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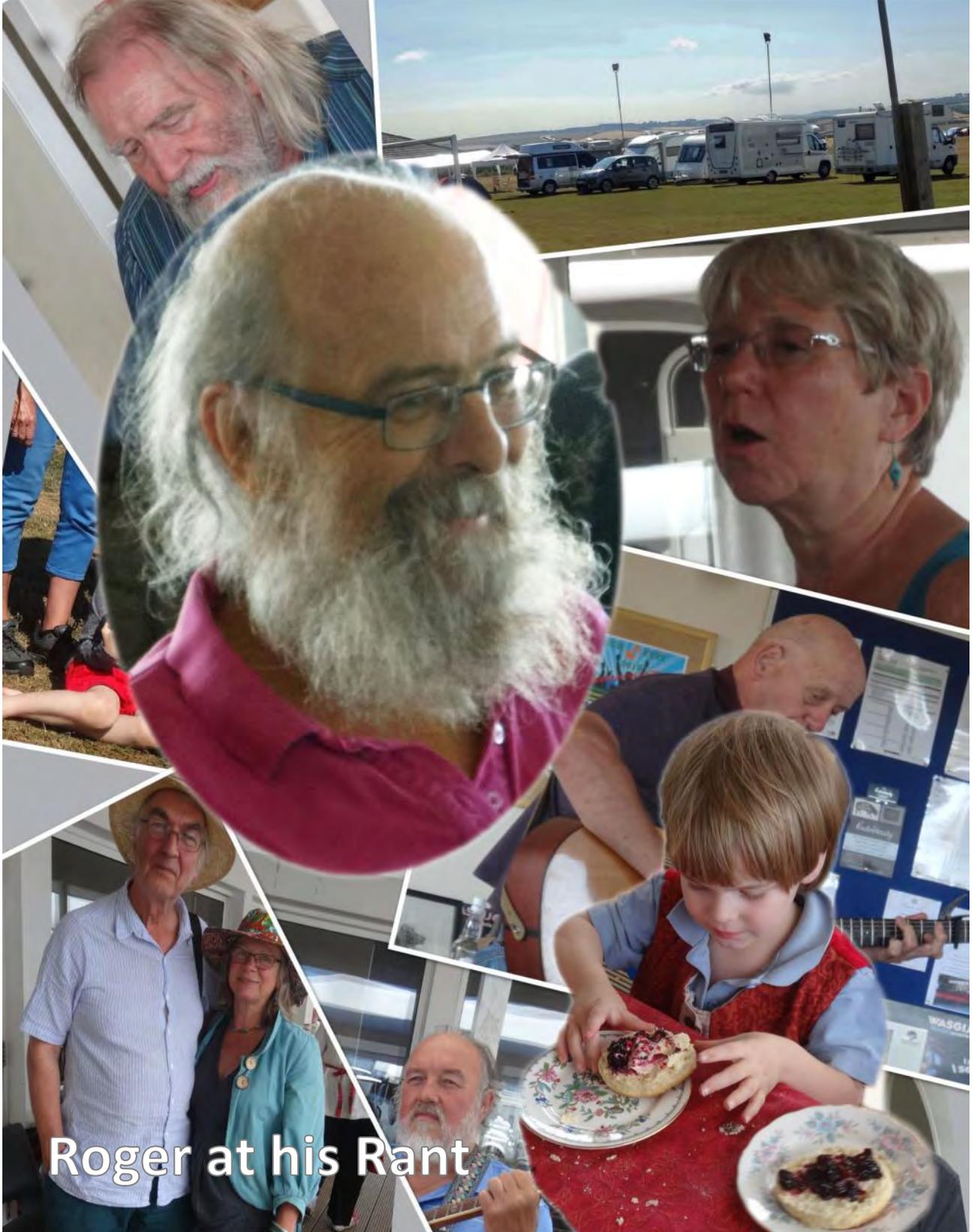
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## Rant for Roger

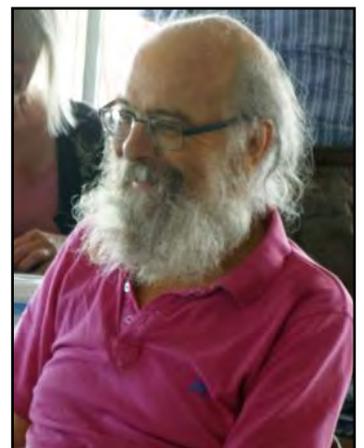
THE tables were turned the weekend of the 21st/22nd July when friends and admirers of Roger Harrell came from all over the country to pay tribute to his, almost, eleven years of "Rants". Many met for the first time here in MSA and others at various festivals of music and song across the South West and Wales. Some were part of the Camping and Caravanning Club's special interest section for folk music. They might meet at other charitable festivals as far apart as Sussex and Somerset. They came in their RVs, completely self contained and self catering using the facilities freely given at the MSA Sports and Social Club. A participant will simply start singing a song that's in their head and the others will join in with harmonies whether it is known or not. Gradually a repertoire is built up and the camaraderie that goes with such a pleasurable joint enterprise. I was told by an onlooker that folk music is well named as it is 'music for folk'; traditional music played by people as a thing to do rather than as an entertainment. He described it as a 'participation sport'. All about taking part in and being part of it. They are a loosely formed travelling community who meet up at different venues, socialise, then move on. Always the money raised has a charitable cause, initially St. John's Ambulance and the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance Service, latterly, Julia's Hospice often raising £1000 for each charity. On that weekend 'Fortuneswell Cancer Trust', supporting cancer patients in Dorset, was their choice. ([www.fortuneswellcancertrust.co.uk](http://www.fortuneswellcancertrust.co.uk))

