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Milborne St. Andrew



Notes from the Editor

Storm Imogen felled one of the tallest trees in the village at the beginning of February (see opposite)

The front cover this month shows some of The Players in Sinbad in Space. Not as exciting as previous years perhaps but much enjoyed. The film work really worked well and very well done.

With Easter falling early this year in March we have a lovely recipe on **page 5** for you to make and enjoy.

An interesting article about the Sports Club appears on **page 9**.

An official flood plan for the village on **page 15**.

The world's biggest quiz organised by JoJo at The Royal Oak was enjoyed by all who took part see **page 27**.

Potential 'fracking' in the village is explained on **page 29**.

Underground Milborne winner is announced on **page 31**.

Two new adverts appear in this month's magazine. If you reply to either of them tell them you saw it in the *Reporter*.

The *Reporter* team is still in need of someone to gather news from around the village and to write articles and stories. If you would like to help in any way then please contact any of the *Reporter* team. We prefer your copy to be submitted in MS Word with any pictures sent as separate .jpg files. It is really helpful if you do not use any formatting, underlining or UPPER CASE or include any tables.

Further information from me on 837700.

David Payne *Editor*

Storm Imogen hits Brooklands

Storm Imogen felled one of Milborne's tallest trees, in the garden of a house in Brooklands, earlier in February. As the roots were on the bank of the stream it has widened its course a little at that point. As it fell it seems to have only damaged some of the guttering on the house, as it fell alongside rather than on the property. No one was hurt, a lucky escape for everyone, but the house may have to now be renamed, 'The Willow'. The remaining willow has now been pollarded.



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The Queen's 90th birthday

WOULD you be interested in helping arrange an event to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday? If so, please come along to an informal meeting in The Royal Oak skittle alley on Tuesday 8th March at 7.30pm.

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Milborne Players blast off with Sinbad in Space

THIS year the Milborne Players boldly took panto to a place few have been before. With a script written by player Ron Karly (Director), the traditional character of Sinbad, played fearlessly by Gren Davis, was accompanied on a new adventure to space by the goodies and baddies of Pantoland.

With little idea from the outset of where the story would lead it was good to be introduced to some panto regulars. Good fairy Astra (Anita Wareham) and the evil Dark Raider (Jon Riddle), rhymed their way from scene to scene, whilst Dodgyes (Adrienne Rogers) and Thickerus (Marie Hayter) provided the double act slapstick that panto demands. Harry Thomas portrayed the scheming local camel trader Julius Fleecer, who seeing his fortune in retrieving a diamond asteroid was one of the group to make up Sinbad's space crew. Only the mayor (Andy Coetzee) was wise enough to see the space ship for the wreck it was.



With a less than useful computer (Jennie Wise) and an unreliable Sat Nav (Ethan Hayter) the crew were guaranteed to find themselves needing to do a U turn, but love struck Selena (Sophy Davies) and Marius (Rhianna Webb) were around to help them out of trouble. The trouble came from aliens every which way they looked. Grabba (Roy Sach) and Nagga (Caroline Nobbs) wanted to invade the earth and lots of little aliens led by Zig (Emma Park) and Zag (Theo Bennett Michael) wanted to return home from the earth.

Suffice to say all was good in the end with a little help from a few David Bowie numbers! The children in the play filled the roles of villagers and star-trekking aliens, always with an enthusiastic smile. Well done Rosie and Holly Stead, Peter Riddle, Willow Barnes, Alex Buckingham and Barnaby Rogers. So was anything else needed to complete the experience for us Pantonauts?

Well a panto would never be complete without a dame and Larry Lagrue certainly knows how to play this role, filling the very high heels of Dorabella (more-a-fella!) with style, whilst always looking out for her cat Spartapus (Betty Rogers).

There were some great film moments to move the story along, which had the audience laughing and those totally unscripted moments you just can't plan for – fortunately Dorabella was tall enough in those heels to sort out a stuck curtain rail! You spend the evening focusing on those on stage so it's good to remember all those who help out behind the scenes to bring the production together. Without those lights, sound effects and fabulous costumes it wouldn't be the same and the front of house team always provide a quality service.

For the traditionalists this was a step into the unknown, but it had all the trademark requirements for a village panto and was a welcome escape on a wet and cold February night. Well done Milborne Players, see you in next year's adventure!

Helen Pugh



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Every name received will be displayed in the book of remembrance in St. Andrew's church during the Easter period, with the donations being used to fill the church with lilies and spring flowers.

Easter baking

Lemon Meringue Pavlova

Of course, at Easter time, Simnel cake immediately comes to mind and a recipe for this was published in the April 2010 edition of the *Reporter*. I find it most interesting to read through the archive of editions online and revisit the past history of Milborne St. Andrew. Do you remember the furore over attempts to move the bus stop, put up a bench and get an alcohol licence for the village hall?

Here is a simple recipe, using very few ingredients, for another Easter favourite, lemon meringue pavlova. It's a bit like lemon meringue pie without the pastry and is a good way of using up a glut of eggs when the chickens start to lay more in the spring. The meringue can be made well in advance and kept in a tin, then the pavlova can be very quickly finished off on the day with no further baking needed. Useful if you have your oven full of roast lamb and roast potatoes.

Ingredients for the meringue

3 large egg whites
175g/6oz caster sugar



Ingredients for the filling

3 egg yolks, 1 x 394g tin of full fat sweetened condensed milk
Finely grated zest and juice of 2 large or 3 smaller lemons

Ingredients for the topping

300ml double cream, Mini chocolate eggs (optional)

To make the meringue base

Pre heat oven to gas mark 2/150°C

Beat the egg whites until stiff, and then add the sugar one tablespoonful at a time, beating well after each spoonful. Spread in a circle on non-stick baking parchment on a baking tray and bake for one hour. Turn over, remove the paper and bake upside down until it is completely dried out. Ovens vary, mine takes about another hour or so.

To make the lemon filling

Scrape the condensed milk into a bowl, and then beat in the egg yolks, lemon zest and juice. This doesn't need any cooking and will firm up on standing. Spread on top of the cooled meringue base.

To make the topping

Whip the double cream until just thickened. Spread on top of the lemon filling and decorate with mini eggs or just swirl the cream with the point of a skewer or lift into peaks with the point of a knife. Serve with pouring cream or ice cream.

Happy Easter to all your readers.

Testament of Youth (12)

shown by 'Milborne Movies'
at Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall (DT11 0JX)
on Friday 18th March 2016 at 7.30pm

TESTAMENT of Youth is a powerful coming-of-age story which tackles love, war, loss and remembrance. It is based on the WWI memoir by Vera Brittain, and is the voice of both a generation and also a classic testimony of that war, seen from a woman's point of view. The story begins in the Edwardian spring of 1914, with Vera Brittain (Alicia Vikander) as a youthful free-minded and irrepressible feminist, who is determined to sit exams for Oxford, against her conservative parents' wishes. She is encouraged and inspired by her brother and his friends, particularly the brilliant Roland Leighton (Kit Harington), who shares her dream of being a writer. But her hopes for Oxford with Roland turn to dust as war is declared, and all the young men enlist, so Vera volunteers to be a nurse on the front lines. Here she experiences first-hand the ravages of mustard gas and artillery fire, she tends to the dying and wounded on both sides and develops empathy for all who suffer needlessly from war.

Many elements in the film (such as the key letters from the front and Roland's poems) are authentic, and it's the fact that Testament of Youth is a genuine testimony which gives the story its power. This stunningly shot film conveys the contrasts of corpse-riddled, muddy battlefields with that of the lush English countryside. Directed by James Kent this is no dusty history piece or judgmental look back at the past but a fresh, immediate, personal testimony that speaks across the ages. Don't expect to come away from this beautiful and poignant film unshaken.

For further information see: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Testament_of_Youth_\(film\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Testament_of_Youth_(film))

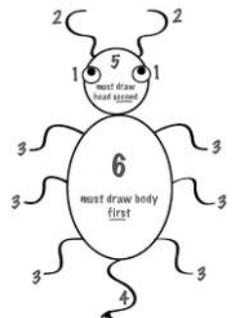
The village hall and bar is open from 7.00pm and the film starts at 7.30pm. Tickets £3.50 can be obtained on the door.



Wednesday Club

OUR February meeting was a Beetle Drive, lots of fun and frustration, occasionally some of us didn't even get started!

Celebrating two birthdays, we had tea and cakes in the interval. On March 2nd we visit the Blandford Fashion Museum which is always a delight. A lecture first, and after the tour of Betty Penny's collection, more tea and cakes!



