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Youth Club to close Youth Club will close at the end of summer term without a new youth leader

MILBORNE St. Andrew youth club is still in need of a youth leader. Our current team will be stepping down at the end of the summer term which is now about two weeks away (last session 8th July). We have had a little bit of interest from people who would be happy to volunteer with a new team, however, we are still in need of someone that will be prepared to take the overall leader role. With a good team behind you, this should not be an onerous task. The youth club is well supported and thriving, with 58 current members between the ages of eight and 14. The youth club meets every other Friday during term time, 6.30pm until 8.30pm, with additional time required for set up and clearing away. We run a well-supported tuck shop and undertake varied activities. The group has a wide range of equipment for use each session.

Our current team has been running our youth club for over five years and due to other commitments are now ready to stand aside for an enthusiastic team with fresh ideas. New volunteers will need to be DBS checked. The current team are available until the summer break for a handover period if required, however if we do not have anyone to hand over to, then youth club will not be running in September.

If you are interested or have any questions please contact Amy Tanswell on 07828 650104 / amytanswell81@gmail.com or Lianne Summers 07917 432544.

Thanks for reading.

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Soup of the day, served with a crusty baguette (v) Duck liver & whiskey pate, served with a malted baguette, spicy chutney and mixed leaves

Roasted black pudding wrapped in Parma ham & filo pastry, served with caramelised onions & almonds

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'Legal highs' are now illegal

A BLANKET ban on the sale of New Psychoactive Substances came into force on 26th May 2016, outlawing the trade in so-called 'legal highs'.

Also known as New Psychoactive Substances they are capable of affecting a person's mental or emotional state mimicking the effects of drugs such as cocaine and ecstasy, but are structurally different enough to avoid being classed as class A, B, or C drugs.

One type is designed to make people feel overconfident and disinhibited but can induce feelings of anxiety, panic, confusion, paranoia, and even cause psychosis, which can lead to takers putting their own safety at risk. They can put a strain on the heart, nervous and immune systems. People may feel quite low for a while after they've stopped using them.

Another type are designed to be more sedative reducing inhibitions and concentration but they slow down reactions and make people feel lethargic, forgetful or physically unsteady, placing them at risk of accidents. They can cause unconsciousness, coma and death, particularly when mixed with alcohol and/or other 'downer' drugs. Some people feel very anxious when they stop taking them and may need medical attention.

The last type are hallucinogenic but can cause confusion and panics making people behave erratically and putting their own safety at serious risk or self-harm. Feelings of mind and body separation can occur, interfering with judgement, putting people at risk of harm from acting carelessly or dangerously, particularly in unsafe environments.

What concerns experts too is that there has been little or no useful research into the short or long-term risks from human consumption. Psychoactive substances have widely different strengths and effects on different people. You can become addicted too.

The new law makes it illegal to supply any so-called "legal highs" for human consumption. This includes selling them or giving them away for free (even to friends) when they are going to be taken for their psychoactive effects. Importing them from abroad will also be a crime.

Police, working in partnership with Trading Standards will take action where they find people supplying them. Punishments range from a prohibition notice, which acts as a formal warning, to seven years in prison.

If you have information about the sale of New Psychoactive Substances or 'legal highs' please report it to Trading Standards via the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 03454 040506.

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Wednesday Social Club

ON 1st June members and friends made their way to Athelhampton

House where a lovely cream tea had been prepared for us in the Long Hall. As the weather was cold and windy we did not stay long in the gardens but it was a pleasant day out for us.



July 6th is our trip to R.N.L.I. Poole which will be interesting and on 3rd August we will have a quiz in the hall.

An advance notice: On Wednesday 7th September we are hiring a coach to take us to Marwell

Zoo. There will seats on the coach to fill so please contact Ann Guy on 01258 837959 or Jenny Balcon on 01258 837121 if you'd like to join us. *Margaret Evans*

World War One Graves

DID you know that there are three WW1 graves in our churchyard? They were local men: Tom Jeans, Augustus Lock and Alfred Parsons. To mark the centenary of the Battle of the Somme, which lasted for 141 days from 1st July to 18th November 1916, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) have launched a Living Memory project. We all know about the war cemeteries abroad but some soldiers died back in Britain and their graves are often overlooked. The CWGC want to encourage people to visit local war graves and perhaps find out more about the soldiers or mark the centenary in some way. The local history group are going to put together some



information about our three soldiers but **you can** also get involved. We would like to make a display of **141 knitted/crochet poppies** (it would be great if we get more) our own Tower of London installation! There are patterns on the internet but if you can't access that and would like a pattern then contact me on 07532 045379. Get out those knitting needles! *Linda Wright*

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The Piddle Valley Players need 'Guys and Dolls'

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Recent productions have included 'The Boy Friend', 'Allo Allo', 'Fiddler on The Roof', and 'Carousel'... all of which have attracted outstanding reviews!

Our next production, 14th to 18th February 2017, will be 'Guys and Dolls', for which we are keen to attract Gangsters and Dancing Girls.

If you fancy 'rolling the dice', being a 'Hot Box' girl, or joining the Salvation Army . . . please join the Piddle Valley Players.

We rehearse Thursday evenings, and some Sunday afternoons from September.

Contact Rachel on 07810 406470 or see our Facebook page.

Milton Abbey hosts major Capability Brown exhibition

MILTON ABBEY hosts a major national festival this summer that celebrates the 300 year anniversary of famous landscape designer, Lancelot 'Capability' Brown. The breath-taking 500 acres that surround the abbey were designed by Brown from 1763 and this landscape and buildings are the setting for the multimedia exhibition that visits from 10th July.

Capability Brown is acknowledged as a designer who changed the national landscape and created a style which has shaped our image of the quintessential English countryside. He changed the face of eighteenth century England, designing country estates and mansions, moving hills and making flowing lakes and serpentine rivers, blending to a magical world of green.

Milton Abbey is the focal point of three converging valleys that Brown landscaped to give visitors a spectacular route through the grounds. The 16 miles of walks and carriage drives were designed to draw the visitor through the space, enriched en route by features such as the folly of Sham Chapel, built by Capability Brown and William Chambers. Elsewhere there are glimpses and vistas revealing the abbey. This sublime landscape is regarded as one of the finest examples of Brown's work in England.

The exhibition, which runs to 21st August, features topographical artwork by Royal Academician Stephen Farthing and Tim Scott-Bolton, a massive photographic view of the landscape, a new film about the Milton Abbey landscape and a collection of embroideries based on Brown's work to name a few. There will also be games and films especially for children, who will be able to navigate the landscape using an interactive map of the abbey grounds. These exhibits will be shown in the Abbey church and two school buildings. Opening times are 10.00am to 5.00pm. More information can be found at www.capabilitybrownatmiltonabbey.org

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Dad's Army (PG)

shown by 'Milborne Movies' at Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall (DT11 0JX) on Friday 15th July 2016 at 7.30pm

THIS film is set in 1944 and World War II is reaching its climax, but the Home Guard is starting to become less relevant. The Allies are poised to invade France and finally defeat the German army. But in Walmingtonon-Sea morale amongst the Home Guard is low. Their new mission, to patrol the Dover army base, is a great chance to revive spirits and reputation. That is until glamorous journalist Rose Winters arrives to write about their exploits, setting the pulses racing and putting the local women on red alert. MI5 then discover a radio signal sent direct to Berlin from Walmington-on-Sea. There's a spy on the loose! The outcome of the war is suddenly at stake, and it falls to our unlikely heroes to stand up and be counted. Sticking doggedly to the tried-andtested formula of the television comedy, this big-screen return is virtually a carbon copy of the original with the starry cast delivering spot-on imitations of their beloved predecessors. Dad's Army is endearing nonsense with a staggeringly accomplished cast that includes Michael Gambon as the doddery Godfrey, Tom Courtenay as Corporal Jones, Bill Nighy as Sergeant Wilson and Bill Paterson as Frazer. There are also welcome cameo roles for original stalwarts Ian Lavender and Frank Williams. Toby Jones is the perfect choice to play Captain Mainwaring, capturing the man's pomposity and ability to part company with his dignity at the slightest opportunity.