Singer/Songwriter/guitarist Les Sullivan was one of their number. Mervyn Else led the Walk and Wail (something invented by Roger and Alice's daughter Lizzie therefore unique to this village) with a group hailing from Wales, Kent, Hampshire, Cornwall, the Midlands, Bishops Waltham and Stortford! It was 3.29miles included a flock of sheep and took them up Weatherby Castle singing all the way. They tell me that at these events 'anything goes' as long as it's laced with humour and lubricated with alcohol! There were some beautiful and powerful voices raised in song including 'Bushes and Briars' led by 'Kitty' with barrels of beer provided by 'Nic' (the landlord of the Red Lion in Sennybridge, Wales). To everyone's delight Roger and Alice arrived and immediately took part in the singing performing a solo of "The Tailor's Breeches". He is also credited with writing the words to "Row-On" with music by Tim Laycock (the latter also appeared in the evening). Roger reportedly had his spirits lifted considerably by taking part in his own event. Paul Openshaw, the organiser, was seen with other men from the company keeping the washing up under control. Nic sang an evocative number set in the East End of London during WW2 called Fly High with words that ran; "Fly high your dreams are all in vain, one day you're singing the next you are in pain". Another, sung with great feeling by Les, concerned a ring in the shape of a heart held in a hand found on the Spanish Armada ship "Gerona" entitled (in Spanish; No Tango Mas Que Dar Te) "I have nothing more to give you". Currently the ring, known as The Posy Ring, is in the Ulster Museum.

Lynn's Vintage Cream Teas attracted large numbers of people and were extremely well received with the caterers having to replenish their stocks from the village shop!

This well attended event conveyed the warmth and joy that those who had travelled there felt for Roger and his family. What better way to express those feelings than lifting up *their glorious voices in song*.

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## Eric Austen – Man of Peace



Eric was a man of words and action. He will be sadly missed by Janet, his children, grandchildren and the many friends and colleagues that he made during his time with us.

Eric's life was one that increasingly focused on promoting peace and justice, and during the last 30 years he gained much from attending the Greenbelt Festival with his family. It was there that he often said he had many of his assumptions challenged as it encouraged

a questioning approach as his Christian faith grew broader and more inclusive.

Early on in his life, having served his time in the army, Eric entered the banking profession which led him to work in Bath, Jersey, Salisbury and Dorchester. It was at a dance in Jersey that he met Carol whom he later married and with whom he had his four children Paul, Ruth, Mike and Phill.

After 20 years in banking Eric changed careers and studied for four years at Weymouth College to become a teacher of Religious Education. While teaching had its challenges, he greatly valued his time and would often recollect the discussions he had with pupils and the opportunity to explore ideas and beliefs with them. He repeated this later when he regularly went into Puddletown Middle School for assemblies that were always valued by staff and students. Whilst teaching and living in Crossways Eric and Carol ran a Methodist Sunday School and led an Anglican Pathfinders group, and he became a Methodist lay preacher.

From an early age Eric had an interest in making marionette puppets that ranged from ghosts and skeletons to trumpeters. He put on a number of puppet shows (with the assistance of his family) using a stage and set that he had made from scratch.

At the beginning of the 1990s Eric and Carol moved to Dorchester where he became the church treasurer at Dorford Baptist Church, where they also ran a Mothers and Toddlers group that still thrives today.

After 17 years Eric 'retired' and became a community mediator managing Mediation Dorset and trained nearly 100 mediators, and always valued the skills and learning that he took from this time as well as the colleagues and friends that he made. Eric did not put his feet up as he became involved in the Hub which was a safe place for the homeless. Whilst working there, and through Carol, he made a connection with the Franciscans, and over the last few years became a member of the 3rd Order of the Society of St Francis. Eric and his wife Carol were also involved with Christian Aid, Poverty Action Group, the Labour Party, started a credit union and also helped start a local Palestine support group to help raise awareness of the situation there. When Carol died from cancer in 2007 he struggled to make sense of what was ahead, but in 2009 he married Janet who was studying theology as part of her course in Salisbury. They were able to share the past 10 years continuing to be involved in the local community and enjoying time together. Eric was always an active individual, even whilst coping with his own cancer. He continued to find new ways to meet and engage with others and in doing so he was never afraid of meeting and talking with those who did not hold his views or beliefs; his outlook was one of inclusiveness. He was always mindful of not being judgemental and enjoyed the company of those of other faiths or none. He often attended a local humanist group and built relationships with those at the Islamic centre for Friday prayers in Dorchester. He organised a memorable meeting at Milborne St Andrew church where he and an Atheist friend took part in a debate chaired by the Archdeacon of Sherborne. It was this sharing and discussion that he continued to value even as his health declined. During his time as a teacher he would often say to his class 'When you think you have arrived, look further; there is always more . . .'

Eric would have liked to sign his life off as he always signed his emails: ***Conflict is easier than Peace, but Persistence makes Peace possible. We cannot change the past but we can influence the future.***

*Phill Austen*

## New swimming times at Abbey Swimming Club

WE are sorry to be losing the services of three of our longstanding lifeguards, Angie Higgs, Richard Pearce and Annette Pearce who are shown in the photograph. All three have just stepped down from their roles as volunteer lifeguards for the Abbey Swimming Club. Each of them has given over 25 years of voluntary service to the club and the local community.