Margaret Evans

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Mothering Sunday

Sunday March 6th

Starters

Pan-fried mackerel fillet wrapped in sesame seed bread, served with pickled candied beets, pea shoots and a broad bean salad

Smoked Salmon, served with lemon & dill crème fresh and rye bread

Devon crab, smoked salmon & chilli spring rolls served with Dorset watercress, soy sauce dressing and fine baton cucumber and carrots

Creamy tomato soup, served with a crusty baguette (v)

Duck liver Pate, served with a toasted ciabatta, spicy chutney and mixed leaves

Main Courses

'Jurassic Coast' roast sirloin of beef served with roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding, local seasonal vegetables and a red wine jus

Roast belly pork, served with roast potatoes, local seasonal vegetables and a red wine jus

Pan fried arctic char served with cauliflower puree, sautéed curly kale and buttered sweet corn

Free-range chicken & mushroom ballotine served with sprout tops, browned butter & roasted hazelnut sauce and black pepper mashed potatoes

Goat's cheese & beetroot risotto served with parsley butter croutons (v)

Doom Bar battered cod fillet with twice-cooked chips, homemade tartare sauce and pea puree

Hambro beef burger served with crispy bacon, smoked cheddar, mixed leaves and chips

Hambro game pie, served with creamy mashed potato and seasonal vegetables

Desserts

Local cheese selection

Blue Vinny, black wax cheddar, Somerset brie and rosary goats cheese served with mixed rustic crackers, apple and celery

Goat's cheese cake served with a walnut crumb candied grapes and a red grape jelly

Peach tarte tatin served with lemon grass ice-cream and a brandy snap

Home-made bread & butter pudding, served with double cream
Espresso panna cotta served with a chocolate mousse and a mint tuile

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Are you free on Saturday 5th March to shape the village's future?

FOR just a few hours – including provided nibbles and hot drinks – we will be looking at the landscape, the buildings, the spaces, the roads, and how we use the village. With an expert alongside who will tell us what to do and how to do it, small groups will go to different parts of the village. Timing is from 10.30am until just after lunch.

So if you care what happens in our village and would like to help, please contact the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group, either by emailing NPG@milbornestandrew.org.uk, call Sue on 01258 837575, or pop a note through the door of 28 Stileham Bank or The Hurdles, The Causeway.

So if you see groups of village residents wandering around on that Saturday, armed with paper and maybe even clipboards – don't be alarmed!! Come and have a chat!

Do you own land, green site or buildings in the village?

DO you own land, a green site or buildings, that could be converted or redeveloped, and would like the neighbourhood plan to allow some sort of development, please tell us NOW. The closing date has actually passed, but if you can reply TODAY it will be accepted. If you can't go online, quickly contact me Sue, 01258 837575 or pop a note through my door 28 Stileham Bank, I've got some paper versions.

The easiest way is online, <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/JQRFVJ> or visit our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Milborne-St-Andrew-Neighbourhood-Plan-798102700248126>, which will take you to an online form.

If the community as a whole agrees that your land is the best option for the development we need, we can put the right planning

Milborne St Andrew Village History Group – one year on

WHAT a great year it has been. Many villagers (and a couple of 'outsiders') have shown their interest in our village's history and in other related historical subjects by attending the meetings. We are an informal group and between those who attend we share knowledge, research and experiences.

Over the last year we have learned about many interesting subjects including the background of famous people associated with our village church and graveyard; Weatherbury Castle and hillforts; an interview with an elderly resident Daisy Cooper; growing up on a farm; Christmases of old. We have shared information about precious personal historical possessions. During the meetings there are opportunities to look at resources and to share experiences.

In March José and Harry Thomas will be giving a very interesting talk about the poor. Linda Wright will show us how she has traced the family tree of Daisy Cooper. Anyone is welcome to come to our meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in The Royal Oak (unless otherwise announced).
Pam Shults

The deadline for the April Reporter is 14th March

A close-up of Amazonian wildlife at the February WI

'I WAS sitting in a canoe in black inky water, being paddled through the Amazonian rainforest, almost silent except for the cicadas . . .' In this way Chris Shaw began painting a verbal picture of her trip to the Galapagos islands via the Amazon.

Accommodation in a comfortable lakeside lodge owned and run by the local community allowed Chris first-hand access to the Amazon's abundant wildlife. Giant otters, some six feet long with huge whiskered faces, wild pigs, sloths doing what they do best – 'just hanging around', and above all the quiet of the rain forest, all so different to the increasingly noisy world we live in.



Leaving the magic of the Amazon, the contrasting volcanic islands of the Galapagos offered a very different but equally fascinating encounter: sea lions, marine iguanas and countless birds nesting in the cliffs as well as blue-footed boobies showing off their mating dances. A wonderful end to a memorable trip. Would Chris return, was one of our questions. "Without hesitation", came the answer.

For us here in Milborne St. Andrew, the spring and summer beckons and the WI will set out its stall at the forthcoming May Fair catering for all things 'bathroom based' eg a bath-bola stall! Josie has offered to receive all items, so donations and volunteers are welcome. 'Bookends' continues with its monthly meetings, Shirley reporting that we found William Brodrick's 'A Whispered Name' set during WW1 very moving on the whole. We continue with 'Where Three Roads Meet' by Salley Vickers which should prove an interesting read.

June rounded off the meeting with some amusing but thought-provoking poems and anecdotes.

At our next meeting, on Thursday 10th March, our speaker is solicitor Sarah Grant, who will talk about 'Lifetime Planning'. Please do join us if you have a free evening; we will make you very welcome.
Pat Bull

Patient Voice Meeting

Wednesday 9th – Patient Voice – 6.30pm at Milborne St. Andrew surgery. All patients of the surgery are welcome to attend. Contact Nigel Hodder on 880229 for more information.

Milton Abbas Street Fair Trust

Wednesday 23rd – Milton Abbas Street Fair Trust – 7.30pm. – the 1st AGM will be held in the Reading Room. See Milton Abbas village website or notice boards for agenda, etc. or ring Nigel Hodder on 880229.

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Village Sports Club – past, present and future

BETWEEN the years 1993–2003 Milborne Football Team trained and played their matches at St Mary's Middle School. There were seven on the Management Committee, John Sanderson, John Kane, Neil deVoto, Mike Handley, Malcolm Aplin and Danny Gardiner – all players of the game. Between them they formed, trained and ran the team. During this time they also planned for their own ground. The land on which they had their eye had been owned by the Milk Board, leased to Mr Miller and then bought by the Parish Council. It was used as a waste dump by Mark Farwell. Following an approach to the Parish Council in



2002 and the fulfilment of their conditions to write a Constitution and raise enough money to build a club and create pitches, the Committee initially agreed to lease the land for a 'peppercorn' rent

but were 'rushed' into signing an agreement for a higher amount in order to get funds from the Football Association (FA). This has risen each year. In the same year Danny Gardiner contacted both Dorset FA and the Amateur FA (AFA) in Soho Square, London for a loan. A representative of the FA came down to look at the site. He agreed it had great potential and told them to draw up plans and he would look again. This was done under the auspices of "Grassroots Football" then a current FA project. They wanted a flagship venue and chose the emerging MSA club. John Sanderson and Mike Handley designed and drew up plans for the Pavilion without architectural training or experience. Having seen the first draft the same official felt it was too small and encouraged them to enlarge the premises. Hearing their plea for an affordable option he suggested they got some quotes. Seeing those acquired, the FA accepted a bid from one contractor for £287,000 of which they paid £263,000 and the Club had to find the rest. The Committee approached Dorset FA, the Parish Council and the County Council. All contributed. Mark Farwell designed the main 110 yards x 70 yards pitch created on top of his crushed dumped material. After three years of large machines trundling to and fro the area was flattened, then levelled, bringing it up to 15 feet above its original height! During this time they found dumped asbestos. This meant that the whole area was cordoned off and closed for three months. Every week that passed increased the Committee's despair. However they were preoccupied with fund raising. This involved holding black-tie event summer balls at Athelhampton House, John Kane running golf days at the local Golf Course with sponsorship of holes and car boot sales. Eventually the Committee's share of the money was raised and in 2003 the FA gave the go ahead by paying £267,000 in instalments. The appointed contractor, Arno (a Norwegian firm), began work. The first drawback, in 2004, was the theft of £15,000 worth of decking. Later, (2009/10) local



vandals, all five of whom played football for MSA, caused £5,000 worth of damage to floodlight stanchions wiping out the money accumulated by all their fundraising events. Another drawback was the burglary a year ago in which damage was done to a door (referred to in a previous edition). Originally the intention was to have two rugby pitches but money ran out and one piece of land is now occupied by the allotments. Building was completed in 2003 and 2003/2004 was the Club's

first season. There was a big official opening day *without* their chosen celebrity Sir Trevor Brooking who was unavailable! The FA and Dorset FA sent representatives. They had a local team made up of local lads. Over the years, others came in but some weren't up to standard. Aware of the need to constantly raise funds, various 'silly dressing up in drag games' were held and regular Fun Days too. Mini-training began in 2006/2007 with 50–60 youngsters coming on Saturday mornings to train on the main pitch. Having got their own organising management, three of whom went for training as FA Youth Section trainers, they continued to run independently raising £3,000 for a Mini pitch. Currently there is a Sports Club Committee and a MSA Football Club Committee. During the years 20013/20014 there was no Milborne team as the manager had to leave for family reasons but in the last five years the senior team has been successful, starting in Division 4 and ending up in Dorset Senior League. The Milborne pitch is considered the best in Dorset. The FA has held all its cup finals, Hants and Dorset under 15's from Division 4 to Premier games there. Revenue is charged per game. Unfortunately, because of the drainage problems and the geographical shape and position of the Youth pitches constant wet weather has meant the youngsters have been unable to play since before Christmas. The lower pitch is too wet with water accumulating in the bottom corner. Consequently the Mini games have been cancelled. They train on the training pitch.