The Home Guard was real and they lost 1,200 people to enemy action in WW2 and although they never faced an invasion, they didn't know that at the time, but they volunteered anyway.

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

Plea from the Village Hall Committee

AFTER many years Elizabeth Humphrey will be resigning as a Village Hall trustee and as the treasurer. No one from the committee is able to take on the treasurer's role so we are appealing for someone to come forward and to offer their services.

This would be a wonderful opportunity for someone (over the age of 18), who may have some training in book keeping or someone who is already in the finance or banking industry, to enhance their CV by volunteering to take on the role of treasurer.

Please give this request some thought and if you would like to know more Elizabeth will be able to tell you how little commitment is needed and will talk you through the robust system which is already in place. Call her or leave a message on 01258 839263. *Pam Shults*

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Painting with wax... at the June WI

WE were delighted to welcome four visitors to our meeting. Ann Guy brought along friends Pauline and Joan from Winterborne Whitechurch and Angela, who is new to our village, also decided to give the WI a try. We hope they enjoyed their evening and that we will see them again.

Jenny thanked everyone who provided items for our Bath-bola stall at the May Fair. It was a complete sell-out, in no small part due to our intrepid stallholders, who '*dressed down*' for the occasion, donning shower hats and capacious pink bath towels for the event. It might have been raining and miserable outside but they managed to cause quite a stir indoors! We gave them our congratulations and a well-earned round of applause.

Congratulations also to our members who took part in the Group Quiz and came third. No resting on our laurels though, we move on to the County Quiz later in the year. We look forward to our summer supper later this month, safe in the knowledge that Sheila Ryall is providing a large marquee. In place of a formal summer outing, Jenny is suggesting an afternoon cream tea at Athelhampton on Thursday, 11th August, to include the gardens. Partners *et al* welcome.

Linda spoke about the centenary of the Battle of the Somme on 1st July and reminded us all that we have three war graves in our own churchyard. She is suggesting that we knit a poppy (we will need at least 141) with a view to having our own installation of poppies – by November, so no need to panic. Patterns can be provided, so maybe it is time for the patter of tiny knitting needles in Milborne!

Sue Board has been practising encaustic art for over 25 years and we were pleased to welcome her to our meeting. Using temperature controlled irons and wax tablets in a variety of colours, the wax is melted to allow a low working temperature and transferred to nonporous paper of various sizes. She demonstrated how to build up a landscape scene, using the flat, the tip and the tilt of the iron. A more abstract medium followed and it was fascinating to see how the colours blended together to form vibrant images. A number of us tried our hand and were delighted with the results.

Our social time included delicious birthday cake – many thanks June, and congratulations on your recent birthday.

At next month's meeting on Thursday, 14th July, Jenny Hansford will give us an '*Introduction to Handbells*'. Our competition will be '*flower of the month*'. Please do come along and join us, we always look forward to seeing new people at our meetings. *Pat Bull*

Deadline for the August/September issue is 14th July



Seasonal(!) strawberry ideas



THE Romans cultivated strawberries as early as 200BC. In medieval times they were regarded as an aphrodisiac and a soup made of strawberries, borage and soured cream was traditionally served to newlyweds at their wedding breakfast.

In the 16th century strawberries were sold in cone-shaped straw baskets and must have been one of the earliest packaged foods in this country.

Years ago, the Tamar valley was famous for producing the earliest strawberries in the country. Before the 1960's strawberries were only available for a few short weeks in the summer and came in punnets made from woven wood not plastic. Nowadays, the British strawberry season starts in early May, reaches its peak in June and July and, depending on the weather, can last until September or October. Imported strawberries are available all the year round – hence the picture!

Simple strawberries and cream are delicious but with a much longer season it's nice to ring the changes with a few different ideas.

If you can't lay your hands on any borage and soured cream then why not try one of the following uncomplicated recipes?

- Halve some strawberries and mix with segmented oranges.
 Marinate the fruit in a couple of tablespoons of Cointreau serve with crème fraiche rather than cream to avoid curdling.
- Place strawberries in a bowl and stir in the scooped out pulp from a couple of passion fruit.
- Dip the tips of strawberries into melted chocolate, leave to harden on non-stick paper then pile up on a dish and decorate with a few flowers.
- Halve strawberries and add a drizzle of balsamic or sherry vinegar.
- Puree 500g strawberries with 100g sugar, stir in 350ml double cream and freeze, stirring from time to time. Compare these 3 ingredients with the number of ingredients in bought ice cream.
- Quickly sauté halved strawberries in a little butter, adding honey to taste. Serve warm with ice cream.
- Puree raspberries with a little kirsch and sugar to taste, sieve and pour over halved strawberries.
- Add some strawberries to chunks of rhubarb and cook them together. The strawberries will add a lovely colour and you won't need to add as much sugar. Delicious in rhubarb crumble.
- Add a light sprinkling of white pepper to a bowlful of strawberries. Don't tell anyone what you have added and wait for the compliments. This sounds an unlikely combination but has certainly been around for a long time as I can remember my grandmother adding pepper when I was quite a small child. In case you are wondering, she lived to the age of 101.

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British Values

During the past month, someone passed on to me an Open Letter to the People of Britain, written by the Christian evangelist J. John. In his missive, he reminds his readers how many of the characteristics we describe as British values derive from the Christian heritage of this nation.

However, he also points out that there are certain values in our society that are not compatible with Christianity and urges readers to replace them with the better ones of kindness, good manners, care for the elderly and infirm, trustworthiness, graciousness and faithfulness. I wonder whether you agree.

The five characteristics he picks out as things too prevalent in our society at the current time are:

- Amnesia we have forgotten our past Christian heritage which has been responsible for shaping and forming who we are and our history. Biblical principles permeated society - people knew they should love their neighbour, be honest and truthful, and keep the Ten Commandments. Our democracy, in which leaders are there to serve and not to rule, education, changes in social conditions, the drive for literacy which helped people to escape poverty, and so on, he argues originally derived from the faith of this country.
- Adolescence our culture, he argues, has been dumbed down and become shallow. Seriousness is not cool; teaching from primary school to university has to include entertainment; dumbing down has become the norm; and celebrity has become the touchstone.
- Acquisitiveness we want money, stuff and experiences for ourselves. Shopping centres have become the cathedrals of Britain. Greed has been legitimised through our culture and charitable values are hard to instil when the mind-set is to view everything in terms of profit and loss.
- Apathy people are less concerned about the plight of others. If we want more for ourselves, that means less interest in others. He argues that few are seriously concerned about the plight of the poor, the abused and the trafficked in this country, let alone abroad. "The 'me' generation may have some sympathy for 'you' but very little at all for 'them"', he says.
- Arrogance: the sense that we have no need of anyone, including God, but ourselves. The self has become central and we have turned our backs on God. The only measure has become public opinion which is notoriously fickle. This is J. John's list of things that need changing. It's not necessarily the same as

mine would be, but it has certainly got me thinking.