The Abbey Swimming Club at Milton Abbey School has been run on a completely voluntary basis for 30 years and relies on members training to be lifeguards and covering the health and safety aspects of our operation. We are proud of this ethos which we have developed and we wish to continue in this way for as long as possible. However, we now urgently need more members to come forward to train as lifeguards. In the meantime, we have reluctantly had to reduce the number of sessions each week, losing the Friday evening session. From August the Club will be open to members

Tuesday 6.45pm – 8.30pm

Saturday 10.00am – 12.00noon

Sunday 8.00am – 9.00am

We are always pleased to welcome new members, especially if you would like to train as a lifeguard, so if you would like to join just come along to the pool for one of our sessions or contact Pat Cowan on 01258 880601 or Lynn Targett on 01258 881443, email [lynntargett47@gmail.com](mailto:lynntargett47@gmail.com).

*Lynn Targett*

## Parking, Poppies and Paint

At the last Village Hall committee meeting the parking at the hall was again a main topic. Some of the committee had met with some of the residents of The Causeway to hear their ideas into the matter of parking if the hall is not in use. For now the car park will continue to be locked. Could you please not park in the small layby as this prevents people with pushchairs from getting into the playground. It is also intended for emergency vehicles and a useful passing place on a narrow section of road.

It was agreed that the hall will be laying a wreath at the Remembrance Service in November.

The hall is going to be painted inside during the summer, it is beginning to look a bit tired, so look out for a bright interior.

*Linda Wright*

## Enjoyed your holidays, overdone the food and wine?

NEED to shed a few pounds, want some exercise ?

Walking football starts again on Tuesday September 11th, after the summer holidays 10.30am to 11.30am, ideal for the over 55s no skill needed just enthusiasm!

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## Patricia (Pat) Gray 9th August 1931 – 20th June 2018



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created a wonderful way with many people that Pat met during her life. She will always be remembered for her lovely smile, her sense of humour and her jokes along the way. Everyone who met Pat was always inspired by her generosity and kindness. She was a wonderful host at entertaining all her friends and family. She lived a full and active life with her family and friends.

To sum up, Pat would simply be always loving, caring and thoughtful to her family and others she met, and therefore irreplaceable in our eyes and leaves a massive void in our lives which only time will heal.

Her funeral service in Dewlish Church on 12th July was packed with relatives and friends. Donations in memory of Pat (left on the plate) amounted to £761.00 for All Saints' Church, Dewlish.

Pete and the family would like to thank everyone for their support.

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- For advice on this, or to report something to Trading Standards, call the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 03454 04 05 06.



## Retired . . . but working hard with Dorset Macmillan Advocacy

MY name is Jane MacLeod and I have lived in Milborne St. Andrew for six years. I retired last year and was desperate not to sit around and languish! I lost both my parents through cancer but was fortunate enough to have some amazing care offered by Macmillan with support for myself and my family too. It was, with this in mind, that I wanted 'to give something back' (I hate the cliché but it's true). I applied to Dorset Advocacy and, with my somewhat unrehearsed chat, managed to make an impact and was accepted as a volunteer! What an incredible charity to work for – I absolutely love it!



If I could persuade everyone looking for voluntary work to apply as an advocate, I would. Dorset Macmillan Advocacy (DMA) gives you the opportunity to do something really worthwhile with your time – helping people through one of the biggest challenges they could face and often changing lives for the better!

If you think you may require our services for yourself or a friend, DMA advocates may be able to help you find out more about the diagnosis and treatment as well as assisting with many of the other concerns a cancer diagnosis can bring. There may be decisions to make, not just about treatment and care, but about work, money or housing that will present challenges not just to the patient themselves but also for their families and carers.

Advocacy means speaking up for or with another person; it's all about helping individuals have their views heard and respected. DMA is able to offer independent, flexible support to the over 50s to resolve difficulties, whether directly cancer related or not, and aims to improve the overall quality of life.

The cancer experience can leave patients and carers feeling less able to speak up at a time when they most need their voices to be heard; we can help people access and understand information, explore their options and rights and make sure their wishes are heard. By giving one to one support we can focus on the individual and help them to see things more clearly.

Dorset Macmillan Advocacy volunteers received regional recognition for their dedication to people diagnosed with cancer earlier this year.

Here are some of the motley crew!

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## A mustard seed

On the last day of June, we welcomed to the benefice the inspiring speaker Michael Harvey, who is the director and chief executive of an organisation called the National Weekend of Invitation.

All those who attended found the day worthwhile and helpful. I have been reflecting a lot since that day on some of the things that Michael shared with us. One thing that has particularly stayed with me is his reminder to us that God asks us to be faithful not successful.

We live in a culture where success is valued and honoured, and there is nothing wrong with that. As I write, England are between their quarter-final and semi-final football World Cup matches, and the nation has united around them wanting them to succeed, even folk like me who are only footie fans when there's something like a World Cup or Euro competition to be won. A sense of achievement makes us feel good about ourselves.

But the downside of a success culture is that those who don't succeed can feel unvalued and hopeless. Some children will always struggle with exams, others will fail at sporting activities. I still bear the scars of always being the last to be picked for teams in netball lessons when the teacher allocated two other girls to be team captains. The same three of us were always left to the end because we were pretty incompetent netballers. It didn't make us feel good. It never does when people assess each other according to ability or success for those without it.