Malcolm Aplin, award winning Community Hero (South Today) spends a great deal of his everyday life looking after the pitches (and acting as cleaner in the pavilion), also helping the Bournemouth Football Club out on match days aerating the pitch! During the 20013/20014 fallow period the decision was made to hire out the pitch to Corfe Mullen FC and Dorchester Sports FC. They still play there regularly as do Poole Ladies FC There are two MSA Youth Teams run by Nicola Malone. The teams are all willing to travel to e.g. Weymouth and Dorchester which cost £100 per game but their facilities are not as good as their home club premises and pitch. Because they are amateurs the players have to 'pay to play'. There are two home and two away games a month. Every Saturday there is a game on the Milborne pitch. Their next venture is to erect seating for spectators and they would also like to get a team into the senior league, both of which require more funds. Currently they are struggling to make it pay. There are two wings and a kitchen within them. These comprise of two Home Team



changing rooms with four showers in each male and female rooms and identical facilities for Away Teams. There are designated rooms with showers for managers, trainers and officials. The building is designed as a pavilion with an overhanging roof covering decking with wonderful views as far as Corfe Castle and the Purbeck Hills on fine days. There is a licensed bar with John as a trained licensee. They have charitable status and consequently a Board of Trustees of which John is one. The Committee meet every six weeks, Hayley Davis is Treasurer with Mike Lathbury but there is no table tennis representative. Regular use of the premises by the 'Busy Bees', the over 50's Table Tennis Club, Dorset FA seminars and training days and one wedding booked for July is not sufficient to bring in the revenue required to maintain and run the Club. John Sanderson, Treasurer and Chairman says that help is badly needed, (everything urgently requires a 'facelift') and more conscious ownership by the village of this extremely useful facility. He believes that few village residents have ever visited the club. This would be a most attractive venue for social events, parties, meetings, jumble sales, car boot sales. Hiring price is £8 an hour. There is also a large marquee to use. **If anyone can give some time and expertise to set up a website and Facebook page please contact John on 01258 837049.**



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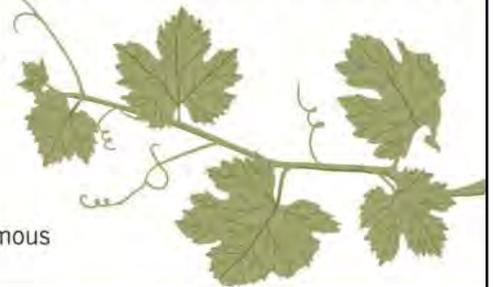
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Be the first to send your answer to
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No prize, just a bit of fun.
Answer in the April Reporter.

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What aren't we reporting?

YOUR Reporter team does its best but does not always hear about everything happening in the village. So if you know of something happening or about to happen in the village that you feel others would be interested in hearing about, please let us know.

Email us at msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk message our Facebook page or talk to any of the team.

The Milton Abbas and Milborne St. Andrew Practice

Easter opening hours

The days are passing by and it will soon be Easter. Please note that the surgery will be closed on Friday 25th, Saturday 26th and Monday 28th of March 2016. If your medication is due around this time please make sure you order sufficient beforehand.

In addition, the surgery will be closed for booked appointments on Saturday 2nd April to enable us to change our stock control and ordering system for our dispensary. If you require repeat medication please submit your request by 1.00pm on 31st March. Any repeats received after this time will be available to collect on Wednesday afternoon 6th April. We would appreciate your co-operation and patience as we familiarise ourselves with the new system.

Patient details and Mobile phones

It is important that we have your correct contact details, in particular your mobile phone number. If you think that your details may need to be updated or that we don't have a mobile phone number for you, please phone the surgery on 01258 880210 and let us know.

Gillian Brindle

Reporting healthy balance sheet

The Milborne St. Andrew Reporter finished 2015 with a surplus of £715.14, this reflects some payments made early for next year of £1,450 less our donation to the village hall towards the purchase of a dishwasher. We again acknowledged the help of our distributors for the year this time with a basket of chocolate gifts. We would also like to thank Jenny Balcon for examining our books again this year.

Reporter Balance Sheet Year ending 31st January 2016

| | Receipts | Payments | |
|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Advertising | £5,255.00 | Printing | £4,008.48 |
| Copies sold | £51.10 | Expenses | £119.95 |
| Bank Interest | £37.47 | Village Hall Dishwasher | £500.00 |
| Total | £5,343.57 | Total | £4,628.43 |
| Receipts | £5,343.57 | Payments | £4,628.43 |
| B/F Cash | £34.11 | C/F Cash | £44.86 |
| B/F Bank | £7,171.25 | C/F Bank | £7,875.64 |
| Total | £12,548.93 | Total | £12,548.93 |

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| Cash in Bank | £7,875.64 |
| Cash in Hand | £44.86 |
| TOTAL IN HAND at 31st January 2016 | £7,920.50 |

Surplus for year ending 31st January 2016 £715.14

This surplus reflects payments made early for next year of £1,450 less donation to Village Hall.

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Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club

Gardens of the South West

THE club started off the New Year with an interesting illustrated talk on South West gardens given by Philip Gamble, a former lecturer at



Barrington Court, one of the many gardens featured in Philip Gamble's illustrated talk.

Kingston Maurward College and garden designer. Several of his favourites were in the Yeovil area such as Barrington Court and Lytes Cary, and included gardens attached to Elizabethan manor houses. These are often formal in style and feature much topiary and Philip was able to show how the yew and box was clipped and restored when necessary.

Other gardens ranged from the magnificent estate at Stowe, with its magnificent lake and parkland to the beautiful gardens at Hestercombe in Somerset designed by the famous partnership of the architect Lutyens and designer Gertrude Jekyll. By coincidence we shall have a talk on the restoration of Hestercombe in March. All the gardens illustrated are within easy reach of us, so members can look forward to exploring them later in the year.

At the short business meeting which followed the talk members voted to contribute £50 to the cost of the dishwasher which is being installed at the Village Hall.

On the 18th February the Gardening Club members wrapped up warm and braved the elements to listen to a talk by Steve Candy from Kingston Lacy House at their normal club meeting at the Village Hall. The title of the talk was "Growing in Community Spaces" and several non-members were warmly welcomed to the fray! We were given a very interesting talk/slide presentation on the roller coaster ride of the Kitchen Garden from its hey day to present day. We learnt that 'Community Spaces' is actually a POSH word for Allotments, of which there are over 120 plots ranging from quarter plots, raised beds to full size plots. Visitors are free to wander round and gain some insight into the wide range of activities and planting undertaken. Definitely worth a visit. Next month on March 17th it is the turn of Hestercombe Gardens another NT property where members will be given an insight into the trials and tribulations of restoring the gardens to their former glory. These community talks are open to all and everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy a very friendly and informative night out, refreshments included. See you there!

Gardening questions

HAVE you a gardening question for our gardening expert Maureen Lock to answer. Send your questions to the Reporter at msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk, direct to Maureen at maureen@designergardens.biz or give to a member of the Reporter team who's names can be found on page 2.

Free lectures for motorists

Wednesday 13th, 20th and 27th April sees the Institute of Advanced Motorists free lectures commence at 6.45pm with an 8.45pm finish. The lectures are being held at Committee Room 1, County Hall, Dorchester DT1 1XJ. Entry to Committee Room 1 is through the glass doors at Colliton Corner and parking is free.

The lectures, given by a class one civilian ex-police instructor with many years' experience and a sense of humour, contain information and advice that could save your life.

As we strive to better ourselves at most things in life, why not driving? No need to book, just come along and bring your friends.

For further information contact Jane Percy on 01305 820963 or secretary@dorsetiam.org.uk.



Easter Hope

Sometimes the dates of Easter and the dates of magazines coincide really well; at other times, there is little correspondence at all.

Easter, as you know, falls at the end of March this year, so anything I write now will be read in the middle of Lent, when we are still walking the path of self-discipline and spiritual growth (though, of course, those are not just reserved for Lent but an ongoing part of the Christian journey) and looking forward with hope to Easter. But if I leave it till the April magazine, you will think it too late, despite the fact that the Easter season lasts for 40 days.

It's a dilemma. I can't leave it out because it is at the heart of our faith and to do so would seem wrong, so forgive the timing, I've decided to do it this month not wait till April – perhaps there is something in the idea of a fixed date for Easter!

For Christians the hope that Easter brings is, of course, not just for the time in March or April when we specifically remember the resurrection with eggs and chocolate and celebratory hymns and songs. The resurrection is right at the heart of our faith; it is what gives meaning to the work of Christ. Without it there is no Christianity.

The resurrection brings hope for us all; it shows how much greater are God's love and power and life than anything we can manufacture here on earth. The resurrection means that, even in the darkest situations, there is a hope to be found.

For those who find themselves unable to believe in God, this makes no sense at all. However, if you do believe, why not come and celebrate with us the message of hope and freedom that Jesus brings in one of our Easter services?

God will never impose himself upon anyone that does not want a relationship with him, but for those who do, the benefits are incomparable. God is with us always, longing to touch our lives with his hope and love, but it is up to us whether we are willing to receive what God offers.

Many people think of God when life is bleak or they are in trouble, but God is not just there to be called upon at those times. What Easter is about more than anything is God calling us to recognise his love each and every day, revealed in the power of the resurrection, which brings life and light into death and darkness. The best way to make this real is to build a relationship with God through Jesus that is not just for the bad times or Christmas and Easter, but for every day of our lives.

