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**Poppies Go on Display**  
**(cover photo)**

FOR our contribution to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Living Memory Project we have commemorated the three war graves in our church yard by knitting over 200 poppies, all done by many people in the village. These are now on display in the church together with display boards outlining the lives of Tom Jeans, Alfred Parsons and Augustus Lock.



Please come and look at our own "Tower of London Installation!" Feel free to add to the poppies. While you are at the church please take time to visit the three graves.

Thank you to all those who gave up their time to knit the poppies.

**Transported to the Forties**  
**(facing page)**

THE Forties Evening at the Village Hall on 8th October was well attended. Some embraced the theme and we saw housewives in their turbans and pinnies, land girls and a spiv with his girlfriend. Our wartime meal was pumpkin soup followed by chicken and tops, finishing with bread and butter pudding, all provided by the Royal Oak and served by pupils from Milton Abbey School. We were entertained by John Clements and John De Mont singing popular songs from the 1940s, with the technical assistance of Gren Elphinstone Davis.

An auction of items donated by local businesses and individuals followed, with Jojo as auctioneer. There was some fierce bidding and £350 was raised for St. Andrew's Church.

After much deliberation the spiv and his girlfriend were deemed the most authentically dressed couple and were presented with a bottle of champagne—well done Karen and Jim Park.

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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

#### Mediterranean Mezze Board

Italian salami, Spanish chorizo, olives, sun-dried tomatoes, honey brie and Manchego cheese, served with a warm malted baguette, olive oil and balsamic vinegar (to share)

Parmesan & sun-dried tomato soufflé served with a rocket and balsamic salad (v)

#### Main Courses

"Jurassic Coast" sirloin steak with a tower of twice-cooked chips, confit tomato, oven roasted flat cap mushroom and béarnaise sauce

Breast of Gressingham duck served with colcannon mash, seasonal vegetables and a black cherry jus

Oven-roasted beef tomato stuffed with ratatouille & mozzarella served with a red pepper puree and mixed leaf salad (v)

Salmon fillet marinated in stem ginger & chilli served on a bed of egg noodles, bean sprouts, mange tout, carrot and pok choi

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

#### West Country Pork Three-Ways

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

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

#### Desserts

##### Local cheese selection

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

Madagascan vanilla cheese cake served with mixed berry compote

Lemon posset served with a mixed berry coulis

Apple pie served with vanilla crème anglaise

Homemade Tiramisu, served with a chocolate biscotti

Espresso panna cotta with a chocolate mousse and mint tuile

Bread & butter pudding served with double cream and a mixed berry compote

*In addition to this a la carte menu, we also have a lighter lunchtime menu and on Sundays, a choice of roasts*

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## Wednesday Club

ON Wednesday 5th October 15 members attended the AGM. Jenny Balcon led the meeting as Ann Guy our chairman was on holiday. Margaret Evans has been Secretary of the club for 20 years and has decided that it is time to step down. She has worked tirelessly for us over the years for which we are most grateful and we look forward to seeing her at our monthly meetings. Jenny presented Margaret with a bouquet and chocolates as a small token of our appreciation.

Ann Guy was unanimously reappointed as Chairman. Ian Watts stood down as Treasurer and Jose Thomas has bravely stepped into the breach after having been cajoled somewhat by Jenny! Sheila Burton has kindly agreed to be our new Secretary and Dave Andrews has agreed to join the committee and give us the benefit of his experience!

Margaret Evans showed us a video that she and her late husband, Bill, a keen photographer, had made in 1993 of all our local villages. It was absolutely delightful and Margaret herself did the narration on the film telling us a number of fascinating anecdotes. Our next meeting is at 2pm on Wednesday 2nd November in the Village Hall when Susan Wilson will be giving us a talk on Holidays For Heroes.

On 7th December our Christmas Lunch will be at the Milton Arms in Winterborne Whitchurch - £14 for 2 courses and £17 for 3 courses, coffee or tea included for members and £16 and £19 pounds for non members. Booking is essential, please phone Jenny Balcon on 837 121 or Ann Guy on 837 959 if you would like to come. There will be a non refundable £5 deposit.

We look forward to seeing you at both these events.

*Lis Watts*

## Can you help a Valuable Village Institution?

THE Reporter received, rather late for the October deadline, a plea for help from the Sports Club. The Reporter supports the Sports Club in the same way as it supports other Village Institutions, and in the hope of seeing new volunteers come to its rescue, has amended the content slightly to reflect the passage of time and events since the article was submitted.

(Note to ALL readers – the deadline for Reporter Articles is 14<sup>th</sup> monthly. However work to create and style up the magazine continues throughout the month, meaning that large articles arriving at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour often cannot be accommodated. It would be better to let us know in advance that you will be submitting an article, with an estimate of the number of words and pictures, so we can allocate space in advance, meaning we can just drop your words and pictures into the space at the last minute.)

Newcomers to the Village may not know that it has a Sports Club, as it is tucked away at the edge of the village on the Blandford Road. It has award-winning football pitches, table tennis, and social activities that deserve our support.

The Milborne St Andrew Sports Club is regulated by the Charity Commission and its stated objective is 'Operation of a Sports field and Pavilion in Milborne St Andrew, Dorset, for the Benefit of the Local Community.' The vision of those who founded the Club was that it would be a fully functional Sports Club, providing tennis, cricket, football, refreshments and other activities for village residents. The Parish Council supports this goal and bought the land, which it rents to the Sports Club. Due to various historic reasons the vision hasn't been achieved yet, and the new Chairman is asking for help from Villagers to develop what is there already.

At present three people share the day to day running of the Club, the Chairman, Treasurer and 'Groundsman who turns his hand to everything from serving behind the bar to unblocking the drains'. The Chairman and Treasurer are new recruits, but Malcolm the Groundsman-who-does-lots is one of the founding members. A few more volunteers could help relieve their load, and move the project forward to provide a very useful village resource.

If you would like to help, as well as willingness to work collaboratively with others, the key skills needed are fundraising, fundraising and fundraising. This would enable refurbishment of the Clubhouse and development and maintenance of new courts, pitches and other facilities as well as funding for costly mandatory regular safety inspections which sadly lapsed during the previous regime. The Parish Council has been approached for a grant, and is supportive, but would find themselves in trouble with their auditors in making grants from the Precept until audited books can be produced by the Sports Club. Regular readers of the Reporter will be aware that Hayley the Treasurer has inherited a very challenging task.

It would be wonderful to see the efforts of those who organised the purchase of the land, grants for the Pavilion and the award-winning football pitches carried on to the next stage to provide a well-used resource for villagers. If you can help in any way please contact **Richard Lock**. The Reporter looks forward to printing regular updates of progress with fundraising and development at this important Village Institution.





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### Remembrance of times past

November is a month when we do a lot of remembering. There's All Souls' Day, when the church remembers those who have died in times past, and Remembrance Day when we are reminded of those who have died fighting for the country. (And of course there's Bonfire Night and St Andrew's Day too, the latter of which has special significance for our church in Milborne.)