I wonder what your list would have on it. Which characteristics would you like to ditch in our society? And which would you like to see increased so that we end up with communities that foster generosity and hope, and which shape a society that is good for all its members and not just those with wealth or influence?

Best wishes



St. Andrew's Church notes

WE have had a busy week as we write. Pam and John have just been confirmed as official Churchwardens by the Bishop of Salisbury at a wonderful service in the cathedral for several hundred church wardens from the whole diocese. So we now have the bishop's legal authority in the parish.

The Queen's Birthday Celebration service did not attract as many extra people to church as we had hoped, but those who came were able to enjoy the special flower arrangements and hear the bells rung before the service. Many thanks to all those involved.

May Fayre hit by Rain

The village May Fayre had to be moved indoors because of rain so that most of the outside activities had to be cancelled. Our 'Grannie's Attic' stall was not affected however, and helped to make the day the success that it was.



Time to Tidy Up the Churchyard

As well as moving the compost heap there is much ivy and other vegetation still to clear from trees and walls in the churchyard. The working party has made a good start but we need to clear ivy from the top of the wall onto Church Hill so that the top can be restored in the autumn. There is also a fair amount of rubbish to pick up. We hope to have a working party on the first Saturday of each month to get on top of the work.

Also the diocese has informed us that revised regulations will apply to our churchyard from 1st July this year. We have a copy of the full regulations for anyone who wishes to see them, and a short version is displayed in church.

All those responsible for their family's graves should note the following prohibitions in section 11 of the regulations:

- "... For the avoidance of doubt, the incumbent may not permit:
- (1) Kerbs, railings, fencing or chippings as these create difficulty or danger when mowing;
- (2) Memorials in the shape of a specific object, such as a heart or boulder; and
- (3) Mementoes and objects such as statues, toys, wind chimes, photographs and candles, which must not be fixed to, hung upon or placed with a memorial. Such items must be removed in accordance with rule 14.5 below by the incumbent or churchwardens, who may, at their discretion, allow such articles to remain on new graves for a period of up to 13 months..."

The Churchwardens and PCC have noted that there are a number of graves that do not conform to the current (or former) rules and that we must try to bring them into line with the regulations, if only to make churchyard maintenance easier.

The regulations also limit the style and content of headstones, permission for which should be sought from the vicar before any work is undertaken. A temporary wooden cross or marker may be used to mark a new grave for up to 12 months after burial. It is the responsibility of those who introduce headstones, and their heirs, to ensure that their headstones are secure and safe. However, the churchwardens may lay flat any stones considered to be dangerous and attempt to inform those responsible for the headstone that it needs attention.

Dorset Wildlife Trust seemed pleased with the churchyard in their recent annual 'Living Churchyard' inspection. We should get their official verdict in a month or so.

John Wright and Pam Shults

Dewlish Church Notes

THE recent Coffee Morning we held for Christian Aid raised £198.20. Thank you so much to those who supported it.

At this year's **Five Churches Fete** being held at Athelhampton House on Bank Holiday Monday, 29th August (beginning at noon), Dewlish will once again be running the stall for jams, marmalades, pickles and produce. We would be very grateful for any donations. There will be more information next month.

Other Community News

On Saturday 23rd July Dewlish Ladies' Group will be holding an **Afternoon Tea Party** (2.30–5.00pm) at the home of Mr and Mrs Albert Ross, "Akerion", the bungalow by the bridge. Part of the profits from this will be given to charity. *Daphne Burg*



Do you need a lift to church?

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

Remembering Doreen



DOREEN BALDWIN is probably not a name that is very familiar to you. She lived in Milborne for only two years, and was usually known as, 'Josie's Mum'.

The second of six children she was born in a small village in County Durham where her father was a miner. She used to tell of visits to the 'Sally Army' where she and her siblings were all 'sunbeams'.

At the age of 15 she went into service. This involved being sent alone on a train to London to work as a parlour maid in one of the big houses. Her first job was at Edwin Lutyens' house – he was the architect who designed the Cenotaph. Her room was on the top floor overlooking Green Park. She later worked for Lord Salisbury and at Longleat for the Marquis of Bath.

Then as the Second World War began she went to work in an EMI factory involved in the early days of assembling radar equipment.

She met my dad at a local dance and became engaged, they married in 1942 and the next year I was born. Three weeks after this dad was posted abroad to Egypt, not to return for three years. Mum carried on bringing me up alone, living in a shared house with a neighbour. When dad returned home they added to the family and my brother Rob was born. We were soon allocated a brand new council houses in the area, where she continued to live for over sixty years. As soon as we were old enough, mum went back to work; this time she worked as a 'clippy', a bus conductress.

She worked alternate shifts to dad, so someone was always home with us. After she retired she had a rest for about six months before working with a company that took handicapped adults on holidays abroad, working on a one to one basis with a disabled person.

After dad died and mum got older, Rob returned to the family home in Hillingdon and helped look after her. Later when she needed more care she came here to live with me in Milborne St. Andrew, where she greatly enjoyed village life. Many will remember her amazing capacity for always winning the raffle at the village lunch. Sadly she needed more care than I could give and her last years were spent in Park Lodge Care Home in Broadstone. She was always pleased how many of you remembered her when I gave her news from the village.

My mum was always cheerful, always grateful for anything that was done for her, and I miss her very much. Josie Wright



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Roman Soldiers in Milborne

JOHN SMITH, an archaeologist who specialises in the Romans, delivered a well-constructed presentation about the Roman army using replica clothing, armour, weapons and other visual aids to the

Village History Group. He expanded on his theories about how Roman Legions would have organised, how they been brought in non-violent ways of conquest as well as by their military action; he explained how this led to development of a different culture in Britain during the early centuries AD. John was also able to link this information to our locality. All those who attended found his talk interesting and challenged some of the stereotypical attitudes we have developed over the years.



On 13th July Ros Atkins will show us how Dorset Buttons are

constructed and will give us a chance to 'have a go' whilst she talks about the button industry here in Milborne and surrounding area. All are welcome to come along to The Royal Oak at 7.30pm.

There will be no meeting in August and hopefully in September we will have a presentation by Phillip Brown, the author of a published historical biography of the East India Company's commander, Captain Richard Peirce whose ship was wrecked on the coast of Dorset in January 1786.

Fines can be issued



THE Parish Council are thinking of having a dog warden as the poo problem around the village is getting worse!! Are you one of those who may get a fine or are you going to start picking up? Please think of others especially when letting your dog go on grass that is cut, please think how you would feel to get it sprayed all over your feet!!