Best wishes,

Sarah Hillman

St. Andrews Church notes

Talk on Roman Milborne in March

On **Saturday 20th March** at 3.00pm we will have a talk in church by John Smith, a specialist in Roman Britain, on **What the Romans did in Milborne**. Everyone is invited to the talk and refreshments for which we ask for a donation of £6. Any profit will go to church funds.

Lent Events in Milborne

Our Thursday evening service of Compline at 6.00pm continues until 17th March, and the Sunday evening Lent services continue at Dewlish on 13th March and Puddletown on 20th March, both at 6.00pm. On Good Friday at 3.00pm we will be hosting an **Easter Experience for families** – details will be published soon.

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Dewlish

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Sue Britton 01258 837218

Benefice Office

Marion Bishop

puddletownbenefice@outlook.com

or by telephone on 07812 687266

CHURCH SERVICES March 2016

6th March – Mothering Sunday

| | | |
|--------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 9.30am | Mothering Sunday Communion | Tolpuddle |
| 9.30 | Celebrate . . . Mothering Sunday | Milborne |
| 11.00 | Mothering Sunday Communion | Puddletown Church Room |
| 11.00 | Mothering Sunday Service | Dewlish |

13th March – Passion Sunday

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| 8.15am | 1662 Said Communion | Puddletown Church Room |
| 9.30 | Methodist United Service | Tolpuddle |
| 9.30 | Parish Communion + Baptism | Milborne |
| 11.00 | Puddletown Praise | Puddletown Church Room |
| 11.00 | Parish Communion | Dewlish |
| 6.00pm | United Benefice Lent Talk | Dewlish |

THURSDAY 17th March

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|---------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 12 noon | Lunch-time Communion | Puddletown Church Room |
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20th March – Palm Sunday

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| 9.30am | Family Communion | Tolpuddle |
| 9.30 | 1662 Morning Prayer | Milborne |
| 11.00 | Parish Communion | Puddletown Church Room |
| 11.00 | Family Service | Dewlish |
| 6.00pm | United Benefice Lent Talk | Puddletown |

24th March – Maundy Thursday

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| 7.00pm | Agape Supper | Dewlish |
| 7.30 | Holy Communion | Puddletown Church Room |

25th March – Good Friday

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| 10.00am | Reflective service | Tolpuddle |
| 12 noon | Church open for Meditation | Puddletown + Milborne |
| (– 3.00pm) | | |
| 3.00pm | Easter Experience (for families) | Milborne |
| 6.00pm | Good Friday service | Dewlish |

27th March – Easter Day

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

LENT

During Lent there will also be:

Compline in Milborne at 6.00pm on Thursdays

Evening Prayer in Dewlish at 6.30pm

MORNING PRAYERS (Monday – Thursday 8.15am

Saturday 8.45am)

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

Do you need a lift to church?

If you have difficulty getting to church or need transport when the Benefice Service is at another church, we can arrange transport for you. Please contact Pam on 837203 or John on 839090.

Flippin' Enjoyable Benefice Party at Tolpuddle



Five of us from Milborne made our way to Tolpuddle Village Hall for the annual Benefice Party despite the dreadful weather. As well as consuming a large number of pancakes with a wide variety of fillings (I still prefer lemon and sugar) we enjoyed several bottles of mulled wine under John Taylor's supervision. We then formed five teams of four to figure out some questions set by Sarah based on TV quiz shows. More pancakes (and mulled wine) followed before the raffle organised by Pam was drawn, and we all returned home offering our thanks to Hilly, Julie and Caroline for organising such an enjoyable evening.

PubAid comes to St. Andrew's

We are very grateful for all the work Jo Lovett did organising the Pubaid quiz held at The Royal Oak. Our team were only six points behind the winners, but everyone had a great evening and we really appreciate the £245 raised for church funds. A full report appears on page 27.

Application in for a grant to mend church roof

We have just applied to the government's Listed Places of Worship Roof fund for a grant to repair the north side of the church roof at the east end, and the roof of the tower. Some of the battens that hold the tiles in place have become detached so that there is a risk that the tiles will slide down to the gutter in a strong wind. The lead on the tower roof has split in places allowing water to get to the wooden boards beneath so there is work to be done there too. At the time of writing we have not received a calculated estimate of what the costs are likely to be but it would be for many, if not tens of thousands of pounds. The government scheme is likely to receive many more requests than they can fund so we may not be lucky with our bid, but we are keeping our fingers crossed.

John Wright and Pam Shults

Dewlish Church Notes

OUR Lent Lunches continue on Thursdays at the following:

3rd March, 12.30pm Daphne and Jim Burg

10th March, 12.30pm Sue Britton

17th March, 12.30pm Margaret Groves and Anne Fell

Everyone is welcome and all proceeds will be donated to charity.

We look forward to seeing you!

Our **Mothers Day Service** is on Sunday 6th March at 11.00am. Posies will be given to all Mums; it will be interesting to see what flowers may be available then as, at the time of writing, I have a clematis out which normally doesn't flower until June! Please come and join us.

Our **Spring Sale** is on Saturday 19th March in the Village Hall, 10.30am-12 noon. Our stalls will include new items, cakes and produce, books, toys and Easter things. Coffee, tea and biscuits will be available, and there will be a raffle. Please note that we shall *not* be having bric-a-brac because we had problems with the disposal of

things left over after the Christmas sale. Please support All Saints' Church; the monies raised will help towards our annual running costs of £11,000.

Once again we shall be holding the **Agape Supper**, which will be held in the Village Hall on Maundy Thursday 24th March at 7.00pm. This is a simple supper, and a Holy Communion Service which includes the reading of the Passion Gospel. If you would like to attend, please telephone me (01258 837466) by 21st March.

Our **Lenten Evening Services** continue on Thursday 3rd March, Thursday 10th March and Thursday 17th March, all at 6.30pm.

Please note that our **Good Friday Service** is at 6.00pm and the **Easter Sunday Service** is at 11.00am.

Daphne Burg



THE Association of Dorset Watches (ADW)

Volunteers needed *Can you help?*

Assistant to Treasurer

- researching sources of agreed purchases and recommending the best buy
- maintaining a financial spreadsheet

Minute Secretary

- at between four and meetings per year, each lasting a maximum of three hours

Assistant to Chairman

- defining and managing projects
- identifying Watch Advisors prepared to assist in setting up new Watch schemes and sending updates to the ADW Webmaster

Assistant(s) to Publicity Officer

- identifying and maintaining a list of local and countywide publications and other media appropriate for publicity, together with associated costs, putting together recommendations for ADW Executive consideration.
- Preparing media releases.
- Gathering news and other content for the ADW website

Local Watch Liaison Volunteers

- promoting the benefits of Watch membership to the local Police and residents.
- helping to establish regular communication between Police and Watch coordinators
- identifying potential neighbourhoods for new Watch schemes and assisting the Police to find new Scheme coordinators to run them.

Please contact:

John Shave MBE, Chairman, Association of Dorset Watches

nhdorset@gmail.com: @ADWChair: 01202 849694: 07802 201778



100 CLUB WINNERS

Draw Date – Tuesday 9th February 2016

1st £100 Dean Hamilton

2nd £50.00 Richard Gray

3rd £10 Joy Robinson

The next draw is on Tuesday 15th March 2016

at 8.00pm in The Royal Oak

Everyone is welcome to attend.

New members always welcome. Contact

June Maitland 837235 or

Denise Sanderson 837049

Payments may be made by a cheque payable to
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*Please speak to Denise Sanderson, Jenny Balcon
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Happy 10th birthday – Dorset Reading Partners



DORSET Reading Partners is a charity that recruits and trains volunteers who work in local primary schools helping children with their reading development. Our reading partners offer regular, sustained, one-to-one support to children who are reluctant to read or who need a little extra help and encouragement. They talk, share books and play games in half-hour sessions outside the classroom, in order to increase children's confidence and motivation as well as their communication and literacy skills. Our aim is to help children develop a love of books and a sense of reading as a recreational activity, as well as a vital and empowering life skill.

Dorset Reading Partners was established in 2006 so this year, in 2016, we shall be celebrating our achievements of the past ten years. We shall be doing a great deal to raise the profile of the organisation during the next twelve months – recruiting more volunteer reading partners and actively seeking additional fundraising and grant opportunities. If you would like to support us, do visit our website for further information www.dorsetreadingpartners.org.uk/, or contact Juliet Ruddick on 01305 458515, juliet@dorsetreadingpartners.org.uk.

Bite Size training – Roles and Responsibilities of Trustees – North Dorset

Date: 9th March 2016, 10-12pm, Blandford Fire Station

THIS two hour 'Bite Size' course, led by Dorset Community Action, is designed to give trustees an understanding of what is expected of them in their role, the responsibilities they should be aware of and how to recruit new trustees.

Cost: The cost is £20 per person from a voluntary or community organisation and £30 per person from a statutory body.

This bite size course is designed for trustees or committee members of all types of voluntary and community groups, from community libraries to pre-schools and lunch clubs. It is also suitable for those considering taking on the role of trustee.