Christian faith has always placed a high value on remembering. Certain events have taken on particular significance in our history – Christmas, Lent, Holy Week and Easter, Ascension Day and Pentecost all look back to events from the life of Jesus or the Early Church. Christians share bread and wine following the command of Jesus to "Do this in remembrance of me."

When communities remember shared events or experiences together, their members are brought closer to each other through a common memory. It is something that unites them as part of their history and identity.

Remembrance also gives time and space to reflect on how life has been and how we would like it to be in the future. Those of us who gather round war memorials on Remembrance Day often pledge ourselves to working for future peace, as we remember past atrocities. No one wants to go back to the days of World Wars One and Two. But nor can we forget that people still kill and maim each other in our 21<sup>st</sup>-century over issues of land, cultural identity, faith, and so on.

The best remembrances of times past are those which also help us work towards a better future.

For Christians, this is absolutely essential. As we unite with each other in the presence of God, we open ourselves to transformation within which can lead us to work for transformation of our world too. Jesus didn't come just to challenge individuals but also unjust structures in society, which lead to oppression of the weak and vulnerable.

There are many weak and vulnerable people in our world today, and it can be hard to know how best to help them. Our small donations to charities may seem only like a drop in a massive ocean. But let's not forget that millions of small drops coming together can make a large sea. The Syrian refugees and others need the generosity of individuals and governments if they are to thrive.

But we can also make a difference in our own communities, when we seek the welfare of those around us, whether that be physical, emotional, mental or spiritual wellbeing.

As we remember times past this November, let us also give ourselves to working for a fairer and more just future, where human beings learn to live together in harmony not dissension, with generosity not greed, and with the future wellbeing of all human beings a priority for us all.

With best wishes,

*Sarah Hillman*

## Dewlish Church Notes

JIM is very grateful to all the very generous people who supported him on the Dorset Historic Churches' Trust sponsored "Ride and Stride". Despite the terrible weather in the morning, he cycled to 16 churches altogether. He raised £1,156, half of which will be returned to our own church so, well done, Jim, and a big-thank you to everyone for donating so much.

We were delighted to see All Saints looking so lovely for Harvest Festival. The autumn colours of the flower arrangements were a joy to behold. Thank you to all those who arranged the flowers, and to the gardeners etc. who gave their produce.

## A harvest of best prices

The next evening we sat down in the Village Hall and enjoyed a lovely Harvest Supper organised by Mar, and provided by the ladies. We raised £241.40 for Church funds—lower than last year but our attendance was down.

After supper Andrew auctioned off the produce and some of the flower arrangements. As a result, £332.90 was raised this has been divided equally between Farm Africa and WaterAid. Many thanks to Andrew for being such a great auctioneer and always getting the best prices. Thank you too, to all those who helped to make it such a good evening.

*Daphne Burg*

## CHURCH SERVICES November 2016

### 6th November—3 before Advent

9.30am Parish Communion TOL  
9.30 Celebrate MIL  
11.00 Parish Communion & Baptism PUD  
11.00 1662 Morning Prayer DEW

### 13th November—Remembrance Sunday (no 8.15am service at Puddletown)

9.30 United Methodist Service TOL  
10.00 Service of Remembrance MIL  
*(then process to the Memorial Stone for 11am)*  
10.50 Remembrance Day Service DEW  
*(starting at the War Memorial at the Crossroads)*  
11.00 Puddletown Praise PUD CR  
3.00 Royal British Legion  
Service of Remembrance PUD

**Thursday 17th November** 12 noon  
Lunchtime Communion PUD CR

### 20th November – Christ the King

9.30am 1662 Morning Prayer (said) MIL  
9.30 Family Communion TOL  
11.00 Parish Communion PUD  
11.00 Family Service DEW

### 27th November – Advent Sunday

9.30 Go Fourth—Posada Service TOL  
9.30 Parish Communion MIL  
11.00 1662 Morning Prayer PUD  
*(With emptying of Children's Society boxes)*  
11.00 Family Communion DEW

### MORNING PRAYERS (Monday – Thursday 8.15 am

#### Saturday 9.00 am)

Mon - PUD : Tues - MIL : Weds - DEW :  
Thurs - TOL : Sat - PUD

Key: DEW—Dewlish; MIL—Milborne;  
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CR—Church Room

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## Royal British Legion Act of Remembrance & Poppy Collection

AT 11 o'clock on 13th November 2014, following the church service at St Andrew's the annual Act of Remembrance at Milborne St Andrew will take place at the Memorial Stone at the corner of The Causeway and Church Hill.

The names of the fallen from the 1914-1918 and 1939-1945 World Wars will be read out. Please assemble at 10:55 come rain or shine.

Whilst we remember all those who have died please spare time to remember those who have suffered as a result of injury to both the body and the mind. Remember the conflicts in Iraq, Afghanistan and those we are now engaged in. Men and Women of armed forces are still risking their lives for our continuing safety.



*They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old;  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.*

**We will remember them**



On the 11<sup>th</sup> November at 11 o'clock there will also be an opportunity to observe the two minutes silence, the precise time the armistice came into effect in 1918.

### Safety First

Concern has been expressed by The Royal British Legion HQ regarding people's safety during the Act of Remembrance throughout the UK, to which everyone is welcome. In order that we can reduce the risks to those attending you will be asked to try and keep as close to the grass verge near the Memorial Stone as possible and away from any traffic using The Causeway.

We hope to carry out a House to House collection for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. This normally takes place about 2 weeks before Remembrance Sunday (13<sup>th</sup> November 2016). Recently we have had conflicting information from Legion Headquarters as to whether we should do this or not. However, in anticipation of there being a collection if anyone would like to help with the House to House collection please contact me on 837642 so that I can create a list of volunteers to collect for this worthy appeal. In the event we do collect I shall be in touch to arrange details etc.

Michael Hopper 01258 837642

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If you are new to the Village then please put these dates on your calendar - in fact everyone do that. You are not going to want to miss this. Let a trip to "Pantoland" in early February give you a spring in your step right through to Easter.

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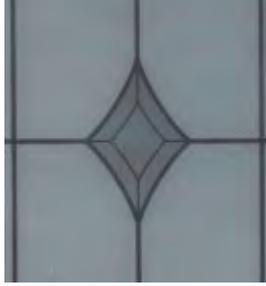
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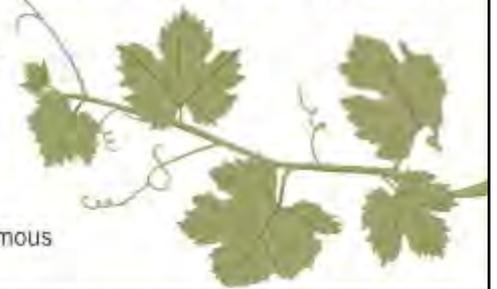
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## St Andrew's Day recipe

### Sticky Ginger Pudding with Whisky Mac sauce

St Andrew's Day is 30th of November and it makes the perfect excuse to have a bit of a feast at this dark and often cold time of the year. Did you know there is even a St Andrew's Day app (iPhone or Android) to help you celebrate? It gives suggestions for recipes, a whisky tasting guide and even a St Andrew's Day music playlist.