JULY SCHEDULE 2016

Lunch extra on all outings

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SATURDAY July 2nd Swanage Steam Railway and Swanage £22.00 return to include Steam Train and Bus Fare ***** SATURDAY July 9th Lyme Regis £15.00 Return Bus Fare ***** SATURDAY July 16th Wilton Shopping Village, Salisbury Less 20% off at Edinburgh Woollen Mill Return Fare £13.00

Saturday July 23rd Brownsea Island Inlcuding bus and entry: £16 -TBA: Cost of ferry



Orchids for MacMillan

RECENTLY I divided my lovely Cymbidium. It has lovely orange and yellow flowers from December to February and is very hardy. It survived an overnight stay in a removal van at -3 degrees when I moved back to Dorset in 2009!

I have six new plants which are thriving and am selling them at



£5 each to raise money for MacMillan, who are helping a very good friend of mine as he fights what he calls Terry The Tumour in his lung, and the Evil Siblings in his pancreas and spleen.

I can deliver to anywhere local to Milborne or arrange collection from 4 Wetherby Close. Please call 07850 083094 to buy one. Thank you. *Susan Wilson*

Can you identify where this is in Milborne?

Be the first to send your answer to msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk or give to any member of the *Reporter* team. *Reporter* team members can be found on page two.

No prize, just a bit of fun. Answer in the August/ September *Reporter*.

Last month's answer can be found on page 16.

View the Reporter each month in colour at www.milbornestandrew.org.uk/Reporter/index





With games on offer, why not have a family day out, bring a picnic and take in the experience of this unique place and the outstanding exhibition

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Deadline for the August/September issue is 14th July

Please note

The deadline for the October issue will be 12th September

100 CLUB WINNERS

Draw Date – Tuesday 24th May 2016 1st £100 John Sanderson 2nd £50 Brian Keene 3rd £8 Dennis Ballard

The next draw is on Tuesday 28th June 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 MSA FC and Church 100 Club

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

The Milborne Players There is no time for rest in a "Bedroom Farce"

Yep, the rehearsals are in full flow now. Let me assure you that although its name may conjure-up imagines of sauciness taking place at the end of the pier, this play is nothing like it. It's poignant, amusing and full of interesting characters dealing with their own relationships and intertwined in one over which they have, well, no control. Here are the cast members getting into character costume.



Don't forget to book your tickets 01258 839056. Performance Dates 16th and 17th September 2016. www.milborneplayers.org.uk *Caroline Nobbs*

Milborne St. Andrew First School – Consultation on the Proposal to lower the admission age

The consultation period for the Proposal to lower the admission age of Milborne St. Andrew First School in order to create an integrated Early Years Foundation Stage Unit with effect from September 2017 is open and will run for six school weeks from Monday 6th June to Monday 18th July 2016.

The Local Governing Body will consider all comments received during the consultation period.

If you would like a consultation pack, please go to our website and you will find full details there under "Early Years" tab. milborne.dorset.sch.uk/ website/foundation_unit_consultation



Ladybirds TT race

Some of the children found a use for the old car tyres. Sitting on chairs with a tyre between their legs and a piece of wood for handlebars they pretended to be racing motorbikes. The tyres were also used by a group of children to initially barricade two others into the tent – all was in fun as they giggled and feigned being scared. The pile was then made higher with guttering, traffic cones and pieces of wood. Then when it 'caught fire' the children fetched water in whatever containers they could find to put the fire out. A great example of child-led imaginative play!

Inside we have read stories of lions, made pictures of lions using forks to paint their manes and created lions out of orange card. No cooking relating to lions – just traditional fairy cakes and scones – as we talked about the Queen's birthday party. If you came to the May Fayre you may have seen the display board we made of the Queen having tea with the





children. It was a great picture of Her Majesty (cut out of a magazine) with self-drawn pictures of the children sitting at a giant table covered in food designed by some of the children.

At this time of the year we conduct a survey of parent and child opinions of Ladybirds. This year with the possible changes in the village to provision for young children we feel the rest of the community should be able to take part in the survey. The questionnaire will be available online for those who would like to comment on our preschool facility. We can provide a paper copy if necessary *Liz Dyer*



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

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Community Events Diary

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| July | |
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| Saturday 2nd | Dewlish Music Concert – Lutes and Guitars Dewlish |
| | Chapel – see page 35. |
| Wednesday 6th | Wednesday Club trip to R.N.L.I. Poole – see page 2. |
| Saturday 9th | Dewlish Music Concert – The Wandering Winds All |
| | Saints Church, Dewlish – see page 35. |
| Sunday 10th | The Capability Brown Experience Milton Abbey |
| | from 10.00am to 5.00pm runs until 21st August – |
| | see pages 7 and 14. |
| Wednesday 13th | Village History Group Ros Atkins will show us how |
| | Dorset Buttons are constructed whilst she talks |
| | about the button industry here in Milborne. The |
| | Royal Oak 7.30pm all welcome – see page 13. |
| Thursday 14th | WI Jenny Hansford will give us an 'Introduction to |
| | Handbells'. Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 9. |
| | Reporter latest date for the August/September |
| | issue. Copy and pictures to msa.reporter@ |
| Friday 15th | yahoo.co.uk or any member of the Reporter team. Dad's Army (PG) shown by 'Milborne Movies' |
| Fluay 15th | Village Hall 7.30pm – see pages 7 and 18. |
| Saturday 16th | Dewlish Music Concert – Serpent Recital Dewlish |
| Saturday 10th | Chapel – see page 35. |
| Wednesday 20th | Parish Council Village Hall Committee Room 7.30pm. |
| Thursday 21st | Gardening Club Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 27. |
| Saturday 23rd | Afternoon Tea Party Dewlish Ladies' Group |
| | (2.30–5.00pm) – see page 11. |
| Tuesday 26th | 100 Club Draw The Royal Oak 8.00pm. |
| Saturday 30th | Village Lunch Village Hall. 12.15pm – see page 2 |
| - | for menu. |
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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)

July at the Sports Club

Table Tennis Monday 7.00–9.00pm. Information from Pauline Pitfield01258 839123

The Busy Bees Under 5 Group from 9.30am to 11.30am on Thursday term time only. Contact Wendy Britton on 07867 720283.

Gardening questions

DO you have a gardening question for our expert Maureen Lock to answer? Send your questions to the *Reporter* at msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk, our Facebook page or give to a Reporter team member whose details can be found on page 2.

Milborne 100 Club

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Milborne gets the Blues . . . again!

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A Good Read by Shirley Dunkley Four Books by Charlotte Bronte, 'Jane Eyre', 'Shirley', 'Villette', 'The Professor'.

ON the same day in April that the Queen celebrated her 90th birthday, Charlotte Bronte had, 200 years previously, been born. The third child of a family of six, she was destined to become one of the most influential writers in English literature, despite a life lived out in the vicarage of a grim mill village in Yorkshire named Haworth. During her short life (she died aged 39 years) she was to suffer the loss of five of her siblings, to enjoy a brief, happy marriage which eventually killed her as she died of acute complications in pregnancy, and to write four novels, at least one of which, 'Jane Eyre' has worldwide readership to this day.