The course will cover:

- The general duties and responsibilities of trustees
- Specific roles – chair, treasurer and secretary
- How to have an effective board
- Key policies and procedures overview

For any further information please ring 01202 847605 or email annie.hobell@dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk To register please visit our website <http://www.dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk/#!training-events/c16s4>



Official Flood Plan 2016/7 Milborne St. Andrew

- The Flood Group will monitor drains and roads during periods of heavy rain or floods and arrange for debris removal and gully clearance as required. During flood events, traffic calming road signs will be erected and maintained at various designated points.
- Home owners are reminded that
 - ◊ it is entirely your own responsibility to protect your homes against water ingress and to have your own flood plan and to use any equipment provided by the EA under the PLP scheme or sand bags. Sandbags must be collected in good time and not left until there is an imminent problem and stored in a dry place until needed.
 - ◊ by registering with the Environment Agency you can receive flood warnings by text, email or telephone. Flood warnings can also be viewed by searching either the BBC or EA websites for "Live Flood Map"
- Riparian owners are reminded
 - ◊ to keep your banks and river bed clear each September in good time for winter by removing vegetation, silt and any debris. Residents living near the river are asked not to impede or restrict the river in any way by depositing any rubbish or building new obstructions in the river.
- The Flood Warden will
 - ◊ liaise with the Emergency Services, EA and Highways in the event of any flooding incident.
 - ◊ liaise with all the authorities to ensure the roads and gullies are cleaned in good time for the winter
 - ◊ monitor the water table height and to receive realtime information and, when appropriate, any warnings likely to cause flooding will be passed to the Flood Group and known vulnerable homes contacted.
 - ◊ ensure sand and sand bags are available in the Village. Sand will be located on the Parish Hall carpark and home owners are to obtain any hessian bags before winter and to hold in readiness. The use of sand bags on the public footpath between Chapel Street and The Causeway may be required in any spate conditions and you are asked not to use this cut through during this period.
 - ◊ liaise with DCC Highways for the provision of our high capacity pump. It will be sited directly opposite the shop and water discharged directly in to the stream at agreed locations.

NB: *the pump will only be used in the event of any property being DIRECTLY threatened with water ingress. The flooding of gardens outhouses sheds etc or the road would not be considered urgent and on their own would not be considered justification for the provision of a pump.*

- If a house is directly threatened with flooding, home owners are urged to inform the flood warden or Chair of Parish Council as this will help in making the correct decision for setting up the pump.
- *The pump will be turned off if its use threatens any property.*
- Unless the water levels are too high the pump will be turned off at night and removed as soon as possible after the waters have receded.
- The Parish Council in conjunction with NDDC Waste Partnership will coordinate the clear up afterwards.

The central aim of the flood plan is to help all home or business owners from being flooded. This principally will be done by taking preventative action before any flooding occurs. The role of the flood group is therefore to prepare for this by working with local councils, riparian owners and the whole community by ensuring that the river, roads and drains are cleaned each autumn and to arrange the use of our dedicated pump. With the new bore hole being promised for Milborne sometime next year, the EA is hoping to provide more accurate and useful data that will provide far more accurate flood warnings about ground water levels in the valley.

New members of the group are always welcome and if you would like to become involved with us or would like to discuss anything about this plan or any of the ongoing work in the village please contact me for further information.

Steve Lord Flood Warden

Community Contacts

Please let the *Reporter* know if any of these details change

More information about many community organisations can be found on www.milbornestandrew.org.uk

COUNCILS

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| | Jane Somper | 01258 471089 |
| Parish Council – Dewlish | Clerk: Sandra Sims | 01258 837132 |
| | Chair: Andrew Booth | 01258 837284 |
| Parish Council – Milborne St. Andrew | Clerk: Colin Hampton | 01258 837011 |
| | Chair: Jenny Balcon | 01258 837121 |
| Floods A354 problems contact the Highways Agency | | 0300 1235000 |
| Dorset Direct | | 01305 221000 |
| dorsetdirect@dorsetcc.gov.uk www.dorsetforyou.com/reportroadproblems | | |
| Environment Agency Floodline | | 0845 9881188 |
| South West Highways hello@swhitd.co.uk | | 01404 821500 |
| Wessex Water Sewerage Floodline | | 0345 8505959 |

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 | Ann Guy | 01258 837959 |
| Women's Institute | Josie Wright | 01258 839090 |

GENERAL – YOUTH

| | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Ladybirds (Playgroup) | Liz Dyer | 01258 839117 |
| Scout Group | Mike Mullett | 01258 837114 |
| Secretary: | Brian Burton | 01258 839033 |
| Under 5's Group – The Busy Bees | Leanne Brown | 07899 808185 |
| | Lianne Hall | 07846 256694 |
| Youth Club age 8 – 14 years | Lianne Summers | 01258 839081 |

POLICE

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Police – Non-emergency contact | | 101 |
| Community Beat Officer | PC Dave Mullins | 101 |
| Safer Neighbourhood Team | PC Dave Mullins and PCSO Luke Goddard | 101 |
| Home watch Co-ordinator | Joy Robinson | 01258 837661 |

SCHOOL

| | | |
|--------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Milborne First School | | |
| Headteacher: | Sharon Hunt | 01258 837362 |
| Chair Governors: | Miss Jane Pope | |
| Friends of School Chair: | Becky Hunter | |

SPECIAL INTEREST

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|------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
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| Bridge Group | Laurie Benn | 01258 837720 |
| Food and Wine Society | Julie Johannsen | 01258 839004 |
| MSA Allotment Society Chair: | Joy Robinson | 01258 837661 |
| Secretary: | John Maddell | 01258 837954 |
| 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

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|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 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 | Grace Martin | 01305 213885 |
| Cricket – Dewlish | Elaine Kellaway | 01258 837696 |
| Cricket Club – Milton Abbas | Colin Chastey | 01258 882162 |
| Football – Adult | Jamie Haylock | 07894 685893 |

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| Running Group | Anne-Marie Pearson | 01258 837057 |
| Skittles – Dewlish | Frank Ross | 01258 837366 |
| Sports Club Chairman | John Sanderson | 01258 837049 |
| Bookings: | John Sanderson | 01258 837049 |
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| 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

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| Dewlish | | |
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| Milborne St. Andrew | | |
| Chairman: | Paul Tasker | 07801 714619 |
| Booking Secretary: | Sandie Sach | 01258 837033 |

HEALTH

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|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Bere Regis Surgery | | 01929 471268 |
| Milborne St. Andrew Surgery | | 01258 837383 |
| Milton Abbas Surgery | | 01258 880210 |
| Puddletown Surgery | | 01305 848333 |
| NHS for emergencies | | 111 |
| Patient Voice Secretary | Nigel Hodder | 01258 881709 |



Milborne Movies

Friday 18th March
at 7.30pm

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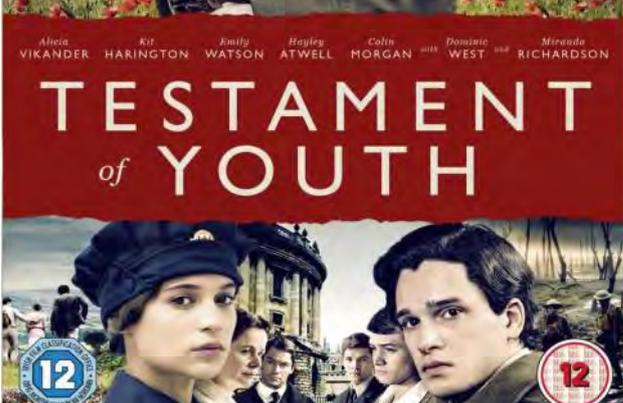
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Community Events Diary

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

- March**
- Wednesday 2nd** **Wednesday Club** visit to Blandford Fashion Museum – see page 5.
- Tuesday 8th** **Informal meeting** about The Queen's 90th birthday. The Royal Oak skittle alley 7.30pm – see page 2.
- Wednesday 9th** **Village History Group** The Royal Oak 7.30pm all welcome – see page 7.
- Thursday 10th** **WI** Solicitor Sarah Grant, who will talk about 'Lifetime Planning' – see page 7.
- Monday 14th** **Reporter** latest date for the April issue. Copy and pictures to msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk or any member of the Reporter team.
- Tuesday 15th** **100 Club** draw The Royal Oak 8.00pm – see page 13 for latest winners.
- Wednesday 16th** **Parish Council Meeting** Village Hall Committee Room 7.30pm.
- Thursday 17th** **Gardening Club** Restoration of Hestercombe Gardens – *David Usher* Village Hall 7.30pm.
- Friday 18th** **Testament of Youth** (12) shown by 'Milborne Movies' Village Hall 7.30pm – see pages 5 and 16.
- Friday 25th** **Easter Experience for families** Milborne 3.00pm.
- Saturday 26th** **Village Lunch** Village Hall. 12.15pm – see page 2 for menu.
- Sunday 27th** **Easter Communion** St. Andrew's church 9.30am.
- April**
- Sunday 3rd** **Spring Clean-up Day** between 10.00am and 2.00pm do come along and help the other volunteers to tidy the hall and the grounds.

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)
- 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
- 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** Thursday 6.30–7.30pm (term time only)

March at the Sports Club

- Every Saturday football** Milborne or Corfe Mullen 2.30pm.
- 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 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.



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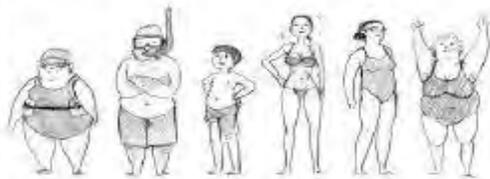
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So what is the law on this? It is not illegal for you to go abroad and buy cheap cigarettes for your own use but bringing them back and selling them is.