The recipe this month is for a lovely warming pudding, perfect to finish off a Scottish themed meal. I make this in a large pudding basin, but you can use heatproof teacups for individual portions.

Steamed puddings are very much the opposite of fast food, but once mixed and put in the steamer you can leave the pudding to steam with minimal attention and it will keep warm without spoiling if you have a delayed mealtime.

Many years ago I inherited a three-tiered steamer which was a much cherished 1920's wedding present. Its vast size means it can steam three very large puddings at the same time so is most useful when it comes to making family sized Christmas puddings or steak and kidney puddings. If you don't have a steamer then just use a large saucepan with a tight fitting lid and put an upside down saucer or plate on the bottom before putting in the pudding basin to keep the base from burning, then top up with boiling water from the kettle up to half way up the basin. Simmer gently and check the level of the water, topping up with boiling water. You can also use a slow cooker to steam things, refer to the instructions - if you still have them. It is so useful these days to be able to download the instructions for any gadget or appliance from the Internet.

#### For the pudding

3 tablespoons/45ml syrup from a jar of stem ginger  
1 dessertspoon/10ml black treacle  
6oz/175g self-raising flour  
1 teaspoon/5ml baking powder  
2 teaspoons/10ml ground ginger  
6oz/175g softened butter  
3 large eggs  
6oz/175g soft dark brown sugar  
5 pieces of stem ginger, chopped



#### For the Whisky Mac sauce

6oz/175g soft dark brown sugar  
4oz/110g butter  
4tablespoons/60ml ginger wine  
2tablespoons/30ml whisky  
1 piece stem ginger chopped finely

#### To make the puddings

Use a well-buttered 2 pint/1.2-litre pudding basin. Mix together the stem ginger syrup and black treacle with one of the chopped stem ginger pieces and put in the base of the basin.

Sift the flour, baking powder and ground ginger into a large basin. Add the well-softened butter, eggs and sugar and beat well with an electric mixer or a wooden spoon (and plenty of elbow grease!) until well blended. Then stir in the remaining four pieces of chopped stem ginger and spoon the mixture into the pudding basin. Cover with a double layer of foil or greaseproof paper tied round with string, making sure it is well sealed. Then steam gently for about 2 hours, remembering to check the water level occasionally.

#### To make the Whisky Mac sauce

Melt the sugar and butter together gently in a pan until the sugar has dissolved. Add the whisky, ginger wine and chopped stem ginger.

To serve, run a knife round the basin and invert the pudding onto a large serving plate. Serve the whisky Mac sauce separately; warm in a jug with a small sauce ladle. I like to serve this with custard and/or cream as well - working on the principle that I may as well be hung

## The Tinderbox

Presented by The Norwich Puppet Theatre

and sponsored by Artsreach

on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2016 at 7.30pm

in Milborne St Andrew Village Hall (DT11 0JX)

THIS family show is about a roguish soldier who acquires a magic tinderbox that gives him the power to summon three extraordinary dogs to do his bidding. Watch the soldier's remarkable roller coaster adventure from rags to riches and back again! Will he survive and win the love of the beautiful princess?

The original story by Hans Christian Andersen was the primary source of inspiration for this show, but inspiration also came from the objects and materials that are used during a research and development phase. For example, the soldier has an old half pint measuring cup which looks just like a helmet and the princess has the top of a sugar shaker, which makes her look like she is wearing a crown and the King and the Queen are wearing salt and pepper cellars as crowns also. This is an enchanting tale that's full of magic moments presented by The Norwich Puppet Theatre, a hub for leading international puppeteers and theatre makers, breathes new life into Hans Christian Andersen's classic tale of magic, bravery and love with puppetry, animation and music.



**A family show** suitable for people aged four years and upwards. The village hall and bar are open from 5.30pm and the performance starts at 6.00 pm.

Tickets £8 adults, £6 under 18s, £24 family which can be obtained from:-

Londis Village Shop in Milborne St. Andrew or  
Alice & Roger Harrall

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If you would like help in applying for your £140 electricity rebate, please contact Age UK Dorchester as soon as possible on 01305 269444

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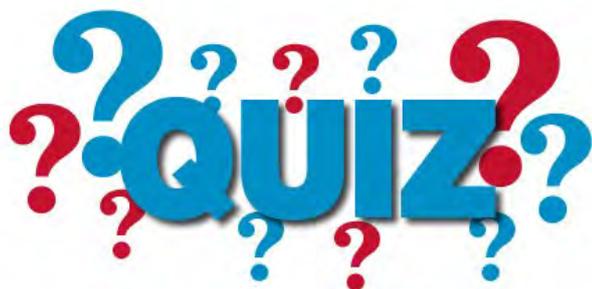
## Quiz Night in the Village Hall Saturday Nov 19th 7.00 for 7.30

IT'S that time of year again!

Last year the Yogi Bears won a strongly-fought contest, with questions set by a team from the Reporter.

If you have taken part before, you'll already know that it's good fun: come and see if you can do better this year. If you haven't added this to your list of experiences, it's about time you did. It only costs £6 per team of 4. If you aren't yet part of a team, come along and we'll match you up with other teamless people.

You are advised to bring some light snacks as the mental work uses up lots of calories. The Bar will be open. All the funds raised go to support the valuable work of the Village Hall.



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# Milborne St. Andrew First School



Learning together, playing together;  
all for one, one for all

There is no news report from the School this month, but here are the contact details for useful persons at the school should you need them. If you require any information about the school, including admission details, or would like to arrange a visit please ring the school office.

**Headteacher:** Mrs Sharon Hunt

**Chair of Governors:** Miss Jane Pope

**FOS Chairman:** Mrs Becky Hunter

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## Milborne Scouts fundraising—with sore feet!



IT seemed like a "good idea", in April, I suggested to the other whippers-in and artificial trail layers from the Pimpernel Beagles, one of Dorset's three Beagle packs, that we could keep our fitness levels up through the off season fitness by *all* training to run the Bournemouth Half Marathon which, conveniently, is held at the start of October, the start of the new season. Perhaps inevitably, "all" rapidly became "two and a maybe" and then a "two, potentially slowly" who were by then tied in by peer

pressure and male pride to actually do what we said we would do...

This said, we were a *committed two*, with my friend Simon and I separately totting up a lot of miles through the summer to gradually move our comfortable maximum distances out from around five or six miles to the magic thirteen and a bit [when I write "comfortable" I actually mean "can do thirteen but will suffer for it the next day"]. On the way, my friend managed a significant bit of fundraising for his local church via the annual Ride And Stride and I decided that I would see if I could raise some money for the Milborne St Andrew Scout Group.