She was an original in many ways - the first to write in 'Jane Eyre' with the eyes and voice of a child; perhaps first to mine her own life so extensively for subject matter, and in 'Villette', her last novel, the first to explore the psychology of her heroine, Lucy Snowe, and to take her readers into a turbulent inner life. Her unhappy experience of boarding school is revisited in 'Jane Eyre, her experience at a kind of finishing school in Brussels is referenced in all four novels and her infatuation with Monsieur Heger, its proprietor and master, with whom she fell

hopelessly in love, is recreated in Villette. In that novel the love-object based on M. Heger is Paul Emmanuel and Lucy's relationship with him uses much of her experience although it does not end in rejection but mutual affection. The ending, however, does not end with 'they lived happily ever after'! All the novels concern governesses or teachers – Charlotte's only paid employment – although in 'Shirley' the emphasis is not so heavy. However, above all, she introduces us to fierce, young women determined to take control of their own lives and not be ignored, side-lined, pushed into pigeon-holes. This is one strong reason why she is still read and enjoyed so much today, along with her vivid and powerful writing style and ability to conjure living portraits of people and places. Interestingly all her love stories seem to involve an almost sado-masochistic enjoyment of male dominance so perhaps she is also referenced in more recent erotic best-sellers!

If you only know 'Jane Eyre' I urge you to try 'Villette' and 'Shirley' and even 'The Professor', her apprentice work, and discover her power to take you to the heart of universal human experience and make you care about the often painful lives of characters created over 160 years ago.



Packed Summer Fun for Longer Days

OUR Mystery Lunch was to Portland Sailing Academy where we had an amazing time and were well looked after by the staff and volunteers. The day we were there they were holding a sailing regatta with children from the Lake District, Isle of Man and other parts of England. Our passengers had great fun checking out the sailing clubs and districts from the badges on their anoraks. We plan to go back for a cream tea during the school holidays.



Somerset Lavender Farm was very relaxing and the lavender cake and shortbread was delicious. The bus was full of various plants and of course assorted lavender products. We had lunch at the Faulkland Inn and this gave the passengers an opportunity to chat over past events and outings whilst enjoying their meal.

For the summer schedule we are pleased to welcome students as Bus2Go volunteers. They joined us for the first time on our outing to Hengistbury Head, Christchurch and Stewarts Garden Centre. The students bring a new vitality to the project and it is great to see the interaction between them and our passengers. With many jokes and quips being exchanged.

Our outings are becoming increasingly popular and on most of them three buses are required (max of 48 passengers). It is now advisable to book early to avoid disappointment. www.bus2godorset.org

For our July schedule, Please see our advertisement on page 13. We look forward to welcoming you on board very soon.

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Information and advice for families



IT can sometimes be difficult for families in rural communities to find out about what is available to them, which is where the Family Information Service (FIS) aims to help. The free service is run by Dorset County Council and offers advice on where to find information about a range of problems or issues that parents and carers of children may have. This could be from finding a childminder or holiday club, advice on schools and colleges, or family support for health problems.

The Family Information Service is free to parents and carers of children aged 0-19 or up to 25 if the young person is disabled or has additional needs. The service is also available to prospective parents, young people directly and professionals who work in the field of family support. It may be that you have been searching for particular information with no success; the FIS could well be worth contacting to help with the specific issue you require help with.

They aim to advise on the provisions affecting a wide area of family life, from childcare (nurseries, pre-school, childminders, after school clubs) and information on help with the costs of it; support and activities for families with children from birth to five years of age: and support for families affected by health issues, drugs problems and bullying, and advice on available counselling. There is also information offered on finding out about activities that youngsters can participate in such as Scouts, sports and drama groups to name a few as well as parent and toddler groups and play parks.

All this information can be found on the FIS's Family Information Directory, online at www.dorset foryou.com and searching for 'FIS'. The service also has a Facebook page and you can sign up for a monthly newsletter for parents. Last month's issue contains a variety of information, from what to do in the school holidays to a call to teenagers to become a 'Young Researcher' in a year-long project, which includes a residential weekend away.

If the answers you require to a family problem can't be found online at the FIS's resource, then you can call them on 01305 221066 on weekdays between 8.30am and 5.30pm.

Ed Richards

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The FIFTIES – some food for thought!

JUNE 2016 is turning into a nostalgic 'Back to the Future' revival of the 50s. As I braved the rain in the park surrounded by a sea of Red, White and Blue and watching the Queen's picnic lunch in the Mall on the Big Screen, I reflected on what makes the 50s so special to so many.



As I munched on my hot dog I remembered that then:

- Cooking outside was called camping
- A Big Mac was what we wore when it was raining
- All potato chips were plain: the only choice we had was whether to put the salt in the blue wrapper on or not.
- A takaway was a mathematical problem
- Curry was a surname.
- Oil was for lubricating, fat was for cooking.
- Water came out of a tap. If someone had suggested bottling it and charging more than petrol for it, they would have become a laughing stock!!
- Prunes were medicinal
- A pizza was something to do with a leaning tower.
- Surprisingly, muesli was readily available, it was called cattle feed.
- Healthy food consisted of anything edible
- People who didn't peel potatoes were considered lazy
- None of us had ever heard of yoghurt
- Sugar enjoyed a good press in those days and was regarded as being 'white gold'. Cubed sugar was considered posh
- "Kebab" was not even a word, never mind a food.
- Rice was only eaten as a milk pudding
- I can also remember the purple velvet trousers and the bright shiny buckles on my page boy outfit.
- Indian restaurants were only found in India

And finally, the one thing that we never ever had on our tables in the fifties . . . "Elbows or phones" $% \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) =0$

Oh those were the days!!

Richard Lock

Deadline for the August/September issue is 14th July

Please note

The deadline for the October issue will be 12th September

Can you help?

NeighbourCar

NeighbourCar Assistant Transport Coordinators required

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In your Garden Seasonal notes and tips from Maureen Lock of *designerGardens* Fatal attraction

Many of our garden plants, although lovely to look at and often fragrant, can be harmful to our pets. Just as you would 'dog-proof' your house, you need to be aware of what plants can harm your pets. You don't need to go around pulling up all your plants, but by being aware

that if your puppy or dog is chewing a particular plant you know how to stop him and what to keep an eye on. Most dogs will make it their purpose to get to know every nook and cranny in the garden and investigate and 'taste' all manner of things –

some very undesirable or downright disgusting!! So, with a bit of attention and planning, it is easy to create a pet friendly garden.

The following plants are *potentially* dangerous and if your dog likes to chew your plants, keep them in an area that your pet can't get to or can only access whilst you are watching. Hanging baskets and plants in containers would be a good solution to keep your pet safe. This list is by no means complete – they are just the most common plants you might find in your garden. Really, the best thing to do is to discourage your dog from eating anything that you haven't given him/her yourself – easier said than done sometimes. If you suspect your pet has eaten something and appears unwell contact your vet immediately.

Aconites (Monkshood) and Yew– EVERY part of these plants is extremely toxic to humans and animals alike. Also on the list are: begonias, climbing plants such as clematis, ivy and wisteria; many cottage garden favourites such as verbena, chrysanthemums and delphiniums, foxgloves, geraniums, lobelia, sweet peas, dahlias, marigolds and any kind of lily (especially bad for cats), shrubs such as Elderberry, Privet and Box hedging. If your dog eats tulip, daffodil, nerine and crocus bulbs they can become quite unwell. As you can imagine, bulbs can often be mistaken (by a dog) for a ball so you need to keep bulbs out of their reach.