Which is why I was so encouraged by Michael's reminder that God looks not for success but for faithfulness. There's no such thing as a perfect Christian, no exam to pass or cup to win. What matters in God's eyes is that we know we are loved.

Nothing we can do, no test we can take, will get us into heaven. That relies on faith and love. The amount of faith doesn't need to be big – Jesus used the image of a tiny mustard seed to make the point that even a small amount is enough, because God can transform that into something much greater.

I find it enormously hopeful that all God asks of us is that we allow God to love us. When we experience love, we learn to trust, just like any child. That is how faithfulness grows. The capacity for faith is a gift from God, and like the mustard seed, if we allow it to grow roots into our lives, God will bring something greater from it. But it may not look like success as we know it!

With best wishes

*Sarah Hillman*

## News from St. Andrew's

This month has been full of sunshine and positive developments. The building work is finally finished and our roofs are now watertight. The graveyard is looking very tidy, thanks to our new 'gardener' and the regular volunteers who give their time each month to remove ivy, trim hedges, cut branches and keep the wildflower areas under control.

This month has also seen some sad events. We heard the news that Eric Austin died of the cancer that he had been fighting for a couple of years. He was not only a well-known person in the village but also a very active member of our church. The service in the Dorford Centre was packed with people who wanted to give thanks for his life. He will be missed by many people.

We also heard of the sudden death of Tony Dyer, who was a good friend of our church and often helped us plan and run events as well as attending some services. He was another popular person known in the village, Royal Navy and the Royal British Legion. Tony will be missed by many. About 125 attended his funeral in St. Andrew's church.

And we have just heard that Rev Roy Bennett, who moved from Puddletown to Toronto a few years ago, has died after a heart attack.

Our Events Committee ran another fundraising social event at the end of June. The Afternoon Tea at Heathcote House was a great success, and even the sun shone. We are grateful to Sue who opened her house and gardens for us and provided the sandwiches. The Events Committee ladies made wonderful scones and did a fabulous job in waitressing, preparing food and drink, washing up and running the raffle. £260 was raised for church funds. They are now planning the cake and toy stall at the Athelhampton Fete on Bank Holiday Monday 27th August. Do put the date in your diaries and come along. Pam Shults



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## Church Services August

### 5th August – Trinity 10

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

### 12th August – Trinity 11

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

### THURSDAY 16th August

12noon	Lunch-time Communion	Puddletown
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### 19th August – Trinity 12

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

### 26th August – Trinity 13

9.30am	Go Fourth	Tolpuddle
9.30	Parish Communion	Milborne
11.00	1662 Morning Prayer	Puddletown
11.00	Parish Communion	Dewlish

### Morning Prayers (Monday – Thursday 8.15am Saturday 9.00am)

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Wednesday – Dewlish	Thursday – Tolpuddle
Saturday – Puddletown	

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# Church Services September

## 2nd September – Trinity 14

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

## 9th September – Trinity 15

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

## 16th September – Trinity 16

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

## THURSDAY 20th September

12noon	Lunch-time Communion	Puddletown Church Room
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## Saturday 22nd September

1.00pm	Marriage of Richard Upshall and Michelle Green	Puddletown
2.00	Marriage of Alex Chutter and Robyn Carter	Dewlish

## 23rd September – Trinity 17

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

## Saturday 29th September

1.00pm	Marriage of Simon Rees and Carrie Knight	Tolpuddle
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## 30th September – Trinity 18

11.00am	United Benefice Holy Communion followed by bring-and-share lunch	Puddletown
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## Morning Prayers (Monday – Thursday 8.15am Saturday 9.00am)

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



# Dewlish Church Notes

ALTHOUGH there were not many people at our recent Pet Service, it was a lovely occasion, led by Jim. The two dogs present behaved very well. We also had a very vociferous mother hen with her chicks. Everyone enjoyed seeing them.

At the annual **Five Churches Fete** at Athelhampton House on August Bank Holiday Monday (the 27th, 12noon–4.00pm) Dewlish will once again be running the stall for jams, marmalades, pickles and garden produce. We would be grateful for any donations. The money raised at the whole fete goes towards the costs of running the benefice.

Jim now has all the information and sponsor forms for the **Dorset Historic Churches Ride 'n Stride**, which will take place on Saturday 8th September. Half the money raised is returned to Dewlish All Saints so it would be good to get as many riders and sponsors as possible. Please contact Jim (Tel: 01258 837466) if you are willing to represent Dewlish.

This year's **Harvest Festival** will be held on Sunday 7th October at 6.00pm. This will be followed on the following Monday by the **Harvest Supper and Auction** at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. If you would like to attend, please contact Mrs Margaret Groves (Tel: 01258 837 617). *Daphne Burg*



# And the sun shone for the 'garden party'

We were blessed with a beautiful sunny afternoon when Heathcote House opened its doors and beautiful gardens to host the Afternoon Tea with Dorset Cream Scones. Thanks to the St. Andrew's Church Events Committee, who organised the event, to Sue for hosting the event and providing some dainty delicious sandwiches and to Eva who helped prepare the scones with Jenny. Carolyn was in charge of the teapot and other drinks while Anne was on the door, Angela persuaded people to buy raffle tickets and Rose, Hazel, Pam and Di did the waitressing.