Bournemouth Marathon Festival has the merit of a being on a very human scale with "only" around three thousand runners taking part in the Half Marathon and a very kind course, suitable for beginners. Starting at Kings Park, it meanders its way mostly along the flat or down hill (apart from one horrible climb at eight miles), in sight of the sea down to the main pier. On the day itself, we enjoyed a beautifully crisp Autumn morning with great views across to the Purbecks that almost distracted me from the 5.30am start and discomfort! I got around the course in 1hr 49mins and 23 seconds, a time I was delighted with and (critically) caused those sponsors who had offered a bonus for finishing in under two hours to cough up.

All the money raised from generous sponsorship - currently totalling over £500 - will be used to benefit Scouts, Cubs and Beavers in our village. These three sections of the Scouting movement, open to all 7 - 14 year olds, are responsible for developing a range of vital life skills: problem solving, teamwork, self reliance, self discipline, fitness, outdoor skills (including navigation and campcraft), and creativity. The young people are offered a range of activities and experiences during their time with each section, including hikes, camping trips, fun days with other young people from across Dorset, different adventurous activities including canoeing, paintballing and climbing, swimming and a range of other sports. If you know of any young people, boys or girls, who would like to take advantage of the opportunities offered by Scouting, please contact Brian Burton, our Group Scout Leader, on 01258 839033. Many thanks to all in the village who sponsored me - it is very much appreciated.

Richard Macnair

## Remembering life & death .. At the October WI

WE discussed ideas for our stall at next year's Milton Abbas Street Fair and decided unanimously to go back to basics. Our 'Typically WI' stall will sell all

manner of cakes, biscuits and confectionery. At the annual meeting at the Lighthouse next week, Angela was thanked for 'volunteering' to act as delegate. June is to organise our Christmas lunch in January at the Royal Oak, so more details later.

Shirley reported a lively Bookends meeting, with opinion divided between those who loved AD Miller's 'Snowdrops' and those who did not. We move on to John Banville's 'The Sea'. The skittles team are clearly enjoying their matches, with Lesley reporting that, although we had lost two matches, we have won one. Volunteers always welcome. Pub lunches at the Royal Oak are always popular and useful for a get-together, with the next one scheduled for Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November.

The Rev. Timbrell paid us a welcome return visit. Although deciding to join the church at a very early age, he was persuaded by his father to train as a marine engineer, starting in the early 60s as an apprentice with British Petroleum in Bolton. Breaking with engineering, and with his family because of it, he took up a curacy with the church and related many amusing anecdotes of his work in rural parishes during this time. But it was only when he moved into working in a psychiatric hospital that he felt he had found his proper place. He was strongly opposed to the government's closure of these special hospitals and the decision to send mentally ill patients out into the community, where he thinks that many of them are not looked after properly and cannot cope. Mr Timbrell has spent 30 years working with the mentally ill and clearly places a high value on his time with them, and he maintains those important links during his retirement. We loved his innate sense of humour and ability to see the positive side of life; he urged us to enjoy its rich variety.

Linda thanked all who had, and still were, knitting poppies for the poppy installation in church to celebrate the centenary of the Battle of the Somme: 141 were needed to commemorate the 141 days of the Battle, but at the last count she had received 200! Having spent much time and effort researching the background of the three young men who are commemorated with war graves in our own churchyard, she has put together a fascinating history of their background. This can be read and the installation seen in our church. Thank you Linda, for this wonderful achievement.

At our next meeting on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November, we will welcome Dot Karley, who is well known to us and will show us the art of 'Paint and Paper'. Please do come along and join us.

Pat Bull

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### “I have recently put my house on the market for sale. Should I consult a solicitor and is there anything that I ought to be doing now to help speed matters up?”



**Caroline Doman**

Senior Associate - Residential Property

Having chosen your estate agents we would recommend that you consult a solicitor immediately so that the necessary steps can be taken to enable the relevant draft paperwork to be collated.

Often a considerable amount of documentation is needed to satisfy enquiries that a buyer's solicitor will raise. This includes planning permissions, as well as guarantees and certificates, that are needed to show that correct approvals have been obtained in relation to double glazing, electrical works, a new boiler, etc. Obtaining all of this information at the outset will save time.

It is often helpful to seek advice early on if there have been discussions with the neighbours regarding possible disputes.

New rules regarding Stamp Duty Land Tax in relation to buying a second home may result in increased Stamp Duty. Solicitors can assist, although these new rules are complex and open to different interpretations.

Early advice should be sought in situations where more than one person is buying a property to ascertain whether a Declaration of Trust should be entered into. These deal with, for instance, different contributions to the

purchase price or where different generations are buying and living at the property.

Contacting a solicitor at an early stage may also be helpful in giving you an idea of the costs that you will incur, especially in relation to Stamp Duty, Land Registry fees and search fees which the solicitors have to pay on your behalf.

[caroline.doman@blanchardsbailey.co.uk](mailto:caroline.doman@blanchardsbailey.co.uk)  
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# Parish Council Meeting Report—19th October



BEFORE the start of the meeting the Chairman agreed to allow NDDC Cllr Jane Somper to address members regarding the consultation on unitary proposals for Dorset, as she had to leave early to attend another meeting. Cllr Somper gave a brief resume of the financial pressures facing the existing local government organisation in the county and went through the 4 options for the future as outlined in the consultation, together with the financial implications for each option. The councillor went on to promote the 'Reshaping Your Councils' roadshow currently touring the county and

encouraged everyone to attend. Finally, Cllr Somper expressed the hope that everyone would take the opportunity to respond to the consultation.

The meeting then formally opened with 5 councillors, the Clerk and 9 members of the public present. During Matters Arising from the September Minutes the Chairman informed members that the carpenter approached by the Clerk to repair the Milton Rd noticeboard was unable to take on the work, therefore a note went into the October Reporter asking if anyone can help identify a suitable person to approach. (Since then Mr Peter Smith, Bagber Cottages has volunteered to do the necessary work, which is very much appreciated).

It was reported that a car abandoned in the Village Hall car park had been reported to the police. After a suggestion by a member of the public that the Dorset Watch reporting system is not working as recent break-ins in the village had not been recorded, Cllr Robinson agreed to contact PCSO Goddard.

It was also reported that the Neighbourhood Planning Group questionnaire had generated well over 200 responses, which are being analysed. A report will be issued shortly. Two planning applications were considered, various tree works at The Nest, Milton Rd and the replacement of two fire damaged dwellings at 24 & 25 Bagber Cottages. The council recorded no comments to either application. Mr Richard Lock, new Chairman of the MSA Sports Club made a report to the council regarding the troubled finances of the club and the difficult financial situation the club now finds itself in. He ended his report by asking the council to consider making a grant to the club of £900 and suspending the club's quarterly payments to the council for an unspecified period. The Clerk appraised members of the effect on the 2016-17 budgeted income of suspending payments and after much discussion it was decided not to give a grant or suspend quarterly payments. The Chairman summed up the mood of the council by requesting formal accounts for at least the last 2 years and a list of the club's trustees be presented before any financial assistance is considered. It was also suggested that funding should be sought from other sources and more effort made to get bookings for use of the sports ground, including more encouragement for Villagers to use the facilities. The Clerk presented the external auditor's certificate and report for 2015-16, no issues or concerns were raised by the auditors and their report was approved and accepted by the council. The Clerk presented to members 3 quotations from potential internal auditors for their consideration and it was decided to appoint Darkin Miller – Chartered Accountants, Dorchester as the council's internal auditor for 2016-17 and the following two financial years.