And it's not just our ornamental plants that can cause harm, some vegetables can also be toxic to our pets; any part of the potato and tomato plant can be toxic as well as the cores of fruits like apples, cherries, plums, peaches and apricots which have seeds containing poisonous cyanide!



Rhubarb leaves are poisonous to people AND dogs.

Once eaten by a pet, any of these plants can cause problems from drooling and tummy ache to potentially deadly damage to the nervous system, kidneys and liver. Many dogs, including mine, may have had a bit of a chew of some of these plants without coming to any harm, and many won't even be interested in them, but it doesn't do us any harm to be aware of them.

Many insecticides, herbicides, fungicides and fertilisers contain strong, toxic compounds that should be kept out of reach – you know how the little devils like to chew anything they find. Slug and snail pellets are a common cause of poisoning in dogs. If you do use chemical pest controls in your garden, keep the pets away from the treated areas for a few days afterwards.

Don't despair though as there are plenty of beautiful dog friendly flowers, shrubs and trees too and I will write an article about these next time.

If anyone would like a more comprehensive list of what to avoid or watch out for, let me have your email address and I will forward it to you.





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ASBOs (IPNA) warning at Village Hall

THE gardening club members turned up to their regular monthly meeting only to be greeted with a disturbing warning message regarding local thugs.

If the members had not been seated ready to be 'entertained' by our visiting speaker on the topic of "Wicked Plants", pandemonium and panic could have ensued but everyone remained rooted to their spot.

Marion Dale proved he to а verv accomplished and informative speaker on the subject of the killers, intoxicants and offenders in our garden. She suggested that in most gardens it was generally easy to see at least two or three poisonous plants. Some



that could be downright dangerous, some that were not the sweetness and light they pretend to be, some look-a-likes that could easily be mistaken for being dangerous and some 'bad guys' that have a hidden secret and have turned into 'Good Guys'.

To add to the tension, the odd roll of thunder could be heard and someone actually thought that they saw a Triffid walking by but by the end of the meeting many had a better understanding about what to look for and where to look to get the best advice.

"Don't try this at home" was another message associated with the fact that morning glory seeds were not so innocent. The Aztec's placed the seeds in water and the resulting drink provided a hallucinatory (LSD) effect. Before anyone races for the tap, suppliers now treat the seeds to ensure this cannot happen.

Marion is also a church flower arranger and she explained that care must also be taken with this gentle pastime as many plants, tulips and chrysanthemums for example can cause skin irritations of varying degrees. She also told a story about a young child who, using his initiative when thirsty, removed the lovely spray of lily of the valley from the vase, drank the water and then had to be rushed to hospital because the water was extremely poisonous.

On the 'Good Guys' side, yew, although the seeds are poisonous, the berries are now being used as a cancer treatment drug, snowdrops and daffodils for improving memory functions of those with Alzheimer's and foxgloves for heart problems, but the usual safety message applies don't experiment!

For those wanting to know what potentially deadly adventure awaits you when you enter your garden then it is worth checking out what is safe, what is not and what precautions you must take with the plants that you have.

The message is "Check out everything" not just the colour, soil tolerance, shade or sun loving, scented, height and spread. The Poison Garden website of the Alnwick Castle Poison Garden would be a good starting point.

Despite all of the above the meeting ended on a high note and during the Q & A session it was apparent that some of the club knew more about the history of opium dens and the location of the secret poppy (opium/morphine) growing fields situated in Dorset and Hampshire than they had let on previously.

As a 'look forward' during the business section (10 min max) final arrangements were made for the group visit to Hestercombe House, the date for the summer garden party at Ruth's during August is being finalised and by a show of hands it was agreed to Sally Dyer taking over as Chairman of the Group with Richard remaining on the committee and also taking on the role of minute secretary.

The date for our next Club meeting or Community talk is 21st July with a presentation by Dinah Lindon-Critchley of Blooming Plants on the subject of "*Unusual Ways with Vegetables*" umm, interesting.

Richard Lock



There was a real party atmosphere at the Queen's birthday celebrations on the Queen Elizabeth II Field (village playing field) on Sunday 12th June.

We picnicked together then, among many other attractions, threw Dorset knobs, flipped frogs out of the pond, hooked or threw ducks, (no animals were hurt in any activity). Then the real fun began, after we sang the national anthem, a royal three tier cake was cut by our village ladies of a certain age and the fancy dress prizes were presented.

We all ran races, egg and spoon, three legged and fancy dress races among others. Thank you so much to the six ladies for organizing this relaxing and fun village event, more please. David Payne

Dear Editor,

All the organisers and helpers of the Queen's birthday party on the Queen Elizabeth II Field on Sunday 12th June would like to give a big thank you to everyone who attended. Thanks go to the Reporter, Wednesday Club and an anonymous villager who sponsored the event making it a free afternoon for all. However much organisation is done without people coming along to support the event it can be disappointing. We hope that you enjoyed yourselves.

Organisation Team.

Milborne St. Andrew Parish Church Exhibitors for Art and Craft Event

On Saturday 16th July 10.00am - 5.00pm

Our plan is to have displays of craft work and demonstrations. We hope that you will allow visitors to 'have a go' using some of your materials and equipment and that you will help them to try out new skills, making a small charge if you want to.

There will be an opportunity for you to sell some of your products.

At the same time we hope to have a display of the history of our church as part of our programme of The Queen's 90th Birthday celebrations.

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THE first week of June was National Volunteers Week, an annual celebration of the fantastic contribution millions of volunteers make across the UK. You may already be one of those helping others in your free time and benefitting from the experience gained through providing help for those in need.

Mosaic, the local charity based in Milborne St. Andrew, is a well structured, well established organisation offering neutral, independent professional counselling help to bereaved children and young people, also social and psychological help for their families. During the past year they have supported 180 children and young people struggling with grief and, often, overwhelming, emotions at a confusing, life changing time. They say they could not provide this vital service without their current 45 volunteers. These are drawn from all walks of life supporting fund-raising events, family activity days and residential weekends. Their working philosophy is to offer a safe place within a friendly supportive atmosphere to which these feelings can be brought. No harm is experienced, they can be heard,

and, importantly, understand they can still have fun without guilt.

Julia Ridgeway has worked as a volunteer with Mosaic for five years and agrees with the widely held view that by helping others you can help yourself. She says that the rewards can be uplifting and inspirational, "Through volunteering I have become less concerned about the 'small stuff' and I worry less. In a strange way... my involvement with Mosaic has genuinely helped me to become a better person".

Holly Parkin, Mosaic Fundraiser says they are always looking for enthusiastic volunteers who can help within their busy team. If anyone can spare an hour a day to help run a stall at a village fair, attend an activity day or even put on their own event please get in touch. Holly can be reached on **01258 837071** or email **holly@mosaicfamilysupport.org**

Or if you would like to see what else is out there to suit your interests and skills go to a *Local Volunteering* site to search the area at *www.do-it.org* Carole Fornachon

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Spring 2016 Weather in Milborne St. Andrew

AFTER the very mild winter, spring turned considerably colder with March 0.6°C below average and April 1.0°C below average but May was 0.6°C above average. There were 11 air frosts in March, seven in



April but only one in May. The minimum temperature went down to -3°C on 27th April. The cooler spring seemed to keep the daffodils and primroses flowering for longer than normal. There were daffodils flowering from mid-December until mid-May.

