## This month in history: April

### Events

**April 3, 1721:** Robert Walpole becomes the first Prime Minister of Britain.

**April 11, 1814:** Napoleon Bonaparte abdicated as emperor of France, and was banished to the island of Elba.

**April 12, 1606:** England adopted original Union Jack as its flag. However, it was and still is only called the "Union Jack" when flying from a ship.

**April 29, 1884:** Oxford University agreed to admit female students to examinations. However, women were not to be awarded degrees, a rule that would remain in place until October 1920.

### Births

**April 9, 1806:** Birthday of English engineer and inventor Isambard Kingdom Brunel. Perhaps the greatest of the 19th-century engineers, he designed railways, bridges, tunnels, viaducts and ships.

**April 15, 1542:** Leonardo Da Vinci, renaissance artist, inventor, polymath, musician, and architect, painter of the Mona Lisa and sketcher of the Vitruvian Man, was born in Vinci. He contributed much to technology and science besides art, and was destined for greatness as he was declared a master painter by the Guild of St Luke at age 20!

**April 23, 1564:** William Shakespeare, England's most famous poet, was born in Stratford-upon-Avon. He died on the same day, 52 years later, in 1616.

### Deaths

**April 20, 1912:** The Irish-born writer Bram Stoker, author of Count Dracula, died at his London home. He was 65.

**April 21, 1509:** Henry VII died, and his son King Henry VIII, the man famous for having 6 wives, is made King of England.

**April 30, 1945:** Adolf Hitler committed suicide along with his wife of one day, Eva Braun. In accordance with his instructions, both bodies were burned afterwards.

*Mark Ferguson*



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## New nappy rule to clean up streets

HAVE you noticed how the streets of Milborne have become a minefield when it comes to doggy deposits? If you haven't, then you may well have stepped in something you'd wished you hadn't. It seems you can't move ten paces without having to dodge a smelly pile. It is a well-discussed subject – not least in the *Reporter* – that seemingly has no conclusion in how to weed out the selfish and inconsiderate dog walkers.

Until that is, maybe now. Local government now has the right to enforce CanineClean Zones to badly affected areas, and Milborne St. Andrew has been selected as one of the pioneer locations to use the new scheme. It will mean that in all public areas dogs will be required to wear, to all intents and purposes, a nappy. It will come as a shock to most dog owners, but this zero tolerance approach is seen as a last resort to problem poo spots. The scheme, 'Nappy Streets for Happy Feets', aims to provide a safe and healthy environment for pedestrians by literally containing the problem at source.



It will be a welcome relief for many villagers who have to dodge the dog mess during the day or worse, play Russian 'poo-lette' after dark. It is hoped that the new scheme will have a transforming effect on Milborne's pavements, with enforcement of the new by-law carried

out by the Nappy Inspection Team (NITs). The officials will ensure that all dogs are suitably covered when the scheme goes live on 1st April.

## The Village Hall

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### Notice of Meeting

Trustees of the Milborne St Andrew Village Hall will hold the **Annual General Meeting for the Charity** on **Wednesday 22nd April 2015 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall**

The purpose of the meeting is to:

1. Present the Annual Report for 2014 to the Village
2. Discuss plans for the Hall for 2015 and beyond
3. Appoint Trustees for the year to end April 2016

The meeting is intended to provide villagers with an opportunity to influence how the Hall is being managed and the plans for its future as an asset for the local community. Nominations for new Trustees should be advised to either:

Paul Tasker (07801-714619 or p.h.tasker@gmail.com) or  
Pam Shults (07913-266230 or pamshults@btinternet.com)

Before 17th April, preferably by e-mail.

**All Welcome**

## News from Milton Abbas and Milborne St. Andrew Surgery

Over the Easter period the Surgery will be closed on

Good Friday, 3rd April

Easter Monday, 6th April

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**Top Tips for Patients: Here are some tips to help you get the most from your appointment:**

- **Ask yourself:** How important is it that I'm seen quickly, or would I be better waiting for an appointment with a particular GP? If you have a long-term condition you'll probably benefit from a GP who knows you.
- **Don't be put off by a GP who runs late** – they may be spending needed time with patients. One day you may appreciate them running late for you.
- **It's tempting to bring a list of unrelated problems**, but consider what's achievable in 10 minutes; four problems in 10 minutes – that's 150 seconds each. It's often better to come back again and spend more time on a problem rather than squeeze as many as you can into one ten-minute appointment.
- **Before you see the GP**, work out in your own mind what you're worried about, and highlight any particular concerns. Consider preparing short notes, including how you might best describe your symptoms.
- **Get to the point;** don't keep important issues until the end.
- **Wear accessible clothing** if you're likely to need to undress for an examination.
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## Get safe online

Get Safe Online, Safer Jobs and Action Fraud are warning people to take precautions whilst looking for jobs online, to avoid falling victim to scammers.

There are a number of different ways in which job-seekers could be defrauded. These range from direct financial scams to misleading job descriptions.