Prior to the meeting members had been distributed with a briefing document 'Reshaping Your Councils', which was used as the basis for completing the Town and Parish Council's survey on the proposals for reorganising the County and District councils in Dorset.

Dorset County Council's Highways department have put together guidance for working collaboratively with Town and Parish Councils, titled 'Working Together with Highways'. It explains that due to financial cuts, Highways will be concentrating on delivering only core services to communities and gives 3 options for councils to choose from when deciding on how to obtain additional services as necessary. It was felt that more information on the detailed workings of Highways in the Parish area would be required before any consideration could be given to the proposals. The Clerk undertook to seek further clarification.

After concluding the meeting, the Chairman opened the floor to the public. Complaints were received about cars parking on the pavements and vegetation from certain properties overhanging pavements and roads, causing a hazard to pedestrians and road users alike. It was also reported that the footpath between Alners Drive and Stileham Bank is badly overgrown. The Clerk undertook to investigate all the matters raised.

## The Lady in the Van (PG-13) shown by 'Milborne Movies' at

**Milborne St Andrew Village Hall (DT11 0JX) on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November**

**2016 at 7.30pm**



THIS film tells the true story of Alan Bennett's strained friendship with Miss Mary Shepherd, an eccentric homeless woman whom he befriended in the 1970s before allowing her temporarily to park her Bedford van in the driveway of his Camden home. As the story develops Bennett learns that she is really Margaret Fairchild (died 1989), a former gifted pupil of the pianist Alfred Cortot. What began as a begrudged favour became a relationship that would change both their lives. For the most part it is laugh out loud funny portraying the reactions of Bennett and his neighbours to the presence of this cantankerous and filthy old woman in their up and coming Camden street. It is also poignant, reflecting on the past and guilt which have a hold over Mary and Bennett's own tentative approach to life.

Bennett's script is sharp, funny and sad. Maggie Smith's portrayal of Mary shows every nuance of discourtesy, anger, fear and vulnerability of her character who is tolerated, and even helped in an ineffectual way, by a possibly somewhat caricatured group of comfortably off, self-styled liberal-minded middle class neighbours too polite to behave otherwise. Alex Jennings as Alan Bennett captures writer's voice and mannerisms well, with his interpretation of Bennett as a terminally-conflicted soul. He is portrayed as two people - the author who observes and the man who tries to deal with real life. A touching tale of empathy blessed by a couple of equally -endearing performances that are nothing short of inspired.

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

# Community Contacts

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

More information about many community organisations can be found on

## COUNCILS

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	Jane Somper	01258 471089
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Milborne St. Andrew	Chair: Jenny Balcon	01258 837121
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Environment Agency Floodline		08459 881188
South West Highways hello@swhitd.co.uk		01404 821500
Wessex Water Sewerage Floodline		03458 505959

## GENERAL – ADULT

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M.A. Neighbourcar	Nigel Hodder	01258 881709
Wednesday Social Club	Ann Guy	01258 837959
Women's Institute	Josie Wright	01258 839090

## GENERAL – YOUTH

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Scout Group (Secretary)	Brian Burton	01258 839033
Under 5's Group – The Busy Bees	Leanne Brown	07899 808185
	Julianne Hall	07846 256694
Youth Club age 8 – 14 years	Lianne Summers	01258 839081

## POLICE

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

## SCHOOL

Milborne First School		
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Chair Governors:	Miss Jane Pope	
Friends of School Chair:	Becky Hunter	

## SPECIAL INTEREST

Cribbage	Peter Anthony	01258 837089
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Milborne Players	Roy Sach	01258 837033
Ranters' Folk Session	Roger Harrall	01258 837371
Round Robin Ramblers	Ian Bromilow	01258 880044
Village History Group	Pam Shults	01258 837203

## SPORT

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Badminton	David Payne	01258 837700
Circuit training	Grace Martin	01305 213885
Cricket – Dewlish	Elaine Kellaway	01258 837696
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Running Group	Anne-Marie Pearson	01258 837057
Skittles – Dewlish	Frank Ross	01258 837366
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Tennis (Members Secretary)	vacancy at present	01258 ———
Yoga (at school)	Sue Chapman	01305 848053
Yoga (at village hall)	Sarah Ryan	01258 839230

## VILLAGE HALL

Dewlish		
Chairman/Secretary:	Alex Carter	01258 837312
Milborne St. Andrew		
Chairman:	Pam Shults	01258 837203
Booking Secretary:	Alison Riddle	01258 837030

## HEALTH

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



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## Milborne Ladybirds Playgroup

IT'S not a bug house, it's a slug house! However much I love nature and the great outdoors I have to say I struggle with the whole concept of slugs. So after a rainy night we watched – me from a distance – a young girl finding a large orange fringed slug then carry it around holding it gently in her fist with its head sticking out. What followed then was that other children went on a slug hunt bringing to the girls several of the large beasts. They were carefully placed on the tarmac and given grass to eat. Of course the slugs moved and a friend called to the girl that the slugs were escaping. The girl fetched a hoop and placed it around the slugs and piled more grass on to 'hide them'. This activity continued for a considerable time and however repulsive I found it showed good communication, teamwork and care for nature.



Planned activities have continued with popular weekly cooking (and eating); messy play; dancing and singing. Our topics this month included dinosaurs. We've read lots of stories about dinosaurs including the ever popular 'Harry and his bucketful of Dinosaurs'. We printed on large rolls of paper dinosaur feet and some of the children decorated feet that they could wear.

Then for something completely different – the interests changed to playing families with babies. We have extended the children's knowledge of babies by talking about growing, feeding, dressing and keeping babies safe. We even tried some baby foods which were met with mixed reviews.

*Liz Dyer*

## BUS2GO has a record-breaking October

We have had an amazing month with more trips during a month than we have ever had (six). Working in partnership with Spectrum Housing and Dorset POPP (Older Peoples Project). We hired buses to go to Blandford Corn Exchange for the Falls Prevention Event for Free Slippers. The buses picked up around the DT11 area, either side of Blandford.

Other outings included, Garden Centres, West Bay, two visits to The Exchange, Sturminster and the RNLI Poole (this outing was in half-term) some of our passengers are brought their older grandchildren along.

November has fewer outings. However everyone is looking forward to the Christmas Party at Bashley, New Forest. This is a very popular event in the Bus2Go calendar, lots of laughs and slapstick comedy plus a full Christmas lunch and Cream Tea during the show interval. The fun continues with a visit to the panto at Weymouth Pavilion this year the production is Jack and The Beanstalk Tickets £22.50 includes Ice cream during the interval. We are working in partnership with Spectrum Housing. Fifty Tickets have been reserved fifteen have been sold already to our Bus2Go passengers making it an intergenerational outing; we have younger grandchildren joining us for this outing. We look forward to welcoming you on board very soon to enjoy the lively, fun experience of Bus2Go. Bookings can be made at [www.bus2godorset.org](http://www.bus2godorset.org).