If tobacco doesn't come through legal supply chains it could very easily be a counterfeit product. The manufacture of counterfeit tobacco isn't regulated so you can't tell where it comes from or what it is made out of. Where counterfeit tobacco has been tested and has failed those safety tests it has been found to contain asbestos, animal faeces and glass. Since 2011 cigarettes must also be able to self extinguish themselves too, but illegal tobacco is more likely to cause fatal blazes as they may not self extinguish.

How to spot illegal tobacco:

- Often tastes different;
- Can be sold in boxes with poor print quality and have spelling mistakes;
- Might be sold in packets without required safety warnings;
- Sold in packaging with a handmade look and feel.

Trading standards are committed to disrupting the sale of illegal tobacco and you can help us. If you think you have information about someone selling illegal tobacco, or know a place where it is sold, then please help us. Any information no matter how small may be the piece we need. You can tell us anonymously on-line at www.stop-illegal-tobacco.co.uk or by phoning the illegal tobacco hotline number on 0300 999 0000.

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In your Garden

Seasonal notes and tips from Maureen Lock of *designerGardens*

Your garden in March

WITH the dismal month of February behind us, March brings the hope of spring – hopefully a bit less rain and a bit more sunshine. March is a pivotal point in the gardening year – it is the last chance to plant bare rooted shrubs and trees.

Now is the time to **prune** shrub roses – remove all dead and crossing wood and cut back by at least a half. Always cut to an outward facing bud – if you think about it, the new shoot will grow in the direction the bud is facing and you want the new growth to face outwards.

Pulmonaria

I thought I'd do a piece on Pulmonaria this month, also commonly known as Lungwort. It flowers in early spring and is a brilliant ground cover plant with its spotted leaves. A display of pulmonarias planted amongst hellebores and spring flowering bulbs under deciduous shrubs looks stunning.

The flowers usually appear before the leaves – although there may be some leaves left still from last year. Pulmonarias are tough, reliable and easy to grow – they will spread but are easy to divide up.



varies from plain green to mottled, silver and speckled. Pulmonarias are quite promiscuous and will hybridise and self-pollinate vigorously – if you want to keep them 'pure', cut the flowers as soon as they are over and before they set seed.

Pulmonarias do well when planted under deciduous shrubs so that they are protected from the sun in the summer. They like a cool, moist soil and will not grow well in dry, baked soil. Mildew can be a problem in the summer but this is a sign that the plant is too dry and if this happens every year you may want to think about moving it to somewhere a bit damper.

To maintain, just cut the leaves back with shears in early winter before the new flower stems grow – what could be easier.

Here are some good varieties to try: Pulmonaria 'Sissinghurst White'



– clear white flowers and very spotted leaves; Pulmonaria 'Mrs Kittle' – chalky blue flowers that appear just after Christmas and continue flowering well into March; Pulmonaria 'Mary Mottram' – pinky blue flowers (very pretty), the leaves are almost entirely silvered apart from a mottled green edge and Pulmonaria 'Leopard' – pinky red flowers and spotted leaves. All should be easy to find in local nurseries.

If you want to go and have a look at some spring gardens then Kingston Lacy and Cranborne Manor are worth a visit. On 21st–22nd March there is a spring bulbs and daffodil weekend at Sherborne Castle and you can see lots of spring colour at Abbotsbury Sub Tropical Gardens until the end of April. I was looking through the NGS Gardens Open for Charity book and Langebride House in Long Bredy looks interesting. It is open on 6th March and has "carpets of anemones" and a large variety of daffodils and early spring flowers.



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A Good Read by Shirley Dunkley

“The Paying Guests” by Sarah Waters

THIS book is a love story-but not of the usual romantic variety so beloved of chick-lit! It is an historical novel set in 1922 and is about lesbian lovers. After the Armistice of 1918, the widowed Mrs Wray and her daughter, Frances, have come down in their middle class world and been forced to let a room in their large Camberwell house to a young couple – their social inferiors – the Barbers, who are the ‘paying guests’. The book explores first the Wrays social dislocation at becoming landlords who have to relinquish parts of their home, redolent with memories of two sons killed in the war; it is all a kind of mourning. But then, gradually, an attraction develops between Frances, who is aware of her sexuality, and Lily Barber who is not, yet is unhappy in her marriage to husband Len. Over time, as the love between Frances and Lily blossoms, Len becomes more of an irritant, but when he has a deadly accident, the novel moves into another world of secrecy and deception. Sarah Waters is a mistress of suspense and the anxiety the reader has about Lily and her ultimate fate is not resolved until practically the book’s close, when a faint glimmer of a happy ending for the lovers is detected at the end of a very long tunnel.

The sense of time and place is vividly conveyed – the once comfortable houses of Camberwell changing to a mixed occupancy, the working class streets of Peckham with their small shops with families living above, the green parks with bandstands. Women’s roles are gradually changing and among Frances’ friends are some already earning their own livings and sharing flats. Mrs Wray is a Victorian relic, busy glorifying her dead husband who was, in fact, responsible for her reduced circumstances. However, Frances is a modern woman and a complex one, loving and resolute at one time, jealous and vindictive at others, with a sense of urgency about her in her need to become her own person making her own choices.

This is prime Sarah Waters’ country. She writes believably and insightfully about female sexuality and creates a vivid and recognisable world in which it tries to flourish.

The Milborne Players

“ITS BEHIND YOU !! OH YES IT IS”

WELL Sinbad has blasted off into space and another Panto season has come to an end. Thanks to everyone who came along to support us despite the rubbish weather to experience a very original show from the pen of Ron Karley.

We are now planning for our next production in September – a play soon to be chosen. If you or someone you know would like to try out on the boards or help in the production team then please come and join us on Monday evenings at 8.00pm in the Village Hall. All groups need new faces and new talents and we need some new recruits for just those reasons. We will also be looking to recruit for next year’s Panto cast and production team to include adults and young people.

Check out our website www.milborneplayer.org.uk where there is an email link to contact us.

The Milborne Players Committee



This Month in History: March

Births:

8th March, 1859: Kenneth Graeme, author and Secretary of the Bank of England, was born in Edinburgh. Aged five his mother died from complications of childbirth, and his father, who had a drinking problem, gave over care of Kenneth and his siblings to Grandmother Ingles. It was in his grandmother's home (a spacious if dilapidated setting in the country) that he found the setting for his novelistic masterpiece, *The Wind in The Willows*, published in 1908.

13th March 1733: Dr. Joseph Priestley, the man who discovered oxygen, was born in Birstall, Yorkshire. During his lifetime, Priestley invented soda water and discovered several gases, the most famous being oxygen. However, Priestley's determination to reject what would become the chemical revolution eventually left him isolated within the scientific community.

23rd March, 1929: Dr. Roger Bannister, the first man to run a mile in under four minutes, was born in Harrow. Bannister ran the famous sub-four minute mile in 3 minutes 59.4 seconds, and his record lasted just 46 days. He had reached this record with minimal training, while practising as a junior doctor.

Bannister went on to become a distinguished neurologist and when asked whether the four-minute mile was his proudest achievement, he said he was more proud of his contribution to medicine through research into the nervous system. Bannister was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 2011.

Deaths:

March 17th, 180: Antonius Marcus Aurelius, Emperor of Rome, died aged 58 in Vienna. Regarded as one of Rome's greatest Emperors and the last of “*The Five Good Emperors*”, Aurelius was also an important Stoic philosopher and his *Meditations*, written while on campaign between 170 and 180, is still revered as a literary monument to a philosophy of service and duty. It describes how to find and preserve equanimity in the midst of conflict by following nature as a source of guidance and inspiration. He was deified immediately after his death.

March 31st, 1855: Charlotte Bronte, the reclusive Yorkshire novelist and author of *Jane Eyre*, died of uncertain causes. She died aged 38, three weeks before her 39th birthday, along with her unborn child. Some scholars suggest she died from a combination of malnourishment and dehydration due to severe morning sickness and possibly typhus.

Events:

2nd March, 1969: Concorde, the Anglo-French supersonic airline, roared into the skies on its maiden flight. The aircraft travelled at twice the speed of sound, and twenty aircraft were made (including the six prototypes). Seven were for the French and seven for the English, and the aircraft remained in service until 2003.

19th March, 1834: Six farm labourers from Tolpuddle were sentenced to seven years’ transportation to Australia for forming a trade union. Complaining about their meagre wages, a local Methodist preacher, named George Loveless set up the Friendly Society of Agricultural Workers in Tolpuddle. Upon being arrested and sentenced to deportation for seven years, there was widespread uproar and the six men became known as the Tolpuddle Martyrs.

27th March, 1871: England and Scotland played their first ever rugby international game. The match resulted from a challenge issued in *Bell's Weekly* on 8 December 1870, and signed by the captains of five Scottish clubs, invited any team “selected from the whole of England” to a 20-a-side game to be played under rugby rules. The Scots won, scoring two tries and converting one.