Rainfall in all the spring months was above average with 112.7mm of rain in March, 65.3mm in April and 76.4mm in May. Rainfall has been above average for the last 7 months. The highest daily rainfall of the spring was on 27th



March with 33.1mm accompanied by hail and thunder.

The long range forecast for Southern England, for what it is worth, is for a warmer and drier than average June and drier than average in July and August. At the time of writing June does not look very promising but our hottest summers have rarely been preceded by a warm spring. *Pluvius.*



Ask the expert

"Recently, a friend told me the Government is set to make changes to Inheritance Tax. Is this true and how could this affect my family?"

This is true. The Government is introducing an extra Inheritance Tax allowance that will be phased in from April 2017 to April 2020.

The change could extend the Inheritance Tax allowance from £325,000 to £500,000 for an individual, and from £650,000 to £1m for a married couple.

It is a huge difference and could affect how much your family receives, but the extra allowance is not straightforward and can easily be lost. Taking professional advice on both the structure of your Will and your assets in light of the new law means you could save your family many thousands of pounds.

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Doing the small things that make a big difference Many older people in Dorset can have their lives changed through contact with befriending schemes. Loneliness and isolation are common

among older people living alone. Volunteers provide a range of services to people who require additional support to remain independent and active in their community. Anyone can become a volunteer and make an incredible

community. Anyone can become a volunteer and make an incredible difference to someone else's life. Even an hour a week will make a difference.

Services provided by volunteers include;

- Home visits, sharing a cup of tea and a good conversation
- Accompanying clients on shopping trips or shopping on their behalf
- Reading to those who are visually impaired
- Assisting with correspondence
- Accompanying people on short walks
- Sitting to relieve a carer

There is no specialised requirement for volunteers, you just need to;

possess a willingness and desire to help

• enjoy sharing your time with others and meeting new people The benefits to both volunteers and older people are numerous and rewarding;

 volunteers experience a feeling of contributing to an invaluable service and of making a real difference to the life of someone else

Could you be a member of this fantastic team and help to improve someone's quality of life?

If you would like more information, please contact **Dee Bonham-Christie** Volunteer Co-ordinator – Royal Voluntary Service on 07850500552 or 01305 236 666





This Month in History: July

Births

July 9th, 1901: Dame Barbara Cartland, a Birmingham-born romantic writer born Barbara Hamilton, was responsible for over 600 best-selling books, including *A Hazard of Hearts* and *The Blue-Eyed Witch*. She was the step grandmother of Princess Diana and was a leading media personality right up until her death in 2000.

July 11th, 1274: Robert I, King of Scotland, also known as Robert the Bruce, was born in Turnberry Castle, Ayrshire. He seized the Scottish throne in 1306 and forced England to recognise Scottish independence in 1328. Robert was one of the most famous warriors of his generation, and eventually led Scotland during the first of the Wars of Scottish Independence against England. His most famous victory was at Bannockburn, in 1314.

July 26th, 1856: George Bernard Shaw, Irish dramatist who 'conquered England by his wit', was born in Dublin. Known at his insistence simply as Bernard Shaw, he was an Irish playwright, critic and polemicist whose influence on Western theatre, culture and politics extended from the 1880s to his death and beyond. He wrote more than sixty plays, including major works such as *Man and Superman, Pygmalion* and *Saint Joan;* and in 1925 was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature.

Deaths

July 1st, 2004: Marlon Brando dies at 80. He was an American actor, film director, and activist; credited with bringing a gripping realism to film acting and often cited as one of the most influential actors of all time. Brando is most famous for his Academy Award-winning performances as Terry Malloy in *On the Waterfront* (1954) and Vito Corleone in *The Godfather* (1972), as well as influential performances in many other films. On July 1, 2004, Brando died of respiratory failure from pulmonary fibrosis with congestive heart failure at the UCLA Medical Center, California.

July 12th, 1910: British pilot Charles Stewart Rolls died aged 32 after his French built biplane crashed at a flying competition in Bournemouth, Dorset. He was an English motoring and aviation pioneer and together with Henry Royce he co-founded the Rolls-Royce car manufacturing firm. He was the first Briton to be killed in an aeronautical accident with a powered aircraft, when the tail of his Wright Flyer broke off during flight; causing the crash.

July 24th, 1980: Peter Sellers, English actor and comedian (The Goon Show, Pink Panther), dies at 54. During the early 1950s Sellers, along with Spike Milligan and others, took part in the successful radio series *The Goon Show*, which ended in 1960. Films demonstrating his artistic range include *I'm All Right Jack, What's New, Pussycat?, Casino Royale* and the five films of the *Pink Panther* series (1963–78). In his personal life, Sellers struggled with depression and insecurities, and he died as a result of a heart attack.

Events

July 3rd, 1996: It was confirmed that the Stone of Scone, the symbol of the Scottish nation taken by Edward I of England in 1296, was to be returned to Scotland from Westminster Abbey where it has been used in the coronation of 30 British monarchs. The stone is itself unremarkable, and the origins of its ceremonial importance is still unknown to this day.

July 17th, 1453: French troops defeat the English at Castillon, effectively ending the Hundred Years' War. Calais remains under English control. It was not apparent however to either side that the period of conflict was over, and in hindsight the battle cited as the endpoint of the period known as the Hundred Years' War. Calais was finally lost in 1558. July 30th, 1966: England win the Jules Rimet trophy, football's World Cup, at Wembley Stadium in London after beating Germany 4–2 in extra time. The England team became known as the "wingless wonders", on account of their then-unconventional narrow attacking formation, described at the time as a 4–4–2. The match is remembered for England's only World Cup trophy, Geoff Hurst's hat-trick – the first one ever scored in a World Cup Final – and the controversial third goal awarded to England by referee Gottfried Dienst. Mark Ferguson





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After dark and on the wing – Moth Night in Milborne

MOTHS – they're like butterflies but not very colourful and fly at night, right? Well, partly, in that most do come out after dark – though there are a fair few day-flying moth species but we'll put them to one side for

now. But all moths brown and dowdy? Not on the evidence of what we found flying in Milborne recently. It was national 'Moth Night' in mid-June, when the general public are encouraged to take part in monitoring first hand and contributing to the national record of moth numbers. The event is organised by Dorset-based charity, Butterfly Conservation and Atropos, the specialist journal.

We used a moth trap, which is a wooden box with two angled Perspex sheets that leave a letterbox-size slot for





the insects to fly through after being attracted by the fluorescent light set above. The box was put outside with the light

turned on after dusk and then left for nature to take its course. Which it did, with the moth population in Chapel Street inevitably mesmerised by the irresistible light of the moth trap. In the morning, the trap was opened to reveal what it'd caught. Perched under upturned egg boxes that had been placed in the bottom of the trap were a variety of sizes and colours of British moths. In total, twenty moths were counted – then it was the task of identifying them; luckily, lepidopterist Dr Caroline Bulman (Mrs R) of Butterfly Conservation was on hand, together with a copy of the Field Guide to the Moths of Great Britain and Ireland, essential really, when there are about 900 species that call the UK their home.