Safer-Jobs, the recruitment industry's counter-fraud forum, provide free advice to ensure that people have a safer job search. They suggest several steps which any other job-seeker should take when dealing with a potential employer:

1. **Never part with money** – employers should pay you, not the other way round. If asked to pay for security checks, visas, training, or anything else, you should research the job, the company, and never use any associated company suggested to you without conducting independent thorough research.
2. **Never take it on face value** – have you received an 'out of the blue', 'too good to be true' job offer? Be sceptical and ask questions. Why and how have you been contacted, what is the job, did you apply? Be wary of any non-business, generic email address (such as hotmail and yahoo), poorly written job adverts or job descriptions, and emails or contact at unusual times of the day (unless pre-arranged).
3. **Never do everything online** – whilst technology is a great enabler to help people find work, at some point your job discussion should lead to an interview or a meeting. Hiring agents who keep the relationship solely on email must be treated extremely cautiously.
4. **Never fail to do research** – find out about the company that the job is with and do your research! Check landline telephone numbers and call the end employer to check the job exists. Use social media and sources such as Companies House and LinkedIn to dig deeper into the organisations and people you are interacting with.
5. **Never phone them for an interview** – premium rate phone scams are common. This is where an individual calls a pay-for-number thinking it's an interview, when actually they are paying for every minute they stay on hold. If an employer wants you to work for them, they will call you.
6. **Never accept money for nothing** – with money mule scams on the increase, beware of any employer promising 'get rich quick' or 'earn thousands working from home'. When cheques begin arriving it is easy to be fooled into being used as a money mule.
7. **Never provide personal details** – be suspicious of any requests for personal data ahead of an interview or registration meeting (if an agency). Until you have the job, keep bank details safe and only provide identity details once you have met face to face.

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## LETTERS to the Reporter

Dear Editor

As a person that attends parish council meetings I would like to respond to Robin Keller's letter in the last Reporter. Mr Hopper was one of the best parish councillors we have ever had, he always did his research on matters on the agenda and informed the public so as to be more aware of any implications. Some may have seen it as burbling but I for one found it very useful. I really feel it a great pity that we have lost such a good councillor because of negative remarks. Nobody stops anyone from leaving the meeting at any point and surely most go to the parish meetings to find out what is going on, and be kept informed.  
Heather V Hogg

Dear Editor

You will recall my recent letter explaining my reasons for resigning from the Parish Council; whilst stating there were individuals who chose to be abusive and obnoxious to me and others serving on the council, I did not name names. Well it was clear from your last issue (March 2015) that one name is now in the public domain; that is Mr Robin Keller.

The letter he wrote, he says is his own work, but I don't hold with this, there is another individual's hand on this pen.

The persons involved in putting that letter together have done absolutely nothing for this village except whinge, abuse and decry others' achievements. Have they represented the village at planning meetings – No; have they represented and supported residents at appeals – No; attended meetings outside of the village – No; studied in depth issues affecting the residents – No and No to many an issue affecting the lives of the residents. I am pleased to say I have done all the above and been proud to represent my home village.

If Mr Keller believes that meetings go on too long, get up and go home, he won't be missed. I have confronted Mr Keller on the issues he wrote about, which are deeply offensive but this is what he and his co-conspirator set out to achieve. The true scale of the abuse is known to a few.

It is a true saying "The only man who

makes no mistakes is the man who never does anything." Well the two individuals concerned in this matter fit that bill to a tee.

Yours faithfully  
Michael Hopper

### Letter regarding Parish Council

Dear Editor

I have been reading the letters regarding the Parish council with some interest and as a non attender of these meetings would like to make the following observations.

Firstly, any interest I had in getting involved as a councillor has been completely squashed as it appears that it would open me up to written criticism about my character.

Secondly, I have attended hundreds of meetings in my work life. If someone is holding the floor for too much time or going off on a tangent, which I am not suggesting was happening as I was not there, then I believe it is the chairman's job to control the meeting and move it on.

Finally if a meeting has been going on too long for any individual then surely they should vote with their feet?!

Linda Constant

Dear Editor.

As the outgoing Chairman of the Parish Council I would like to thank all the Councillors who have served during the past four years.

I have been fortunate enough to learn from some very knowledgeable members of the council in the last three years I have served and their support has been invaluable. Although I still make some mistakes, we are kept on the straight and narrow by the very efficient clerk, and I extend my thanks to Colin as well.

Being a Parish Councillor can be interesting and sometimes frustrating, but if you are concerned about what goes on in the village please think about being a councillor.

Jenny Balcon

Dear Editor

It was going to be called "IF IT AIN'T BROKE" and then I was going on to say "Don't Fix it!!" and it is all about not tampering with the Village Hall Charity Trust Deeds as they presently stand in respect of the selection of trustees and their independence and who can actually lawfully make decisions.

The trustees group vetoed my nomination from The Gardening Club as their representative at the last VH Management meeting. 13 people at that meeting voted not to accept me as a Trustee of the Charity on the committee, in effect stating I was not a fit and proper person to be a Trustee. At the

same time of the meeting they also voted to modify and modernise the constitution

They also instructed the Gardening Club that they should nominate someone else other than me and that if they did nominate me again it would be subject to an ELECTION by the community members present at the AGM.

1. They have no lawful right to veto anyone
2. User Group Representatives are NOMINATED by the respective groups not elected
3. Only full trustees are lawfully allowed to make such decisions . . . of the 13, some are trustees others are not so the others are not bound by Charity Law to act impartially and in the best interests of the Charity. If you look at the present members there are:
  - a. 2 from the PCC when there should be only 1
  - b. 2 Parish Councillor when there should only be one
  - c. 5 with direct or very close links with one particular User group
- 4 It seems like a 'Friends United' team where User Groups can become marginalised if they don't fit the mould. What does not need to be fixed is changing nomination to election and allowing the ruling class to veto others. The whole concept of the Deeds is to maintain a broad church with no one dominate group/faction. The current Deeds work and don't need the fix. This would not be about me being classed as not being a fit and proper person but the Trusts Deeds ain't broke and don't need this type of fix.

But would anyone be interested I ask myself?