Mark Ferguson

The deadline for the April Reporter is 14th March

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Village Hall Updates

THE Village Hall committee have been busy sorting out maintenance problems which have come to light over the last few months – thanks to the very wet conditions! The roof on the extension, which is only a few years old, has not served its purpose well and is leaking. Quotes to renew the surface are being considered so that it can be done soon. The felt roofs of the storage sheds have also started to deteriorate and need refurbishing, arrangements are being made. One wall in the female toilet area, which was badly stained has been repainted. Most of the light fittings have been exchanged for eco-friendly fittings. The dishwasher is now installed and working. The conference room carpets have been cleaned thanks to Andy who gave his time and did it for free.

There is a need for a volunteer to take on the role of maintenance co-ordinator. The role would be to organise maintenance tasks, to help with regular checks for minor repairs and maintenance, keep up to date a simple list of jobs needing doing, possibly help to undertake some of the jobs or help to arrange contractors to do them and to attend committee meetings to agree how to prioritise or undertake maintenance. If you think you have the skills to help please contact one of the committee or email msavillagehall@gmail.com

There is to be a 'Spring Clean-up Day' on Sunday 3rd April between 10.00am and 2.00pm. Do come along and help the other volunteers to tidy the hall and the grounds.

The good news is that the 'top field' is to be renamed Milborne Sensory Meadows and with money obtained through a grant will be redeveloped to increase the wildflower meadows and to install paths suitable for walking and cycling. Contractors are being engaged and seeds bought. Provided we obtain planning permission (if needed), we will be also be buying seating and shelters for the area.

The play park rejuvenation is not forgotten and the group is reconsidering replacing equipment bit by bit using money that we have already raised through fundraising events unless we can get a large grant soon when we can have a completely new park as hoped.

If anyone would like further information please get in touch with me phone on 837203 or email pamshults@btinternet.com.

Pam Shults

Bus2Go Prepares for Spring

WE have had an amazing start to our late winter/early spring schedule with delicious lunches and the first of our shopping trips. Two buses per outing and sometimes three have been required so far. From January to the middle of February we have had 10 buses and welcomed on board 108 passengers.

'Why Community Transport Matters' was the subject of a presentation given at City Hall London, in January by ECT (head office of DCT). I was invited to attend the evening's event with over 120 other delegates. We all agreed, the social value of community transport is vital to alleviate social and rural isolation and to promote wellbeing and confidence. These issues do not respect age or gender and can be identified throughout the population of the British Isles. I had the opportunity to speak with several MP's on the subject as well as seeing some of our passengers on the film that was taken last year on our visit to Portland.

At Christmas two of our passengers who met on a Bus2Go outing became engaged and plan to marry sometime in the spring! We send warm congratulations to them both.

Dorset Life gave us a double page spread in their February issue. This featured many of our last year's outings.

We look forward to welcoming you on board very soon. To book – please visit our website www.bus2godorset.org or phone Margo on 01258 837749 or 07917298321.

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. **Any questions, please feel free to contact Ian Bromilow, 01258 880044.**

Sunday 6th March – 2.00pm

Charlton Marshall

Meet near St. Mary's Church, Charlton Marshall

Grid reference: ST 900041 on OS Explorer Sheet 117 (approx. 4.5 miles)

Wednesday 16th March – 11.00am

Fontmell Down

Meet outside St. Andrew's church, Fontmell Magna

Grid reference: ST 866170 on OS Explorer Sheet 118 (approx. 6 miles)

Bring a packed lunch.

Sunday 3rd April – 2.00.00pm

Stour Valley Way, Sturminster Newton

Meet in the car park at the Sturminster playing fields, at the rear of the lower school. Turn left just before the road narrows as you are entering Sturminster from the river-side

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

Please note:

Who All welcome including well-behaved dogs and their responsible owners. No pre-booking required just turn up.

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Change of Scenery at Ladybirds

ONE of the more unusual things about being a Preschool in a Community Hall is not knowing what we will find in the Hall on a Monday morning. February was Panto time so we were expecting a larger stage with some props and this certainly happened when we arrived to find the wonderful backdrop of a spaceship. This really fired the imagination of the children who moved chairs so they could sit at the controls and pilot the craft into space. This month's photo has to be one of my favourites – a small boy standing on a stool so he could 'clean the windscreen'.

Then just as I had changed the next week's plan to incorporate stories of 'Q Pootle 5' and 'Whatever next' the backdrop changed to an eastern scene with palm trees!

Spring is finally here and the children have been outside with binoculars, cameras and clipboards looking for birds. On a nice afternoon you may see us wandering around the village in search of signs of new growth. This year we are going to try growing tomatoes, the seeds are in the pots and are germinating on helpers windowsills. Let's hope they are more successful than last year's beans which we left outside in pots and nothing grew – we suspect mice may have eaten them. Hopefully mice don't like tomatoes.

Liz Dyer

Jumble Sale raises £250 for Ladybirds

The Ladybirds jumble sale at the end of January was a great success and raised £250 for our funds. The sale was really popular and we had people queuing before we opened the doors at 11.00am. Many thanks to all that attended and helped towards the total raised. Also, a big thank you to the Sports Pavilion for allowing us to use the hall. Since it was so popular, we are definitely planning to organise another jumble sale.

Our next fundraising event will be an Easter egg hunt, planned for Easter Monday, on the 28th March – so pencil in the date in your diaries and calendars and we'll let you know more details in due course!

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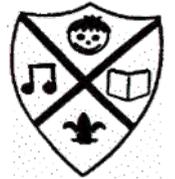
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Milborne St. Andrew First School



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School News

2016 is Olympics Year!

At Milborne St. Andrew First School we were very lucky to host our own GB Olympic Athlete, Chris Gregory who plays Beach Volley Ball. He ran an exciting fitness circuit with the children and inspired them with his story. The children were sponsored for the fitness circuit and over £800 has been raised to date for new PE Equipment for the School and to help support GB athletes.



The children took part in ballet workshops this week provided by Northern Ballet Company and enjoyed learning some ballet steps.

Dolphins and Turtles Class were lucky to be invited to Thomas Hardy Upper School in Dorchester for a Science Enrichment Day. They had a fantastic time exploring science and watching various experiments including exploding jelly babies. The children also had the opportunity to fly some drones. Thanks to the staff at Thomas Hardy School for making this experience possible.



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

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Protect yourself against bogus tradespeople fraud

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- Check credentials, including a permanent business address and landline telephone number. The mobile phone numbers given on business cards are often pay-as-you-go numbers which are virtually impossible to trace.
- Take control by asking the questions. Ask for references from previous customers or to see examples of their work.
- Don't sign on the spot – shop around. Get at least three written quotes to make sure you're not being ripped off.
- If in any doubt, ask the person to leave or call the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 03454 040506.

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- Usually, you have a seven-day cooling off period. So if you decide to cancel the contract, act fast.
- Think very carefully about having any work done or goods delivered during the cooling off period. You may have to pay, even if you change your mind.
- Never pay for work before it has been completed, and only then if you are happy with it.

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Reporting road problems

ARE you a road user? If so how often have you grumbled about a pot hole, signage overgrown by hedges or that piece of road that keeps flooding because the drains are blocked? Well now you can do something about it. The DorsetForYou website has a page where you can report all sorts of highway problems from potholes to abandoned vehicles.

So next time you get aggravated by a problem with our roads don't just grumble. Take control and report it using the "Dorset road and transport online reporting" page on the DorsetForYou website. See www.dorsetforyou.com/travel-dorset/contact-dorset-highways

Note: Highways England are responsible for the parts of A303, A31 and A35 that run through Dorset. See the link at the bottom of the DorsetForYou page to get details on contacting Highways England.

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The World Biggest Quiz @ The Royal Oak

ON Sunday 7th February along with 23,119 other quizzers our teams began answering questions at 7.30pm as part of an effort by PubAid to raise funds for individual local charities. Our 11 teams hosted by a fantastic quiz master began the challenge to raise funds



for St. Andrews Church by answering ten questions in each of five diverse categories. The Church Mice whispered in the corner, The Landlords flunked the pub and drinks round with a chef not doing too much better in the food round and The Headliners fought for the front page, whilst all around sighs could be heard and eyebrows were raised. Teams asked for the questions in the music and lyrics round to be sung but the quizmaster was hard. Raffle tickets were sold by Lily in the break and the evening concluded at around 9.30pm with a very surprised winning team of Table 3 comprising of Jim and Kaz Park and Joy and Frank Robinson being presented with a cup by the very exhausted quizmaster (me) and a grand total of £245 having been raised for the church. Rumour has it we might have another quiz in September so keep an eye out for posters or see our Facebook page for regular updates. A huge thanks to all who came out in the wind and rain to support a very worthy cause.



Top: Church Mice; Centre: JoJo the quizmaster; Bottom: the winning team, Table 3.



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Village concern over potential 'fracking'

THE company with the licence to assess shale gas extraction in our area has responded to the *Reporter*, but has not given any assurance that exploration will not take place nearby. Director, Gerwyn Williams, of South Western Energy Ltd has told us that no plans have been made yet as to the locations of the exploration boreholes and that any exploration is around 12 months away.

As this magazine reported last month, Milborne is 'on the frack map'. The village is on the western fringe of one of the mapped blocks, with the dividing line of the neighbouring block being just past the Dewlish road junction. A large part of mid-Dorset was included in the latest round of licensing for oil and gas exploration, with the area carved into blocks which interested companies could apply to win the right to assess the mapped block's suitability for

laboratory and also carry out geotechnical surveys by lowering various tools into the borehole."