Nearly 40 people came and supported the event and appeared to enjoy themselves. Thanks to their generosity £260 was taken which will go towards the general maintenance and running of our lovely old village church. *Pam Shults*





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## W.I. learns a secret

THIS month our speaker was Rod Hughes who shared with us Dorset's big secret. During the First World War there was a shortage of cordite, a highly volatile substance containing among other chemicals nitro glycerin. An area of Holton Heath was used to build factories for its manufacture employing at one time nearly 4,000 people, mainly women, all the employees signing the Official Secrets Act. After the war the site was used for other top-secret developments. Rod's talk was a fascinating glimpse into Dorset's recent history.

We are invited to Bere Regis W.I. on 21st August to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of their inception. The annual meeting at the Lighthouse is on Thursday 18th October and on Thursday 25th October we are hosting the group meeting. On 10th November we are having a coffee morning in the village hall; there will be fliers to distribute later.

Bookends tackled, 'The Gathering' by Ann Enright last month - it was not popular. In August, 'People of the Book' will be read and discussed at Shirley Dunkley's home over a strawberry tea.

We looked back to our summer supper, held once more at 'Kilbarrie', Sheila Ryall was thanked for her hospitality on a lovely summer evening. There will be no meeting next month as we are taking the opportunity to visit a jigsaw making factory near Salisbury for our summer outing.

Our next meeting will be Thursday 13th September when Darren Orchard will be talking about Recycling in Dorset.



Josie Wright

## Neighbourhood Plan draft approved for consultation stage at PC meeting

THE draft of Milborne's Neighbourhood Plan was formally approved by councillors at the Parish Council meeting, with the document now in the public consultation phase. Chair of the PC, Joy Robinson commended the NP group for the completed plan. She said it was "absolutely excellent - a vast amount of work has gone into it and it is a fantastic document". However, there were a few points raised by Cllr Smith about the plan; the lack of emphasis on a new sewage system (which would enable any future development) and also the restriction that the plan placed on extending new houses, in effect keeping affordable housing affordable. Jo Witherden, for the NP group, was present and answered these queries, making the point that the draft plan is out for proper consultation and that changes will be made if necessary.

Cllr Smith also gave a report about a recent Dorset Association of Town and Parish Councils (DATPC) meeting that he attended on behalf of MSA PC. The change to a single authority in the county was talked about, with details still not clear as to how it will operate. A draft budget is the main focus of the committee, which is due to be available in February 2019, which does not give much consultation time as the new authority takes over on 1st April - an apt date, Cllr Smith noted.

There was one planning application that came before councillors, which was for a dropped kerb and parking at a house on Blandford Hill. The applicant was Cllr Stevens, who had already declared an interest. Chairman Robinson had a number of reservations about the application, from the safety aspect of vehicles accessing the parking from the A354 to 'migratory material', namely gravel that could find its way onto the public path and gutter, contrary to the NP. Mr Stevens answered all points that assured councillors to approve the application, though with comments attached as to their concerns over safety. Now that the case is with Highways, it was thought that the department would be best placed to adjudicate this.

It was noted that the Huntley Down planning application for 30 homes has been referred to the Planning Committee for decision.

Clerk, Colin Hampton, together with Cllr Smith, is due to meet representatives from Highways to discuss the locations of the speed indicator devices (SIDS) that the PC wants to install. The Highway department believes the village has only one suitable location, but the PC wants two positions on either end of the A354 and one in Milton Road. A speed device would be shared around these three locations.

The condition of the obelisk on Weatherbury Castle was raised, since the PC has a financial responsibility to maintain the monument. Cllr Macnair said he had recently been at the foot of the plinth and had noted that there was plant growth in the masonry and that it appeared pointing may be required. He agreed to return to the obelisk with a pair of binoculars for a closer look and a camera to document the problems.

Some people thought it was all over, with the World Cup ending a week before the meeting, but football was on the agenda in the form of the Local Football Facility Plan (LFFP), which is an FA initiative to invest in the nation's football facilities to increase participation in the sport. Local authorities are being consulted as to what they have, with the LFFP being drawn up for each LA setting out a ten year plan for football development. Chairman Robinson said that the PC was willing to support the initiative by providing relevant information.

Councillors agreed on a design of wreath that would be purchased on behalf of the PC to lay at this year's Act of Remembrance. It is of a traditional design, 17 inch in diameter and it will be laid by councillors at the centenary of the end of World War I in November.

The next meeting is on 19th September, unless a planning application requires a PC decision in the meantime, in which case a meeting will take place on 15th August.

Ed Richards

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## Ladybirds learn about the sun and planets

WHAT fantastic weather this July in England. But it did bring with it problems as I expect many parents experienced – tired hot children! Many arrived at Ladybirds having slept badly but were suitably dressed and covered in sun cream, the gazebo went up and water play became a daily event. And what to do when it gets very hot is fill the tray with water and sit with your feet in it – pity there were no ice creams!

Ladybirds spent a lovely day at Farmer Palmer's for the preschool summer trip. We watched the pigs race, fed the lambs, watched the cow being milked, rode the tractors, climbed the straw bales, went in the indoor play area, went on the very bumpy tractor ride and had a great time. Thank



you to all the parents and grandparents who came and made it a great social event.

In our morning sessions we talked about the sun and the planets. We decorated biscuits to look like planets, using coloured icings, a pipette and a cocktail stick to swirl the colours together – and of course then ate them. One of the children didn't get as far as decorating his biscuit; it was eaten before the icing got anywhere near it!