Warm Regards  
Richard Lock

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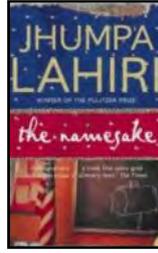
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## A Good Read by Shirley Dunkley The Namesake by Jhumpa Lahiri



SOMETIMES one comes across a new author and there is an immediate sensation of recognising a new friend – that will last for life. This was my experience with Jhumpa Lahiri whom I met by way of 'Unaccustomed Earth', a collection of short stories, and then went on to her Pulitzer Prize novel, 'The Namesake'. Lahiri's family comes originally from Bengal but moved to the USA where she was born. Now settled in New York, she writes of the

experience of migration, of the close Bengali culture and the inevitable separation that the American reared children feel.

'The Namesake' is the story of such a child, given the family nickname of Gogol because of his father's love of the Russian writer, and his struggle to find his American destiny. In Bengali culture children have two names: the familiar one which is given at birth, a family pet name, and the more formal and dignified one which is bestowed some time later. This practice becomes a metaphor for the double life of the children who eventually have to choose whether to remain in the close, traditional Bengali world or to identify with the New World and all its strange habits. The families in the novel are professional, aspiring ones, come from India to take up academic posts, so the lives described are not blighted by poverty but haunted by loneliness and deracination, the outsider at times to two cultures. Gogol sways to and fro between his two worlds, at one time marrying a fellow Bengali/American only to find that their apparently shared experiences are not enough to bind them together. The Bengali tradition of emotional reticence means that his understanding of his parents' lives comes slowly, but after his father's death he begins to admire their resilience and determination while accepting that to take responsibility for his own life he needs to understand all that his Bengali inheritance has given him.

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## GENERAL – ADULT

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	Wendy Britton	07867 720283
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 First School		
Headteacher:	Sharon Hunt	01258 837362
Chair Governors:	Kevin Connolly	
Friends of School Chair:	Becky Hunter	

## SPECIAL INTEREST

Cribbage	Peter Anthony	01258 837089
Bellringers	Pip Howell	01258 837329
Bridge Group	Laurie Benn	01258 837720
Food and Wine Society	Julie Johannsen	01258 839004
MSA Allotment Society Chair:	Jo Lovett	07960 854155
Secretary:	Sue Gould	01258 837575
MSA Friendly Art Group	Elaine Anthony	01258 837089
MSA Gardening Club	Richard Lock	01258 837929
Milborne Players	Roy Sach	01258 837033
Ranters' Folk Session	Roger Harrall	01258 837371
Round Robin Ramblers	Ian Bromilow	01258 880044

## SPORT

Abbey Swimming Club	Pat Cowan	01258 880601
Archers – Crossways	Sheila Ryall	01258 837504
Athletics – Junior	David Pearson	01258 837057
Badminton	David Payne	01258 837700
Circuit Training		01258 837700
Cricket – Dewlish	Elaine Kellaway	01258 837696
Cricket Club – Milton Abbas	Colin Chastey	01258 882162
Football – Adult	Matt Hall	07846 262717

Football – Reserve Team	Tom Lane	07786 156335
Football – Minis	Nicola Malone	07788 217579
Pilates (school)	Claire Barratt	07540626174
Pilates (village hall)	Samantha Buxton	07500208265
Running Group	Anne-Marie Pearson	01258 837057
Skittles – Dewlish	Frank Ross	01258 837366
Sports Club Chairman:	John Sanderson	01258 837049
Bookings:	Dean Hamilton	01258 837370
Table Tennis	Pauline Pitfield	01258 839123
Tap Dancing for Adults	Libby Goodchild	01305 268029
Tennis	Dennis Nelson	01258 837734
Tennis (Members Secretary)	John Sanderson	01258 837049
Yoga (at school)	Sue Chapman	01305 848053
Yoga (at village hall)	Sarah Ryan	01258 839230

## VILLAGE HALL

Dewlish		
Chairman/Secretary:	Alex Carter	01258 837312
Milborne St. Andrew		
Chairman:	Paul Tasker	07801 714619
Booking Secretary:	Sandie Sach	01258 837033

## HEALTH

Bere Regis Surgery		01929 471268
Milborne St. Andrew Surgery		01258 837383
Milton Abbas Surgery		01258 880210
Puddletown Surgery		01305 848333
NHS for emergencies		111



## Milborne Movies

Friday 17th April 2015  
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# Community Events Diary

Add your event to this diary by contacting the **Reporter** – tel: 01258 837700 or email: msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk

- April**
- Wednesday 1st** **Wednesday Club** Roger Lamb talking about Nature and Nurture Village Hall 2.00pm – see page 2.
- Friday 3rd** **Friday Coffee and Share** Village Hall Committee Room 8.45 to 11.45pm – see page 7.
- Sunday 5th** **Easter Day** Communion at St. Andrew's Church, 9.30pm – see page 6.
- Thursday 9th** **WI 'have a go at kurling'**. Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 19.
- Friday 10th** **Friday Coffee and Share** Village Hall Committee Room 8.45 to 11.45pm – see page 7.
- Tuesday 14th** **Reporter** latest date for the April issue. Send your items to msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk or give to a member of the Reporter team.
- Wednesday 15th** **Parish Council** (Annual Parish Meeting) Village Hall Committee Room 7.30pm – see page 23 for notes on March's meeting.  
**Milborne Village History Group** The Royal Oak 7.30pm – see page 19.
- Thursday 16th** **Gardening Club** Interactive Pruning with Chris Bird Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 5
- Friday 17th** **Neighbourhood Plan Open Day** Village Hall Committee Room 10.00am–3.00pm – see page 19.  
**Milborne Movies** *The Hundred Foot Journey* Village Hall 7.30pm– see pages 5 and 16.
- Wednesday 22nd** **Village Hall Annual General Meeting** 7.00pm.
- Saturday 25th** **Village Lunch** Village Hall 12.15pm. Everyone welcome. Tickets and information from 839090 or 837543 – see page 2 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** third 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
- Cake and Coffee** Friday 8.45–11.45pm CR
- Palates** Friday 5.00–6.00pm MH
- Youth Club 8–14 years** every other Friday MH (term time only)
- Village Lunch** last Saturday of the month 12.15–2.30pm 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 6.30–8.00pm (term time only)
- Badminton** Wednesday 7.00–8.30pm (term time only)
- Circuit Training** every Thursday 7.00–8.00pm