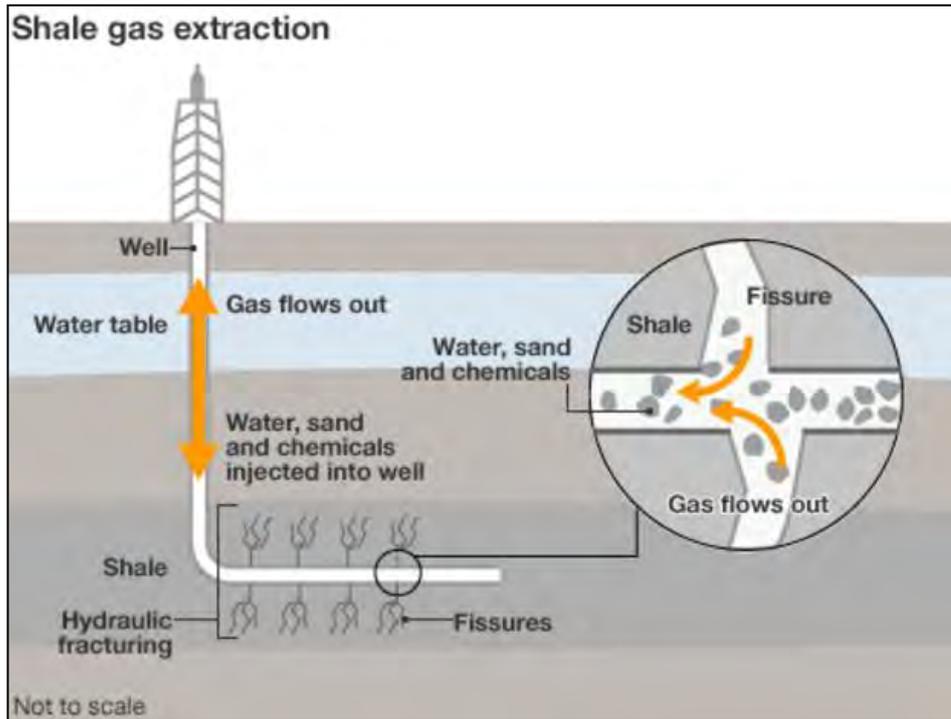
Even though the licence allows South Western Energy to drill "as many wells as [they] want", Mr Williams stressed that each well requires numerous other permissions, such as Planning Permission, HSE clearance, an independent Examiner Report and Environmental Permits.

However, there is some consternation within the village as to the safety and wisdom of the concept of fracking. Residents have taken to social media to exclaim their disgust as to the prospect of this type of gas production on our doorstep. On the Reporter Facebook page, Milborne resident Philip Harris questioned the reliability of the methods with particular note to our water supplies. He said,

"Once our underground aquifers are contaminated, it will be impossible to clean them. Is the need to burn gas greater than our need for safe and clean water upon which our local environment stands?"

Before this round of licencing went ahead at the end of last year, Mr Harris had contacted our constituency MP, Simon Hoare, to request that he vote to keep a ban in place that restricted gas exploration to outside of protected areas such as those of natural beauty and National Parks. This ban would have effectively safeguarded a considerable area of the Dorset blocks that were licensed recently. Mr Hoare replied, assuring Mr Harris that he had significant concerns about fracking and had raised them directly with the Minister. However, he went on to say that he did vote in favour of the ban on drilling in protected areas being lifted, having been assured by the Minister the principle of fracking had already been accepted by the Government. Mr Hoare said, "I continue to be anti-fracking and my vote in no way undermines my views and position".

Philip Harris was disappointed with his actions. He said, "This beggar's belief, to say one thing but do the opposite". *Ed Richards*



production. Milborne is largely in block SY89b, with Dewlish, Puddletown and Tolpuddle situated in block SY79a. Mr Williams told us that "we normally drill one exploration well per block".

He stressed that there is a substantial amount of preparatory desktop research and modelling before an exploration borehole location can be decided upon. But before planning applications are applied for, Mr Williams said that his company will talk to local councillors and residents. He continued, saying "exploration boreholes are purely to understand what the strata is like in that particular area. We will drill, take core samples and test in the

Join the debate and keep up to date on the *Reporter* [facebook](https://www.facebook.com/Milborne/Reporter) page. Visit [facebook.com/Milborne/Reporter](https://www.facebook.com/Milborne/Reporter) and like the page to receive updates and contribute to village news such as this and more.

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Did you identify this?

The photograph in the February *Reporter* was taken on Dorchester Hill.

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Marie's made up with her map

YOU may remember we featured the 'Dorset Underground' map in these pages a couple of issues ago. The map is an ingenious reworking of the London Underground cartographic classic, by Dorset-born and London resident, Charlie Slade. On his map, Milborne appears on the Central Line in the Oxford Circus position – which was the answer to the question we set, to win a print of the Dorset Underground.

The first correct answer drawn out of the hat belonged to Marie Chappell, who wins the A3 print. She was delighted, saying, "I love it, it's fab". Her husband, Steve, is from near London and she grew up in Christchurch, so there is a fitting symmetry to the idea behind the Dorset Underground. Her prize was presented to her on the 14th of



February, and she said, "I'm from Dorset and Steve's from London so that's a nice connection to the map . . . especially since it's Valentine's Day too!" She said the map would be framed and probably hung in Steve's office at home.

On the map, original London Underground lines such as Circle, Central and Northern are mixed with Dorset-inspired ones like Durdle, Jurassic and Piddle Valley. Most of the routes follow actual roads – so the 'George III' line from Milborne travels north to Dewlish and south to Bere Regis – others are linked by rivers ('Stour line') and there are historical connections too (the aforementioned George III, which terminates in Weymouth). There are Dorset oddities such as the village of Tynham, which has its name struck through in red, in the style of a disused station.

There are other quirky aspects, such as the use of the real line configuration of the portion of the Northern line from Euston to Camden Town. The positioning of Cerne Abbas, home of the rather rude giant, at this point was not entirely accidental, according to the map maker!

As we only had entries for the competition to our Facebook page, the winner of the A4 print was the second name drawn. This was Nick Garrett and he receives the A4 version of the map.

The Reporter would like to thank www.Dorset-sorted.co.uk for their kind donation of the two maps. Print copies of *Dorset Underground* are available to buy, with 10% of all proceeds going to the Somerset and Dorset Air Ambulance. A3 copies are £20 and A4 at £12.

Ed Richards

What aren't we reporting?

YOUR Reporter team does its best but does not always hear about everything happening in the village. So if you know of something happening or about to happen in the village that you feel others would be interested in hearing about, please let us know. Email us at msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk, message our Facebook page or talk to any of the team.

A carbon neutral village?

COULD Milborne be carbon neutral? Richard Lock believes it could be possible and cites the success of a similarly-sized village in Cheshire, Ashton Hayes, which aims to become Britain's first carbon neutral community. The community there has reduced its overall carbon dioxide emissions by 40% in the last ten years. It has attracted large grants for its initiative and further cash for follow-on projects.

Richard suggests an objective that our village could become carbon neutral by 2020 could be agreed by all agencies and key organisations and resources in Milborne. This would include the Parish Council, Neighbourhood Planning Group, Village Hall, school, church, pub, shop and all utility providers. Group cohesion would be crucial and Mr Lock sees it operating like other partnerships which bring together all relevant agencies to work with a common theme.

He says, "I would also see the schools playing a pivotal role, as it is the children of today that will benefit from everyone taking carbon reduction as the cornerstone of everything we do."

Richard believes individuals could all participate by simple measures such as using public transport more, shopping local and thus reducing 'food miles', reducing food waste and also taking excess to foodbanks, and increasing green bin size whilst reducing the black bin to encourage more recyclable waste.

The experience of Ashton Hayes is definitely food for thought;



the Parish Council set in motion their journey to carbon neutrality after a proposal put forward by a resident. This was in 2005 and the project was launched two months later with 75% of the village's population turning out to support the initiative. Since

then, Ashton Hayes' residents have effectively reduced their carbon emissions by simple measures such as turning off appliances, using low energy lightbulbs and insulating their homes. Businesses have become involved, as has the University of Chester, whose students carry out annual surveys in the community.

So what has this actually achieved for the village of Ashton Hayes? Well, apart from attracting widespread interest around the country – and indeed across the world – it has been awarded grants for its initiative by central Government, starting with a sum of £26,500 from the Department of Food and Rural Affairs in 2006, which the group used to develop and 'spread the word' of their project. They actively encourage others still and the information on the group's website is used as a springboard by other communities interested in emulating them.

Ashton Hayes' most recent substantial grant was for £400,000, which they won from the Department of Energy and Climate Change under its Low Carbon Communities Challenge. The village was one of 22 communities to receive funding, with its award being used to build a low carbon sports pavilion, complete with solar arrays that help to fund the maintenance of the grounds and building. This award also funded solar panels to create low carbon classrooms at the local school.

Richard thinks the example they have set – and the proof that individual actions and efforts can make a difference – shows that if it can work there, then why not here. So, could Milborne be carbon neutral? Maybe, maybe not, but the intention to do so could well reap rewards.

Ed Richards

What do you think about this idea? Would you be willing to participate in such an initiative? Or is thinking about waste and the like, well, a waste of time? Write to us here or visit our Facebook page and tell us what you think.

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