Wishing you all a great summer holiday. We will be back in the Hall on Wednesday 5th September. If anyone wishes to contact us during the holidays please phone my mobile 07771 512427. Thank you.  
Liz Dyer

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# MILBORNE ST ANDREW FIRST SCHOOL



## Learning together, playing together SCHOOL NEWS

### Painted ladies at Milborne!

OVER the summer term Turtles have been developing their understanding of habitats and life cycles by keeping Painted Lady caterpillars and observing their amazing metamorphosis into butterflies. They thoroughly enjoyed the whole process and wrote some great reports!

The butterflies fed on 'nectar' that we made and fruit. When they were strong enough, we released them into the wildlife area. Here are some of the children's comments about the project.



Mrs Plant gave our class some tiny caterpillars to look after and care for at school.

There were 5 caterpillars in 2 different pots.

They grew extremely quickly and it was so long before they turned into chrysalides.

During this stage the caterpillars make a complete change into a beautiful butterfly.

By Isabella

Caterpillars to chrysalides

**Keeping Butterflies.**  
By Joshua

In Turtles class, we have been learning about the life cycle of butterflies. Keeping butterflies is easy and lots of fun.

First we had to make a butterfly house. We used a pop-up washing basket with a zip lid, and then put some tissue in the bottom.

Mrs Plant hatched the butterfly eggs at her house, and then brought the little caterpillars into school and put them in our butterfly house.

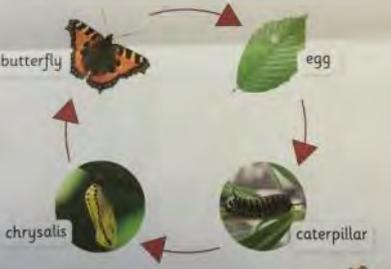
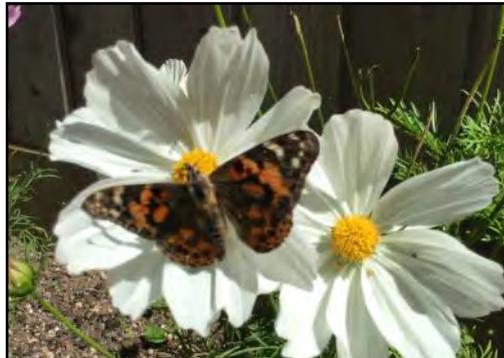
The caterpillars were given fresh fruit everyday so they could grow big and strong. When they were big enough they turned into a cocoon. The caterpillars stayed in their cocoon for 2 weeks and turned into butterflies.

Turtle's class watched ten tiny eggs turn into beautiful butterflies. On Friday we released the butterflies into the wildlife area and they all flew away.



15.6.18

In Turtles we grew butterflies. The caterpillars took two weeks to change, first they ate and ate until they were really big. Then our caterpillars grew and changed into chrysalides and now they have hatched into painted lady butterflies. We have made nectar and fed them fruit such as bananas, oranges, apples and pears. We released them on Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> of June. I was happy to let them go but I really miss them.

**The life of a butterfly**

The first stage of a butterfly is the little egg. A butterfly starts off as a small round egg. The eggs are laid on the leaves of a plant.

The second stage is the caterpillar. When the egg hatches the caterpillar starts to eat leaves. They eat a lot so they can grow quickly. The eat the leaf they were born on.

The third stage is the chrysalis. As soon as the caterpillar is done growing they form themselves into a chrysalis. From the outside it looks like it is only resting but its changing inside. The caterpillar is short and fat and have no wings but inside the old body parts are changing to become a beautiful butterfly.

The fourth stage is an adult butterfly. The caterpillar has done all of its forming and changing inside the chrysalis. When the butterfly first comes out from the chrysalis the wings are soft and folded against its body because the butterfly had to fit the new parts of its body inside the chrysalis. When the butterfly has rested after coming out it will learn flying.

### CONTACTS

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

**Headteacher:** Mrs Sharon Hunt    **School Secretary:** Mrs B Hosford

**Chair of Governors:** Matt Way    **FOS Chairman:** Mrs Caroline Richards

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# Community Contacts

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

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	Chair: Andrew Booth	01258 837284
Parish Council – Milborne St. Andrew	Clerk: Colin Hampton	01258 837011
	Chair: Joy Robinson	01258 837661

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Environment Agency Floodline	03459 881188
South West Highways <a href="mailto:hello@swhitd.co.uk">hello@swhitd.co.uk</a>	01404 821500
Wessex Water Sewerage Floodline	03458 505959
MSA Flood Warden, Non-Emergency Only: Mark Johnson	01258 839060

## GENERAL – ADULT

Ladies Group – Dewlish	Judith Bridgen	01258 837157
Moonlight Swing Band	Gillian Pink	01305 260731
M.A. Neighbourcar	Nigel Hodder	01258 470333
Wednesday Social Club	Sheila Burton	01258 839033
Women's Institute	Lesley Clarke	01929 471732

## GENERAL – YOUTH

Ladybirds (Playgroup)	Liz Dyer	01258 839117
Scout Group (Secretary)	Brian Burton	01258 839033
Under 5's Group – The Busy Bees	Claire Tudge	07970 734162
Youth Club age 8 – 13 years	Joanne Miller	07940 017577

## 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		
Headteacher:	Sharon Hunt	01258 837362
Chair Governors:	Matt Way	
Friends of School Chair:	Caroline Richards	