## April at the Sports Club

- Table Tennis** Monday 7.00–9.00pm. Information from Pauline Pitfield 01258 839123
- 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**
- Our training sessions will be altering slightly with all training sessions on a Wednesday night, and additional training for next year's under 11's on a Saturday morning. Matches will be played on Sunday morning and afternoons.
- Under 11s Stuart Joyce 01258 456594.  
Under 8s Nicky 01258 837919.  
Under 7s Nicky 01258 837919.



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



**APRIL 2015**  
**Lunch Extra on all outings**

**Wednesday 8th April**  
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**Saturday 18th April**  
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£10.50 return  
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**Wednesday April 29th 2015**  
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## An open day with a difference

### Neighbourhood Plan First Open Day done!

ONE open day down, and one to go! Thank you to everyone who popped in to the Village Hall Committee Room on Saturday 21st and gave us ideas, questioned us, offered solutions, and generally made us feel it was worth the effort to put it all together! Especial thanks go to those who suggested ways we could improve the open day – ready for the next one.

The next open session is 17th April 2015, same time (10.00am to 3.00pm). It is on a Friday this time, coinciding with library van day. We will have free tea and coffee on the go again, and the possibility of biscuits! Or if you want to have a cuppa before picking up the little ones from Ladybirds or School, come and see us.

These open days are part of the required process on the road to getting a Neighbourhood Plan put together. It has to be shown that the village powers this forward, it is the village residents who tell what to put in the mandatory questionnaire, it has to be within a prescribed framework, but we run it for us, the village. Once these days are complete, the next stage is to involve you all in the questions, getting you to answer for us.

So if you didn't make it on Saturday 21st March, or you want to come again as you've thought of something else, come and see us on Friday 17th April.

## Milborne Village History Group

Are you interested in joining a Milborne Village History Group? I will be in The Royal Oak on Wednesday 15th April at 7.30pm, if anyone shares my interest we could discuss starting some sort of group to explore and collate history of the village. Do come along or ring me on 01258837203 or email [pamshults@btinternet.com](mailto:pamshults@btinternet.com) to talk it through'.

Many thanks.

Pam Shults



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## Watercolour painting . . . at the March WI

*DURING the month* – A visit to St. John the Baptist Church, Bere Regis, kindly arranged by Lesley, Chris and Angela, started with lunch beforehand at the Drax Arms, followed by a guided tour of the Church by John England. Described by Nikolaus Pevsner as 'the finest in Dorset' it dates from 1050 and for a parish as small as Bere Regis there is an amazing amount to see. Its magnificent roof with carved and painted bosses, figures and symbols, includes 10 heads representing biblical figures. The workmanship throughout is remarkable, and ranges from the pre-Reformation stone altar top and oak reredos, the carved pews, the Turberville window, and the historic bier, this last going through something of a renaissance, much in demand for recent funerals. We concluded with a delicious tea provided by our generous hosts. A visit to this historic church is a must if you have not been before.

We much enjoyed a 'girls get-together' at Shirley and Peter Dunkley's delightful home to celebrate Shirley's 80th birthday, with champagne, tea and cakes and much chatter. Needless to say, the



cakes were to die for – Shirley uses her much loved family recipe book which goes back some decades and contains tried and tested recipes hand-written by close family members. Thanks to Peter also for his cheerful presence and expertise in topping up our champagne glasses and tea cups!

There is to be a special WI Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on 2nd June in the presence of HRH Duchess of Cornwall, (herself a WI member), one member from each institute to be invited. Congratulations to Angela, the lucky winner of our ballot; she should have a day to remember, and we look forward to hearing all about it!

Anita Law joined us to demonstrate 'water colour painting'. She stressed that preparation, execution, and timing are all important factors for a successful result. We watched her build up a landscape picture, using a 'wet on wet' technique, answering our questions whilst concentrating on the job in hand – clear evidence of years of practice and expertise. Anita is a local artist, now working from the Chapel at Dewlish and holds lessons, exhibitions and music recitals there. Her finished painting, a very pretty landscape, was kindly offered for sale to us, proceeds to go to the Alzheimers Society; we in turn will donate it to the Weldmar Hospice as part of our craft items sale there later in the year, so two charities will benefit from Anita's visit. Our evening concluded with refreshments, raffle and a quiz, Veronica reigning supreme over the latter!

Milborne WI will host the Group meeting on Wednesday 25th March. Our annual meeting will follow on Thursday 9th April, when we are to 'have a go at kurling', so whether you have some experience in this field, or not, please do join us for what promises to be an enjoyable evening.

Pat Bull

## Village Hall News

ALL villagers and hall users are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting (AGM) as advertised. Do come along and hear what is discussed. The committee work on behalf of all the villagers and user groups; they need to know what you want and what you think.