Margo – Founder and Trustee at Bus2Go

## New Look RVS Coffee Shop at Poole Hospital

HAVE you visited the Royal Voluntary Coffee Shop at Poole Hospital recently? If not you might be in for a surprise!

Additional seating has been added, including smaller tables to make the place more welcoming. As well as the usual good quality sandwiches, cakes and confectionery, customers can now also enjoy fresh and low calorie fruit smoothies in a variety of flavours, freshly prepared paninis with a variety of fillings, and a range of delicious coffees and teas, all at very reasonable prices. As well as running the café, the RVS also provide an onward trolley.

The café is run by Royal Voluntary Service volunteers, and you are guaranteed a welcoming smile and friendly service when you visit. All money raised is used to support the charity's work: supporting older people in the community, to stay independent for as long as possible. This includes a Befriending/Good Neighbours Service, the Home Library Service, and some local lunch and social clubs.

Coralie Jenkins, RVS Service Manager, says: "We are a very close knit team, and everybody really enjoys working here and meeting all the patients, visitors and staff who use the café. We put a lot of effort into fundraising to support older people, and recently raised almost £400 for our Befriending Services. We will present this to the Operations Manager at a Cream Tea for RVS volunteers in Bournemouth on 19<sup>th</sup> October. We have struggled with our takings since a major coffee chain moved into the hospital. But we are determined to fight back, keep going, continue to provide our renowned, excellent customer service, but at a lower price, and hope that as many people as possible will support us!"



## Community Events

### 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.

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## Message from Amy Crowfoot

### (Dorset Police, Communications and Engagement Department)

IN conjunction with SafeWise, Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service and Kwik Fit, Dorset Police is providing free Community Road Safe evenings for the public to try to improve road safety across the county. There are yearly fluctuations in the numbers of people killed and seriously injured on our roads, and it is the careless driver behaviour behind these statistics that the Community Road Safe evenings aim to address.

In line with Force priorities, the workshops form part of Dorset Police's proactive efforts to 'reduce the number of people seriously harmed' across Dorset. The innovative Community Road Safe evenings will be funded directly from Driver Awareness Scheme course payments paid by motorists who break the law and compromise the safety of all road users. The sessions will cover general road user information, the 'Fatal Five' causes of road collisions and what you can do to reduce the likelihood of being involved yourself.

There will be an opportunity to speak with your local Neighbourhood Policing Team and Community Speed Watch Liaison Officer about what is available to keep you and your family safe on Dorset roads. A Kwik Fit representative will also be on hand to assist with basic car safety checks and hand out car goody bags and vouchers.

Inspector Matt Butler of the Alliance Roads Policing Team, said: "It doesn't matter whether you're a new driver wanting to increase your confidence on the roads or an older driver who hasn't had any additional training since the day you passed your test, all motorists can benefit from refresher sessions.

"It isn't always reckless drivers that cause collisions. Any driver can cause serious injury to themselves or others if they are not paying attention.

"Educating those who have broken the law is very important, but this initiative will provide motorists with the skills and information they need to prevent them from breaking the law or being involved in a collision in the first place."

Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner, Martyn Underhill, said:

"Between 2010 and 2015, road death statistics in Dorset have varied year on year from 17 to 26 fatalities. The unpredictable nature of collisions underlines the importance of ensuring all road users get refresher education to reduce the likelihood of being involved in such tragedies.

"In my election campaign, I committed to working with local charities to raise awareness of road safety to the general driving population and this new partnership is an excellent example of that.

"One simple, careless mistake can significantly change not only your own life, but the lives of others and I would encourage as many people as possible to take part in these innovative education events."

The free workshops will run from 6pm to 8.30pm in locations across the county:

- Thursday 29 September – SafeWise, Bournemouth
- Tuesday 4 October – SafeWise, Weymouth

### Milborne St Andrew History Group

THE Living Memory Project has been set up by the Commonwealth War Grave Commission so that community groups can identify a CWGC site near them, do some research about some of those buried in that site and stage a commemorative event – in their own way and reflecting their own interests – to remember those who lost their lives in the 141 days of the Somme. Linda took the key role in Milborne St Andrew's project and has encouraged villagers to knit poppies to be displayed in church and has done a great deal of research about the 3 from Milborne St Andrew who died as a result of fighting in the First World War. The information that she shared was interesting although those present found themselves despondent about the loss of life of so many young men. The display she has created in church will be up till the end of November so anyone can view it during the day when the church is open.

We agreed a schedule for the next 7 months as follows

November – 'Health Through the Ages' - José and Harry Thomas

December – no meeting.

January – 'Education and exploring the Milborne School Book' - Linda Wright

February – Group involvement—all are invited to bring an old photograph they have and to talk about it.

March – Group activity - members are invited to share information about their ancestors who were involved in the First World War

April – 'Illegitimacy including those from Milborne' - Linda Wright

May – 'International archaeology sights of interest' - Pam Shults

June – 'House History and how to explore your own property' to be agreed.

The meetings are on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm in the Royal Oak (unless advertised differently). We look forward to seeing our regulars and new comers. *Pam Shults*

### Can you help the Reporter to continue?

OUR Editor, David Payne is stepping down from February 2017. We are looking for a recruit to format the Reporter after that.

There is a willing team of news collectors and people who arrange administration, advertising, photography and look after the funds, but the person who draws the publication together is a critical member of the team.

Familiarity with email and word processing are essential, as is the ability to collaborate and work closely and happily within a team of volunteers who undertake different tasks according to their skills and experience.

The role necessitates attending one meeting per month, keeping an ear to the ground to ensure that Village events are covered by one of the team, and laying out the Reporter to publication deadlines each month (Helped by the lovely people in the Village who send in their material in Word, with separate JPEGs for pictures, etc..)

David is happy to help the new Recruit by setting up the February edition with them.

If you would like to volunteer please contact one of the Reporter Team. It would be a shame to see this valuable, award-winning monthly magazine disappear!

Thank you from

The Reporter Team

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### In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow,  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singling, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
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*John McCrae*



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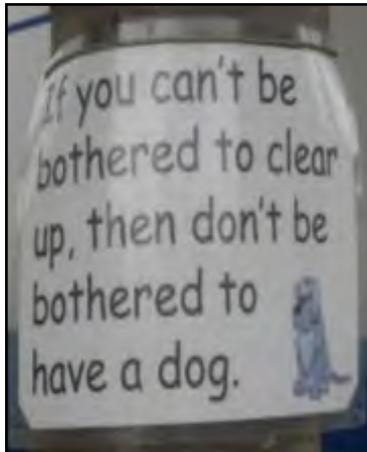
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And pile them high at Gettysburg  
And pile them high at Ypres and Verdun.  
Shovel them under and let me work.

Two years, ten years, and passengers ask the conductor:  
What place is this?  
Where are we now?  
I am the grass.  
Let me work.