## SPECIAL INTEREST

Bellringers	Pip Bowell	01258 837329
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Food and Wine Society	Julie Johannsen	01258 839004
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Secretary:	Anna Cullen	01258 837143
MSA Gardening Club	Sally Dyer	01258 837061
Milborne Players	Roy Sach	01258 837033
Round Robin Ramblers	Ian Bromilow	01258 880044
Tai Chi	Brian Burton	01258 839033
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
Cricket Club – Milton Abbas	Colin Chastey	01258 882162

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Skittles – Dewlish	Frank Ross	01258 837366
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	Bookings: Richard Lock	01258 837929
Table Tennis	Pauline Pitfield	01258 839123
Tap Dancing for Adults	Kevin Selby	01305 250386
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Yoga (at village hall)	Sarah Ryan	01258 839230

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Booking Secretary:	Margaret Groves	01258 837617
Milborne St. Andrew		
Chairman:	Pam Shults	01258 837203
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## August

- Wednesday 1st** **Wednesday Club** Rod Harris will be talking about 'A Day At The Palace'.
- Wednesday 8th** **Drawing dancing and house of dreams** Village Hall, 10.00am–11.30am.
- Tuesday 14th** **Top Secret Treasure Chests**, 10.30am–3.00pm.
- Tuesday 21st** **Song-writing** Village Hall 10.00am–1.00pm.
- Saturday 25th** **Village lunch** Village Hall 12.15pm to 2.00pm £7 per head – see page 2 for menu.
- Monday 27th** **Five Churches Fete** at Athelhampton 12noon–4.00pm – see page 9.

## September

- Wednesday 5th** **Wednesday Club** Kevin Patience will be speaking about *The African Queen*.
- September 8th** **Dorset Historic Churches Ride 'n Stride**.
- Thursday 13th** **WI Darren Orchard** will be talking about Recycling in Dorset. Village Hall – see page 13.
- Saturday 14th** **Mid-day deadline for Reporter**. Send copy and pictures to msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk or give to a member of the Reporter team – see page 2.
- Wednesday 19th** **Parish Council** Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 13 for report on July's meeting.
- Thursday 20th** **Gardening Club** A Wild Garden. Village Hall 7.30pm – see below.
- Saturday 29th** **Village lunch** Village Hall 12.15pm to 2.00pm £7 per head – see page 2 for menu.

## Regular Bookings at the Village Hall

- Ladybirds Playgroup** Monday–Friday 8.30am–1.00pm MH (term time only)
- Beavers** Monday 5.00–6.30pm MH (term time only)
- Scouts** Monday 6.00–8.00pm CR/MH
- Players** Monday 8.00–10.00pm MH
- ABC Line Dancers** Tuesday 7.30–10.00pm MH
- Cub Scouts** Tuesday 5.45–7.15pm MH (term time only)
- 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 8–13 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 6.30–8.30pm (term time only)
- Circuit training** Thursday 6.30–7.30pm (term time only)

## Regular Bookings at the Sports & Social Club

- Table Tennis** Monday 7.00–9.00pm. Information from Pauline Pitfield 01258 839123
- Tai Chi** Tuesday mornings 9.30 run by Geoffrey Bellinger. Local contact Brian Burton 839033.
- The Busy Bees** Under 5 Group from 9.30am to 11.30am on Thursday term time only. Contact Claire Tudge on 07970 734162.
- Nightsabre Dog Training**, Behaviour and Rally Group. Tuesday mornings; Wednesday evenings; Saturday mornings. Contact details 01305 849221.
- Yoga** (Mellulah) Thursday (evening); Friday (mornings)
- Private parties, birthdays, wedding** receptions check online calendar.



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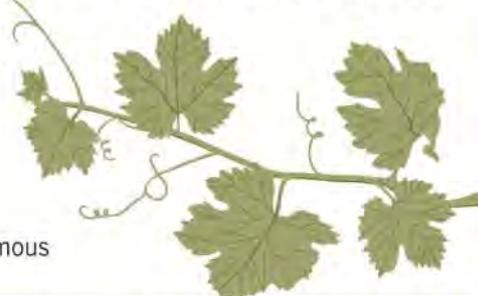
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# LETTERS to the Reporter

## Dear Reporter

Can I please comment on the Speed Watch article in July's Reporter.

Whilst I applaud the initiative I simply must comment on the accompanying photo.

Firstly, Mike Sinnock the PCSO was operating the speed detection device at the roadside, with his back to oncoming traffic. This is so dangerous. Anyone who deals with anything on the road knows that for your own safety you should always face the traffic. What if a truck came down the hill behind him, it's door mirror, where it sticks out, could have whacked him across the back of the head.

Secondly, the device should be operated in a straight line towards the oncoming traffic. Operating it at an angle across the road, as was reported, can lead to a false reading, which could mean a driver travelling at a legal speed could be accused of being beyond the speed limit. You could also be monitoring a vehicle going away from you as it is nearer and larger to the device and so it will pick it up rather than your target vehicle.

Finally, if 'safety is all important' as reported, then shouldn't the young lady have been wearing a hi-viz jacket as well?

If this initiative is to succeed then it must be done safely, professionally and be beyond reproach. Let's be seen to be doing it right from day one.

Name and address supplied

## Editor's reply

When the photograph was taken, the radar device was not actively being used – the pose of PCSO Mike Sinnock with Martha Perry was intended only to depict them in context. PCSO Sinnock demonstrated the device in a safe manner after this, when Martha had left. The letter writer makes valid points that should be addressed at the training sessions undertaken by volunteers. During the meeting in the report, Martha and Mike said that the devices could be used to detect speed of vehicles on either side of the road. The possible cosine error that is referred to will always be in favour of the driver, with the radar device readout showing a lesser speed to the driver's speedometer. However, the very acute angle in question would have a negligible effect on recorded speed.