If you are interested in becoming a committee member do chat to one of the current members to find out what it entails. An existing member said it's 'rewarding to use my skills to benefit others in the community'; another said 'I have really enjoyed my time with this group. The people are friendly, willing, work together well and we have fun too! Added to that, you know you are working for an important resource for the village' but my favourite is 'Rewarding and fun! With a 'hint of Dibley about it!'

The amount of time that you may have to commit to is on average less than an hour per week, unless you are one of the 'management team' when a little more is needed. Elizabeth Humphrey, our current treasurer will be resigning from this role at the AGM so if you have skills in this area, please consider 'applying'.

We hope to see you and hear what you have to say at the AGM.

## Big space for Ladybirds

DOESN'T the Hall look big without a stage set up! The photo shows the room set up ready for the children to arrive. Without a wide lens on the camera I couldn't get everything in. But you can see most of the activities ready to go; cooking little cakes for Mother's Day to go home in the little paper mache bowls made the previous week, along with a choice of flower cards made from bun cases or decorated teacup with a teabag. Inside was a poem which included words said by the child on what their mummy does. One child repeatedly said 'nothing' and knowing his mum we wrote it in her card. Mum has a sense of humour and had a good laugh, then said we could have lied!

With Easter soon here we will be getting into the theme of spring and new growth. We have had piglets and a lamb in to Ladybirds – don't worry Hall Trustees we won't be

upsizing to include calves and ponies, instead we plan to take the children to a farm after Easter to see the animals in situ and possibly have a tractor trailer ride.

Animals of a different variety will also be handled by the children when Zoolab visit with their Springwatch roadshow. I'll report on that next month.

Happy Easter everyone from Ladybirds. *Liz Dyer*



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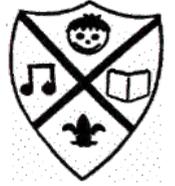
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# Milborne St. Andrew First School



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## School News

THE DASP (Dorchester Area Schools Partnership) Dance Showcase was a mini inter-school dance festival facilitated by St Mary's Middle School in Puddletown on Thursday 12th February 2015. Local schools including Milborne took part

The DASP Dance Showcase celebrated each school's dancing skills with a linked performance as well as learning a new routine throughout the afternoon's activities to showcase at the end.

Our Reception children performed a dance to Frozen's 'Let it Go' with high energy and enthusiasm – even the middle school children tried to join in by copying our moves!

The children were then taught four moves by the Year 8 Sports Leaders to join together to 'Uptown Funk'.

The children really enjoyed the afternoon and have now taught the dance routine to the rest of Milborne School for our lunchtime 'Wake and Shake'.



This month Miss Wittman provides an overview of Seahorses Class first ever trip.

Our topic last half term was 'Exploring Over the Sea'. After learning about Grace Darling and reading lots of stories about the Lighthouse Keeper, Mr Grinling, we planned and talked through an event to complete our learning. We decided that a trip to the Weymouth Lifeboat station and walk around Portland Bill would be great. We eagerly awaited the day and finally on Wednesday 13th February we were off on our first ever trip!



Upon arrival at the RNLI we were greeted by the volunteers who man the lifeboat station and we split into two groups: the first group investigated the lifeboat with Miss Wittman, discovering how many sleep on board! We went below deck and climbed up to the highest point – even the rope locker wasn't safe from our inquisitiveness.

The second group learned about the importance of RNLI through video clips and questions. Then we watched as two of our adult helpers had a race to put on the gear – the last person was sprayed with water, which was very funny because the suit inflated!

Once both groups had completed both activities, we waved goodbye and climbed onto the coach for a drive over



around Portland Bill, looking at the lighthouse.

What a fun filled day.

### Clothes Recycling

You may have noticed there is now a clothes recycling bank in the car park at school, this is for all of the wider community to use so please spread the word. This has been arranged through the local Elm Tree Textiles, who send all unwanted clothes to Eastern Europe and Africa to provide a source of affordable clothing for families that live there. The school gets paid for all items they collect so we can raise money at the same time as helping other families around the world.

Items should include all re-wearable clothing and shoes, including lingerie and leather items, bed linens and curtains. The only items they do not collect are feather or artificial filled items such as pillows, quilts, cushions or duvets.

Please ensure all items are placed in a sealed bag before dropping into the bin, so that they don't get dirty/wet before collection.

Items can be dropped off anytime in school hours and for anyone who can't get up to the top of the hill to drop their bags off Sarah Fox from The Royal Oak pub has very kindly agreed to be a drop off point.

### Creative Workshop 3rd June

We are looking for Milborne talent to share with the children.

If you or a family member has any artistic skills we would like to invite you into school to work alongside our children in a creative themed day. We are hoping to have a variety of skills such as painting, sculpting, sewing, woodworking or any other creative flair. If you would be able to help in the morning, afternoon or all day, please contact the school office.

### May Fayre Saturday 16th May at 2.00pm

Friends of Milborne St. Andrew First School are holding their first May Fayre this year. We are keen for this to be a community event and are offering stalls at a very reasonable price of £5 per pitch, plus donation of a raffle prize.

FOS will be running the cake stall, refreshments and BBQ. We will also be having pony rides, face painting, teddy tombola, bouncy castle, flower crown making, splat the rat, ice creams, sweet trolley, craft stalls, auction of promises, raffle and much more.

If you or anyone you know are interested please contact the school office.