I won't go into the Latin names, as the common names are, well, far from common. There was the Willow Beauty, Grey Dagger, Ingrailed Clay, Privet Hawk-moth, The Flame, Setaceous Hebrew Character and White Ermine. Some moth species have been named to link their habitat or food source, but the majority of the ones we encountered had been named with a 'say-what-you-see' methodology. The White Ermine, for example, has a luxuriantly fluffy, pure white head with extravagant wings with delicate black spots that could not be closer to a miniature ermine stole if it tried. The Buff Ermine (*pictured*) is similar but the pure white of its cousin has been antiqued to a creamy yellow. (Buff is the colour of undyed leather; think Chamois).

Heart and Dart and Setaceous Hebrew Character are two of many



that are named after markings found on the wings – the first having a heart shape and dart shape on each wing, easily identifiable when the insect is resting. The other has indeed a shape on its forewings that is quite similar to the Hebrew character, *nun*. The 'setaceous' part means 'having bristles'. So it should consider itself lucky that it has the name it does, instead of being called 'Bristly Nun' – though I'm sure there must be a real ale

from a micro-brewery knocking about with that name.

By far the most impressive moth we found in the bottom of the trap in the morning was a Privet Hawkmoth. This is from a large family of subspecies – there are around 1,050 hawkmoth species worldwide, though only nine can be seen in Britain. This particular individual had a wingspan of about 100mm and a striking bright pink and black abdomen, with matching hindwings. It really is a beast of an insect, one of the largest you will see in this country.

As you can see from the photos, the Privet Hawkmoth, like most of the others that were trapped, were very docile in the morning light and could be handled quite easily. We placed them all in safe places like under leaf as they would have done naturally, ready for flight again when the dusk came. Ed Richards

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| Korscheltellus lupulina | 1 | |
| Peribatodes rhomboidaria | 1 | |
| Diarsia mendica | 1 | |
| Pheosia tremula | 1 | |
| Agrotis exclamationis | 3 | |
| Xestia c-nigrum | 1 | |
| The Flame Axylia putris | | |
| Spilosoma lubricipeda | 3 | |
| Spilosoma lutea | 4 | |
| Acronicta psi | 1 | |
| Grey Dagger Acronicta psi Privet Hawkmoth Sphinx ligustri | | |
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Top, top left: Privet Hawkmoth Above: Record of trapped moths *Left, far left*: Buff Ermine Below: Swallow Prominent moth





Milborne St. Andrew First School Learning together, playing together; all for one, one for all School News



The summer term is always one of the busiest terms in school as we complete the school year. We have been welcoming the new reception children who will be joining us in September and our year 4 children have been preparing for their transfer to middle school.

Our Dolphins and Turtles classes had a fantastic trip into Dorchester where they continued their curriculum studies on Food. They started their morning in Pizza Express, learning about and making pizzas that they were then able to have for their lunch. Afterwards the children were welcomed at Waitrose to learn about the journey our foods go on before they get to the shops.

Some feedback from the children;

"I enjoyed seeing the huge fridge in Waitrose, you could even walk in it."

"We made pizza and got to eat it, it was so tasty."

"I liked tasting the food in Waitrose. We tried mangoes, blueberries and strawberries."

Our children have also been busy taking part in various sporting activities. Seahorses Class were invited to the DASP Multiskills event which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. On Thursday 9th June, 10 representatives of Years 1 and 2 took part in





the DASP Kwik Cricket Festival at St. Mary's Middle School in Puddletown, where they came 2nd! Well done to all who took part.

The children are currently busy practicing for the School Sports Day, which, weather permitting, will be held on Tuesday 28th June.



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Special music for a special place

Dewlish music concerts

THE beautiful village of Dewlish will be alive with music this summer. Professional musicians will be visiting this lovely place adding to the enchantment with their special programmes of acoustic music. The charming little Dewlish Chapel and historic All Saints Church, will be hosting the events. There will be four exciting concerts in the series starting on Saturday 25th June and then running consecutively on each of the following three Saturday evenings:

Saturday 2nd July – Lutes and Guitars

Music from five centuries on nine different period and contemporary plucked instruments. A colourful musical journey; Renaissance dances, Baroque splendour, Romantic guitar and Jazz, with Robert Foster – a virtuoso musician with a diverse career. Sir Simon Rattle, Sir Elton John, The South Bank, Lincoln Early Music and Cambridge are some of the festivals and people he has worked with. Robert is also a composer of many TV sound tracks. His show will include some of his own guitar compositions.

Saturday 9th July – The Wandering Winds

This concert will take place at All Saints Church, Dewlish.

Present "Far From The Madding Crowd" a programme of music and poetry inspired by the varied landscapes of Dorset. With Katy Ashman (flute and bassoon), Miles Nipper (bassoon and contrabassoon) and Richard Hall (piano). Katy Ashman is a local musician, player, arranger and conductor and runs Dorset's Musica Music and Wellbeing workshops for adults. Miles Nipper was Band Sergeant Major of the Royal Signals Band. He now plays, teaches, arranges and conducts. Dr Richard Hall is Director of the Dorset Rural Music School.

Saturday 16th July – Serpent Recital

With Phil Humphries (serpent) accompanied by Walter Brewster (piano). A captivating show with music through the ages featuring this versatile ancient instrument. Phil Humphries is a trombonist, serpentist and brass teacher with a diverse career playing for television's "Come Dancing", film and TV versions of Hardy novels, national orchestras and ensembles and recordings. Walter Brewster is а clarinetist. pianist and teacher. Sir Simon Rattle, Sir Colin Davis, Lorin Maazel,



BBC Philharmonic, Royal Liverpool Philharmonic and Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra are just a few names from his impressive CV.

To enjoy one or all of these concerts please book in advance. Contact Anita Law preferably by email anitalaw@btinternet.com or telephone 01258 837034. All concerts are £8 each and start at 7.30pm.

Five Churches Fete at Athelhampton House on Bank Holiday Monday 29th August, 12noon-4.00pm If you would like a CRAFT STALL at the fete for a non-returnable deposit of £10 plus £10 on the day, details are available from Eva Stockley Tel: 01258 837468.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th



A Moment of Pleasure

I stopped quite still the woods beside, 'Twixt open field and shady ride. The warmth of June and damp from rain Gave rampant green in growing Gain a hold on all the growing space Like increasing were life's only race. No man made noise, no roar no hum No barking bike or distant gun, Just gently rustling leaves above, And softly warbling collared dove. Yet not too far, like in a hall, A blackbird's song surrounded all, With clarity and surest note, A tune of pure joy poured from his throat. To challenge all and mark his place Though sight of him there was no trace. Full forte in his sunny glade With runs and trills the song he made. I left him, though he saw me not, And even now he's not forgot, For on my life he made a mark, Just because I paused to hark. Such moments make it worth a stop, And see the world for what it's got To offer, if we chance to see, Such wonders there for you and me.

> Milborne Wood June 2001 Pip Bowelll