*Carl Sandburg*



**Milborne St Andrew Village Hall calls out for votes to bag a share of a £12.5 million carrier bag charge fund**

MILBORNE St Andrew Village Hall is bidding to bag a massive cash boost from the Tesco Bags of Help initiative. The supermarket has teamed up with Groundwork on its Bags of Help initiative, which see grants of £12,000, £10,000 and £8,000 – all raised from the 5p bag levy – being awarded to environmental and greenspace projects.

Three groups in each of Tesco's 416 regions have been shortlisted to receive the cash award. From 31<sup>st</sup> October shoppers are being invited to head along to Blandford Tesco stores to vote for who they think should take away the top grant.

Milborne St Andrew Village Hall is one of the groups on the shortlist. Sadly the dangerous equipment from the playground behind the hall had to be removed which meant that there is nothing for young children to climb and play on. The project is to install a new multi-use gym. Children love a tale of exploration and we hope that they can become explorers themselves and unleash their imaginations through a new range of activity units called the Young Explorer which includes a poly tunnel, slide, steps and pull up ropes.

"The Village Hall Trustees are delighted that Tesco have chosen our project to receive funding for a new unit which will be greatly appreciated by the young children and parents in our village and surrounding areas. When installed we know that children will be able to exercise in safety whilst learning new physical and social skills."

Voting is open in stores from 31<sup>st</sup> October – 13<sup>th</sup> November. Customers will cast their vote using a token given to them at the check-out in store each time they shop.

This is the second round of the initiative: the first round saw approximately eight million shoppers vote in stores up and down the country earlier this year

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### Church Notes

SEPTEMBER is always busy as we finish our holidays and get back to our daily routines. The church looked lovely for our Harvest Festival and we collected several boxes of packets and tins for the Blandford Food Bank, and fresh produce for the Dorchester Women's Refuge. Many thanks to all those who provided food and flowers and helped to decorate the church.



In October we had a different sort of food experience at a well-attended Forties Evening in the village hall. A report appears elsewhere in the *Reporter*.

Our 'Celebrate' service on the first Sunday of each month continues to flourish and we have been pleased to welcome several new faces in recent months. We hope that it is the more informal format that appeals to everyone and it is not just the breakfast of tea, coffee, bacon rolls, bagels and chocolate brioche that we start with!

May we remind you that in the morning of the first Saturday of each month a Working Party meets at church to keep the churchyard tidy or, if wet, some work inside the church – coffee and biscuits provided!

As the grass in the churchyard stops growing quite so fast we are thankful for all the work Maurice Fox has done for us for many many years. We are really grateful for all he has done and I know that we will find it difficult to replace him now that he feels he does not have the strength to continue. If anyone knows of someone who could take on this job next year we would be very pleased to hear from you.



As a result of our Ride and Stride effort in September we have sent £378 to the Dorset Historic Churches Trust. We will soon have half of this returned to us but we continue to seek grants so that we can start work on repairing our church building. Progress is slow and we would welcome the assistance of anyone who knows about getting hold of lots of money – legally!

*John Wright and Pam Shults*

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### Did you notice

THE pictures surrounding the poem on Page 23? They are of Commonwealth War Graves sites at Tyne Cot, Zonnebeke, Belgium (1930s and present day), Kranji, Singapore, and Silent Valley, Aden.

## The month in History—November

### Births:

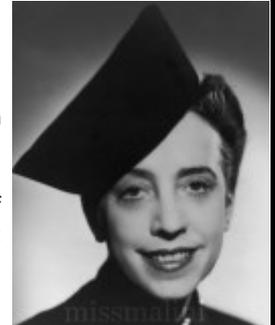
**November 1<sup>st</sup>, 1762:** Spencer Perceval, Tory PM from 1809-12, was born in Audley Square. Although not considered an inspirational leader, he is generally seen as a devout, industrious, principled man who at the head of a weak government steered the country through difficult times. Sadly he is best known for being the only PM in British history to be assassinated.

**November 8<sup>th</sup>, 1656:** Edmond Halley, English astronomer and mathematician, best known for the comet named after him, was born in Haggerston, Middlesex. Amongst his other achievements, he set up an observatory on the South Atlantic island of St. Helena from which he observed a transit of Venus, created a rudimentary model of a magnetic compass, and invented the diving bell.

**November 11<sup>th</sup>, 1493:** Paracelsus, a Swiss physician and alchemist, is born in Einsiedeln. Largely forgotten in history, Paracelsus founded the discipline of toxicology, gave zinc its name (zincium) and was the first to note that some diseases are rooted in psychological illness. He was also known as a revolutionary for insisting upon using observations of nature, rather than looking to ancient texts, as empirical evidence which was in open and radical defiance of medical practice of his day.

### Deaths:

**November 13<sup>th</sup>, 1973:** Elsa Schiaparelli, an Italian fashion designer, died aged 83 in Paris. Born in Rome, she was regarded along with her rival Coco Chanel as one of the most influential and prominent figures in fashion between the two World Wars. Her designs are iconic, and millions of people unknowingly flaunt her designs; not knowing the genius behind them.



**November 16<sup>th</sup>, 1724:** Highway man Jack Sheppard – also known as Jack the Lad – was hanged in Tyburn, London in front of an estimated 200,000 strong crowd. He was a notorious English thief and was arrested and imprisoned five times in 1724 but escaped four times from prison, making him a notorious public figure, and wildly popular with the poorer classes. Ultimately, he was caught, convicted, and hanged at Tyburn, ending his brief criminal career after less than two years

**November 17<sup>th</sup>, 1558:** Death of England's first officially ruling Queen, Mary Tudor. The unpopular daughter of Catherine of Aragon, she was also known as 'Bloody Mary' for the number of Protestants she had burned as heretics in her short reign.

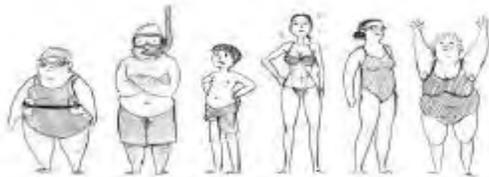
### Events:

**November 7<sup>th</sup>, 1917:** Bolshevik Red Guards seized control of the Winter Palace and confirmed Vladimir Ulyanov (Lenin) as leader of Russia. This marked the beginning of the October revolution, which led to the inception of the first Russian communist government, and thus the first large-scale socialist state in world history.

**November 29<sup>th</sup>, 1641:** England's first newspaper was published. It was the first newsbook containing domestic rather than foreign news, and was titled "The Heads of Several Proceedings in This Present Parliament". News had been circulated in print in the early 16th century in pamphlets referred to as 'Relations'.

**November 30<sup>th</sup>, 1936:** One of London's best-loved landmarks, the Crystal Palace, burned down. The huge cast iron and glass building originally housed the Great Exhibition of 1851. The exhibition held some 100,000 objects, displayed along more than ten miles, by over 15,000 contributors. Britain occupied half the display space inside and France was the largest foreign contributor. When the palace was destroyed in 1936, Winston Churchill tearfully remarked 'this is the end of an age'.