## CONTACTS

If you require any information about the school, including admission details or would like to arrange a visit please ring Mrs Pearcey in 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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Twice-cooked Dorset Blue Vinny & rocket soufflé with red watercress garnish (v)  
Dorset snails & creamy garlic linguini served with a prosciutto crisp  
Pan-fried king prawns and chorizo with a sun-dried tomato & rocket salad

#### Mains

- Cider-glazed rack of South West spring lamb with roasted root vegetables, pomme puree and a red wine jus  
Roasted red pepper and courgette linguini with crumbled Rosary goats cheese and olive oil (v)  
Pan-fried sea bass fillet with saffron turned potatoes, crispy kale and a beurre blanc sauce  
Dorset pork tenderloin with a creamy mustard sauce, colcannon potato and celeriac puree  
Free-range chicken ballotine stuffed with spinach & mozzarella served with tomato & basil sauce, pancetta crisp and Mediterranean vegetables  
Winterborne Houghten smoked trout & pea risotto served with a poached duck egg and a watercress garnish  
Creedy Carver confit duck leg with lentil & smoked bacon stew and roasted baby carrots and a red berry jus

#### Classics

- Gourmet beef burger stuffed with either blue cheese or chilli sauce served with tomato chutney and french fries

Red Hereford sirloin steak with twice-cooked hand cut chips, roasted cherry tomatoes and oven-cooked flat-cap mushrooms  
Add either béarnaise or peppercorn sauce

Sweet potato and chick pea curry in a rich tomato sauce, with yellow basmati rice, garlic & fresh coriander naan bread and mint yoghurt (v)  
'Doom Bar' battered Atlantic cod with hand cut chips, pea puree and homemade tartare sauce

#### Desserts

- Local Cheese Selection  
Blue Vinny, Black Wax cheddar, Somerset brie and Rosary goats cheese served with mixed rustic crackers, apple and celery  
Custard tart served with Madagascan vanilla ice-cream  
Bailey's and salted caramel cheese cake on a shortbread base served with a berry compote  
Hambro crumble with homemade vanilla pod custard  
Assiette of Chocolate (to share)  
Dark chocolate torte, white chocolate mousse and a chocolate parfait served with Madagascan vanilla ice cream

### Hambro Jazz Weekend

June 20<sup>th</sup> and 21st

Following the fabulous weekend that we had last year, our second annual Hambro Jazz weekend is now confirmed.

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The findings from the workshop will be used to inform the research and public policy programme of Age UK as well as addressing how it supports crises like these in the future.

A free lunch will be provided and attendees will also receive a £25 voucher from a local retailer of their choice.

If you are interested in attending, or would like more information, please contact the office by email on info@acnorthdorset.org.uk or telephone on 01258 475582 before 13th April.

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## Parish Council meeting 17th March

NO matters were raised from the floor during the open meeting session.

**Cllr Somper** reported that the Wind Farm application at Winterborne Whitechurch was refused. Notices against the Wind Farm will remain in place until everyone knows whether there will be an appeal.

**Cllr Robinson** is reviving Homewatch now she is settling into the role. She has refreshed the publicity on village notice boards after attending various meetings.

**The Allotments** are looking neat and tidy ready for the new growing season.

**The Village Notice Boards** are to be tidied and out of date notices removed.

**Neighbourhood Plan Group Open Days** have been publicised throughout the village. Please attend and give them ideas as to what people want in the village – now is your chance to have your say! A website is being created for the group. Maybe one of the village's younger residents could volunteer to help with Facebook presence? Please contact Mick Hopper if you can.

**The Tree Warden** will photograph the dead oak tree overhanging Coffin Path to help identify the owner.

**Correspondence** – a free website is available for the Parish Council to publish its content via a community initiative to host the site. This will enable all Parish Council documents to be posted online for the public to read. Colin Hampton will follow up and report to the next meeting.

**No planning applications** had been received.

**Volunteers** are needed to help with painting and refurbishing Finger Posts. Please contact Jenny Balcon if you would like to help.

**The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 15th April at 7.30pm with guest speakers – Jane Simkin of the McMillan Patient Information Project and Mike Sinnick of Community Speed Watch. Councillors hoped that villagers will find these subjects interesting and attend the meeting. There will be only two speakers, along with the County and District Councillors and our own Parish Council Chairman, Jenny Balcon, to prevent the meeting ending too late.**

**Finance matters** – clarifications about how an online account will work if it is created after the May elections, which will save administration time if the names of authorisers change. Councillors agreed to set up online banking.

**Candidates** are invited to stand as Parish Councillors at the election. Please contact the Clerk if you are interested. Try not to be put off by the derogatory letter published in the last Reporter – it's a fine thing to partake in the first level of democracy in this country.

*Susan Cawley*

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# Have You Met . . . The Reverend Sarah Hillman

SARAH was born and brought up in Bloxham, an Oxfordshire village near Banbury. She is the oldest of three children having a brother and sister. Both parents were teachers and lay preachers, her father a lay reader in the Church of England. They supported the local PNEU (Parents' National Education Union)\* 'Sunnyside' Primary School where their eldest daughter was educated. Sarah describes this as 'tiny' with only 20 pupils engaged in independent learning through the provision of English Grammar and Maths books. French lessons were conducted by her mother. As a fast learner with a retentive memory Sarah was soon way ahead of her fellow pupils moving on to Tudor Hall at 12 years. She was the only day girl in her year group at this girls' boarding school for most of her schooling there until the age of 16 years. Although initially having an uncomfortable time, she was eventually used by the boarders to shop for sweets and chocolates on her way home, her pockets full of their money! Other recollections of that time are acting as a teacher to the other girls. If they were stuck with their Maths and French she would help, despite being, in her words, 'very shy and quiet', happier with one to one contact than groups.

Having been awarded the top VI Form Scholarship, her ALs were taken at Uppingham School VI Form, a boys' boarding school based in Rutland. This establishment had a Christian foundation and an excellent reputation for music. She became a boarder, one of 60 girls with 600 boys. Her love of music already fostered at the village school, learning the flute and piano from the age of 12 years, she was able to build on that, also singing in both the Chapel and Concert Choirs. A memorable occasion was singing in a joint concert with other schools in the Albert Hall to celebrate the school's 400th anniversary of its foundation. The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh visited for a day. The Duke asked Sarah what is was like being in a boys' school! She left to, initially, study Law at Cambridge University, she was awarded the top VI Form Scholarship.

She soon decided that Law was not for her but was told that if she got a 2:1 in the first year she could change to Sociology and Political Science. However, whilst studying for this, she says she was 'hit by something missing . . . which was God'. In fact it was a revelation that had been with her unacknowledged for some time. So, in her second year she read Theology, aware that God and Church attendance had always been an important part of her life. Her parents, currently living in France, and both Lay Readers (LLM: Licensed Lay Ministers)\*\* both helped to set up an Anglican Chaplaincy in Brittany. Other important influences have been the Vicar of her home village and his wife (he is now Bishop of Ramsbury). I am told that they kept her involved with the Church. She would turn to them for advice and support in her commitment to the Church.

After leaving University Sarah worked for a year in the mornings at Sainsbury's to earn money and in the afternoons for St Alban's Cathedral whilst sharing a flat with two others. This involved them in running Youth groups, Cathedral Brownies, visiting lonely people, helping at the homeless shelter, attending Cathedral worship and an involvement in their Education Centre with visiting school groups. At the end of this time they went through a selection procedure for ordination at which she was, initially, unsuccessful. No feedback was given but, on reflection, she believed it was her naivety and lack of real life experience that had been the reason. She accepts that she hadn't had much exposure to a breadth of disadvantaged lives, to those who had to 'deal with life's struggles' e.g in relationships or disability. The selection procedure had not been an 'open' affair so all she had was a brief letter from the Bishop. In it was stated whether the hopeful Ordinand was 'recommended' or 'not recommended'. Prior to her interview there had been many visits to see the Diocesan Director of Ordinands who passed on his advisory opinion to the Bishop who then advised the national selection panel meeting. On her own initiative Sarah found other ways to serve the Church choosing to teach maths and science together with running two lunchtime, evening and week



end clubs, for 7–13 year old boys for two and a half years at a prep school in Northwood, Middlesex and becoming Head of RE. She states that her love of children enabled her time there to be enjoyable. Her only comment is that the syllabuses were restrictive aimed as they were at examinations. Having been successful in her second application, she left this school to train for ordination in a residential establishment in Cuddesdon, Oxfordshire. Sadly, due to a recurrence of

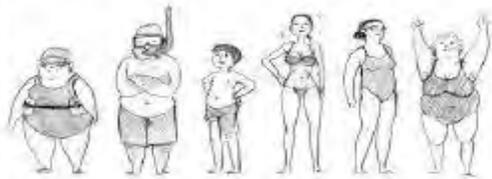
a depressive illness, suffered periodically since the age of 12 years, she did not complete the first year of a two year course. This has affected her life profoundly. But she believes that it has given her a level of understanding of suffering that wouldn't have been experienced without her own. She talks of 'lots of positives' that have come out and led to her calling, quoting the Bible 'Oh God why hast thou forsaken me?' enabling an empathy which has made her stronger, realising that God could help. Also the prayers of others have supported her. Even in her darkest moments she has felt them holding her. She explains that, when in the depths of depression, she feels utterly alone and isolated. In agreeing to talk about her illness during this interview she holds the view that people who suffer from mental health problems should be willing to discuss this openly in order to foster a better global understanding.

Following her training Sarah worked for Marcham village church near Abingdon, Oxfordshire, paid a subsistence wage whilst living in a bedsit on a farm. The farmer's wife was church warden. Still she was given to understand that she didn't have the emotional stability for ordination so went on to teach at St George's Prep School in Southwold for a year. Her rented cottage lease came up for renewal just when she was offered a month's work by the editor of *The Church Times* which grew into three years. During this time Sarah was responsible for the appointments page, wrote articles, occasional book reviews eventually becoming a proof reader and ran a book club (work which she has still continued until recently). This has covered all dimensions of theology and the work of the Church from care of the bereaved, of children, spirituality and prayer, also novels with an ethical dimension. Although there was an opening for her at *The Church Times*, she recollects her awareness that she needed to be called. As there are only three opportunities to be chosen she decided it was 'make or break time' for where she was going to spend the rest of her life so put herself forward to go through the selection procedure again. This time she was successful and left journalism in 2001 to experience a totally new, predominantly parish-based, training. Her base was Sandy, Bedfordshire. During those two years she spent two lots of five weeks at St. John's College, Nottingham alongside full time students, also obtaining an MA in Mission and Ministry. Although working in the church there were certain roles she couldn't perform such as leading worship and conducting funerals. In 2003 Sarah was ordained deacon whilst still attending college. In 2004 she was ordained priest staying in Sandy, becoming a Curate, still a training title post. Some years ago, she tells me, she was identified as a potential theological educator. These skills she now employs with parishioners. Along with her love of children she enjoys training well motivated adults. One of the systems of training she has run in Puddletown has been a Diocese of Salisbury Aldhelm Certificate Course for lay people. Parishioners from Milborne St. Andrew attended.