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## Milborne fumes as broadband bugs strike

IT was meant to put Milborne in the fast lane of internet connectivity, but the rollout of fibre cable has bumped many onto the hard shoulder, so say BT customers in the village. The problems of slow broadband and intermittent service has plagued many for months now, which some say is directly related to the installation of fibre cabling in July this year. Broadband users on BT's existing cables have experienced a dip in service since this time, with many complaining to BT, who in turn hand the problem to their infrastructure arm, Openreach.

One Milborne resident, Jessie Butler, says she was told recently by an Openreach engineer who had come to try to rectify her broadband, that a company contracted to BT to fit fibre cables to



the village had damaged some other cables that connect lines to existing BT broadband customers.

Whatever the cause, since that time many have experienced loss of their broadband connection or have ongoing or

intermittent slow speeds. A message posted on the village News and Info Facebook page at the end of September has yielded over 100 comments, with most agreeing they have very similar broadband problems at similar times. Dozens of Milborne residents shared their connection woes, with tales of multiple visits by Openreach engineers who failed to solve the problem, frustration with making repeated and lengthy phone calls to BT and other providers.

This is a flavour of some of the comments:

"We've had intermittent connection issues for months! I've spoken to BT numerous times and had no luck!"

"I have noticed worsening speed particularly recently. It's got to the point where I've given up trying to watch video clips because the buffering makes them unwatchable."

"It doesn't seem to matter how many people are online in the household either. The broadband icon on the hub just intermittently flashes orange."

We've had intermittent and slow speed over the last few weeks. We currently have slow speeds of 3Mbps."

"Ours drops out constantly, been a couple of months now, when it does stay connected for a while it's very slow."

"Intermittent problems for the last 6 months. Dorset council have stated Fox View isn't included in the roll out plan and they have no funding in line to deal with it."

"All residents at Bagber Farm are having numerous internet and phone line issues and have been for a few months now. The phone line is also incredibly bad with an awful crackle down the phone. I work from home so internet is extremely important and as we have no mobile phone reception"

"Had crackling phone line and intermittent broadband for months and months."

"We've been having similar problems to everyone else. Constantly dropping out and extremely slow speeds. Last 4 weeks we have had a download speed of 0.49 Mbps with upload of 0.40 Mbps."

"We are with BT too. For about a month our broadband has been playing up. Gradually getting worst over the month til the last few weeks with it being off most of the day."

"I've had the same troubles as many of you... phone line crackly.... wifi in and out and after what feels like millions of calls to BT I decided to give in and upgraded my package....guess what? Still the same!"

And this is just a brief summary of the dozens of people who have logged their problems on the page, although there were two people who commented to say they have good broadband connections and speed. For some, upgrading to fibre didn't solve their problems either - the same issues of crackly lines and the flashing orange broadband icon appeared all too frequently. Some fared better with a new provider on the 'superfast' service, but using a different company wasn't the solution to all, with the same old problems rearing their heads again.

Superfast Dorset is the district council-based organisation that has overseen the rollout of fibre installation and connectivity in the county. Dorset was allocated £11.7m from central government's budget for this purpose, with partner BT Openreach contributing a similar amount. Superfast Dorset Spokesman Adam Hale said they were working with Openreach. He said, "Superfast Dorset has spoken with BT today about the issues you are experiencing. It is our understanding that the rollout of fibre broadband in the area should not affect the existing technology". Superfast Dorset went on to say, "The project has passed the information to BT, our contractor, and asked it to investigate and take whatever action is necessary." Spokesman for BT, Jason Mann, said it was vital that customers inform the company who supplies them - whether BT, Plusnet, Utility Warehouse etc - in the first instance so that the individual issues can be investigated. He said that cable replacement and connection repairs took place in July and he had not been made aware of any ongoing widespread faults. I pointed out that many had reported faults in the previous three months, with frustration levels running high due to long phone calls to remote call centres and repeat visits from engineers.

Since this problem was highlighted and I contacted BT Press Centre on behalf of the Reporter, it seems that Milborne's connectivity glitches are being looked into with more depth and urgency. This is to be welcomed, but without broadband users notifying their service provider, their issue cannot be assessed. When calling, you should tell them there is an ongoing investigation into the village's problems and you wish your fault to be transferred directly to the Tech Team. Let us know how you're getting on, whether here at the Reporter, its Facebook page or the open post on the village page.





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TRADING Standards polices the safety of consumer goods and during this year's National Consumer Week we're reminding people what to look out for to prevent buying shocking electrical items.

Avoid boxes without a manufacturers name or trademark, or contact details as that could be an indication the item is substandard.

Check that the instructions are in the box.

Look out for poor quality construction and finish, misspelt brands or product names, or instructions with poor English translations.

Ensure that there is a UK three pin plug on any electrical device and that the device that says it's made to BS 1363.

Electrical chargers should also bear manufacturer details.

Choose a reputable retailer so that if something goes wrong you can contact them to deal with any problems.

When you buy goods your rights as a consumer are with the retailer whether your contract is in writing or not. The retailer selling the goods, not the manufacturer, is responsible.

By law you are entitled to expect that the goods conform to the contract. This means that they should be

- of satisfactory quality
- fit for their intended purpose
- as described and installed correctly, where installation is part of the contract.

If the goods are faulty, then you have the legal right to one of the following 'remedies':

- refund
- replacement / repair
- reduction in the purchase price  
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The remedy depends on the circumstances of each sale, for example, how long you have owned the goods and how much wear and tear they have had.

You are entitled to reject faulty goods and to claim a full refund at any time up to 30 days after purchase, delivery or installation.

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## Bedroom Farce a riotous success

Enjoyed by all who came along and who were amazed to see three bedrooms on our little stage. The cast gave a wonderful performance showing us a range of characters. However the performance which took us all was Ellie-Mae Rogers who played Susannah. Her first part in a play and she was brilliant. Roy Sach of course gave a fabulous performance of Nick who was stuck in bed (or on the floor) for the whole play. Larry Lagrue as Malcolm gave a very humorous imp active rendition which showed that if Basil Fawlty was required on stage at short notice he could definitely fill his shoes. Rhianna Webb played Kate with confidence and keeping a good grip on her towel and changing under the bedding which was her only chance as the action rushed along. Jo Coetzee handled her self absorbed husband Nick with an assured air whilst Bill Preston as Ernest and Anita Wareham and Delia gave us a lovely cosy insight into reminiscing over eating "pilchards in bed". Who's left? Are yes, Gren Elphinstone-Davis. As always a winning performance this time of Trevor who was definitely trying to understand how a woman's mind works or at least Susannah's. All in all it was cracking and I had the greatest time leading them through it. We could have done with a bigger audience so if you didn't come you really did miss out. Bedroom Farce by Alan Ayckbourn, a funny, not saucy, but poignant play.

Here's some pictures that will give you a flavour of what was going on.

OH YES - note to self EVERYONE - Don't miss out next time on a good night out on your doorstep.

By Caroline Nobbs - Director





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