Leaving her curacy in 2006 Sarah moved to a group of four village churches in Royston, Hertfordshire as 'Priest in Charge' working alone for five years. However, she describes a constant desire to move away, to experience team working, although still in a rural area. Milborne at the beginning fulfilled these desires until the 'team' moved away leaving her, once again, a lone practitioner. Despite this, Sarah has achieved a long held ambition to live and work in Dorset, having spent enjoyable cottage holidays in Alton Pancras. The process of selection was long and intense involving two formal interviews; the preaching of

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or give to any member of the Reporter team

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No prize, just a bit of fun.

Answer in the May Reporter.



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ma sermon to the Interview Panel; meeting all PCC members of Milborne, Tolpuddle, Dewlish and Puddletown; being taken around the Middle School and interviewed by the children and driven around all the villages. The last three and a half years, she says, has been the happiest she has experienced; living in Puddletown; playing badminton in Milborne; having fortnightly piano lessons (on hold since last September due to tennis elbow); caring for her dog, Toby, five cats, two bantams and an old red hen. Importantly, her two nieces and nephew aged five years, four years and three years are very special to her and she visits them in London whenever she can. At present to ease her lone burden, lay members are taking services with her support. Soon, together with the Vicar of Cerne Abbas, she will lead a newly published, Diocesan training programme for lay people which will be offered to all parishes in the Dorchester area.

Sarah describes the difficulties of a rural ministry. Often congregations are ageing and small. They lack resources. There is no Government support but they do receive grants from some organisations. Churches, especially those as old as St. Andrew's, require expensive ongoing maintenance.

Currently her intentions are to make application for a Curate in 2016 and will push for them to live in Milborne. She is aware that there is no guarantee of success. It is a complicated process. Bishops make long lists. These are then shortened to be slightly larger than the number of Curates needed. At this stage of her ministry she is confident that she could train a Curate. However she feels that, although she has to live with the knowledge that she cannot do everything she should, such as more home visiting, she is always meeting and greeting people, describing this as 'one of the joys of the job'. On the question of personal support, she tells me that all clergy are advised to have a 'Spiritual Director'. Having created her own support system to deal with the emotional toll of ministering to others, she can turn to the Diocese for help in practical issues. Once a month all Clergy within the Deanery meet. There are also certain training opportunities. There is no job 'contract', but a 'Common Tenure' which provides certain safeguards and procedures for clergy who need support. There is no guidance on the number of or set hours they should work. In some Dioceses these are set at 48 hours. Having talked of her personal struggle to attain the service she has always felt called to perform, together with the joys and restrictions of rural ministering, Sarah describes her work as 'more of a life than a job'.

\*PNEU schools are affiliated to the Parents' National Education Union throughout the British Isles and the world. They are well structured with a wide curriculum. The movement was started towards the end of the 19th century influenced by the Victorian educationalist, Charlotte Mason who died in 1923. She founded the Charlotte Mason Teaching College in the Lake District to train students in her philosophy and methods.

\*\*LLM (Licensed Lay Ministers) are lay people in the Church of England from all walks of life who are called by God. They are theologically trained and licensed by the Church to lead worship and assist in pastoral, evangelistic and liturgical work.

Carole Fornachon

## Round Robin Ramblers

*The local villages walking group*

WALKS are normally held on the first Sunday and the third Wednesday of each month. **Due to Easter Sunday being the first Sunday in April and some people will be away, there will, instead, be a walk on the previous Sunday (29 March).**

Please join us as we enjoy exercise, good company and the wonderful Dorset countryside. **Any questions, please feel free to contact: Ian Bromilow, 01258-880044.**

**Sunday 29th March – 2.00pm**  
**Stour Valley, Sturminster Newton**

Meet at the car park at the rear of the Lower School, Sturminster Newton.

Grid reference: ST 785142 on OS Explorer Sheet 129 (approx. 4.5 miles)

**Wednesday 15th April – 11.00am**  
**Bovington Forest and Lawrence's grave**

Meet near the church in Moreton.

Grid reference: SY 805894 on OS Explorer Sheet OL15 (approx. 6 miles)  
Bring a packed lunch.

**Sunday 3rd May – 2.00pm**  
**Fifehead Neville**

Meet in the centre of the village.

Grid reference: ST 769110 on OS Explorer Sheet 129 (approx. 4.5 miles)

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*Wear* Suitable clothing for wet conditions and location, walking boots or Wellington boots.

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March 2015. Since that date an agricultural tractor towing an agricultural trailer is now able to travel at a higher combination weight limit of 31 tonnes (t), increasing from 24.39t. The existing trailer limit of 18.29t remains in place. This change will allow farmers to more appropriately size their combinations as the previous, outdated, weight limit incentivised farmers to use smaller tractors to tow larger trailers. This change also increases the amount of produce that some farmers can carry in a journey resulting in fewer journeys and thus fewer risks of incidents.

Furthermore, agricultural tractors and agricultural trailers which were currently restricted under the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986 (as amended) to travelling at 20 miles per hour (mph) are now able to travel at 40 kilometres per hour (approximately 25mph).

The Department Of Transport (DOT) expects these increases to create over £57 million a year in deregulatory savings for the farming industry, updating their regulations to better reflect modern machinery, bringing British farmers more in line with their international counterparts.

These increases complete the first stage of changes. The DOT are also considering further increases to speed and weight limits including to the 18.29t trailer weight limit to bring further benefits to the industry alongside a roadworthiness test for harvest 2016.

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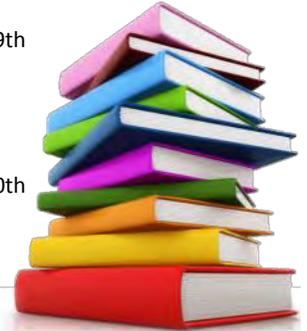
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