## You don't know what you are missing

The weekend June 29th/30th saw the Milborne Players excellent performance of a play called "Nightmare". The Players do two productions a year, a Pantomime early in the year and another Play during the year. Having taken our grandchildren to so called professional Pantomimes in Edinburgh and Jersey we can honestly say that the one they do in Milborne is far better.

The Players work hard to put on good productions and it is so sad to see how few people in the village attend. We are very fortunate to be able to walk to our Village Hall, have a glass of wine or beer and sit back and watch great entertainment.

So come on, give it a try and hopefully The Players will get the "full house" that they richly deserve.

Ian & Lis Watts

## Where was everyone?

We had an extremely enjoyable evening at the village hall watching the Milborne Players latest production "Nightmare". It was brilliant – the cast, and there had been two last minute replacements, were amazing and the play had us on the edge of our seats. After so much hard work what a shame not more people went to watch. It might have been hot and the football was on but come on Milborne this was a first-rate performance by locals and they deserved far more support.

Linda & Peter Wright

## Camelco/Milborne Ltd Brownfield Site Blandford Hill

As owners of the most favoured site for building in Milborne St. Andrew we feel we must bring the village up to date with progress. We do not want residents to think we are 'dragging our feet' on such an important matter.

Firstly, we would like to applaud the hard and dedicated work of the NPG who have produced a thorough and impressive housing survey on behalf of the village. We feel it is a shame that certain parties have 'railroaded' through their own plans against the NPG's guidance.

Secondly, we apologise that we are not as far advanced as those two less favourable sites of Wyatt Homes. Although we are owners of the site, along with the Milborne Business Centre, we are NOT ourselves developers.

It has taken us sometime to choose a developer we felt we could work with, and is sympathetic to the needs of the village, and has the substance to do the necessary work. We have now signed an exclusivity agreement with Bracken Developments Ltd, a well established Poole based developer, and they are now in the process of organising the various surveys.

The ecological and topographical surveys have now been completed and the drainage and environmental surveys have been booked and both of these surveys should be completed within the next two weeks.

Bracken and ourselves are fully mindful of the urgency of being in a position to submit a planning permission application, which may now have to be submitted earlier than expected, as a result of the other planning applications. We are all doing our utmost to expedite this. At present we envisage being able to submit the planning application in September.

On the matter of woodland, we are aware of the concerns some residents have raised, and want to make clear that no firm decision has been made. We will be listening carefully to the feedback from the local community on the Neighbourhood Plan over the summer on this issue.

To summarise we believe, at long last, a good use has been proposed for this piece of land. For 25 years it has been an unutilised brownfield site and it has finally been selected as a highly suitable and attractive site for the future development needs of the village, both for housing and to provide many other benefits for the community.

Richard Ferguson

John Payne

Directors of Camelco Ltd

## Dear Reporter

I was sitting in the playing field on one of the benches next to the car park recently and had to clear away four different lots of dog poo, all just in front of the bench. The Village Hall Committee relaxed the rules on No Dogs fairly recently, but if owners don't clear up after them, we shall have to go back to our previous blanket ban: poo can be not just nasty, but very dangerous, especially for children. This is also why we have said dogs must be on leads, so that it is easier to see if picking up is needed. Please, if you have dogs on village hall land, do make sure that you clear up everything.

Sarah Ryan

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## TONY DYER

IT was with much sadness that Tony's death on 20th June was announced. Although he had had a persistent cough and shortness of breath for some time the diagnosis of lung cancer was finally confirmed only the week previously. It was a great shock not only to the family but also to many who had seen him around the village very recently.

Tony was born and brought up in Tewkesbury in Gloucestershire and went to Dartmouth Naval College at the age of 18. After training there his first operational ship was bound for the Far East and the Korean War where he was involved in bombardments of the shore. " 'Elf and safety" was not a priority then and he later blamed his deafness on long exposure to heavy gunfire.

On returning to UK he trained as a specialist navigator, a skill used throughout his career. This was very varied, from observing the first H-bomb trials in the Pacific, to hurricane duty in the Caribbean, quelling of riots in Honduras and 'showing the flag' all over the world. There was the occasional shore job – he met his wife in the unlikely setting of Aden!

Later in his career he worked closely with submarines and was appointed a Fellow of the Royal Institute of Navigation for training them for polar voyages.

His last job in the Navy was as Harbourmaster in Plymouth, concerned not only with Naval ships but also ferries, pilotage and leisure craft for which he was awarded an MBE. From there he moved to be the Harbourmaster and general Manager of the commercial port, also in Plymouth Sound.

He also had a life-long interest in sailing, from dinghies as a boy to Ocean Racing where he navigated and skippered big yachts and in later life ran and managed national and international races to Spain and the USA.

At last he finally retired to Dorset which he loved and was very happy to take part in village life and activities. We all thought he would be happily here for many more years.

Sally and the family would like to thank everyone in the village for their wonderful support since his death. We have had so many cards, letters and kind messages with offers of help and the attendance of so many people from the village at his funeral was most gratifying. Especial thanks go to the friends who made beautiful cakes for the tea and helped to serve it. We are very lucky to live in such a friendly and supportive village as Milborne. Thank you all.

## Darkest Hour

Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall  
Friday 14th September  
Doors and Bar at 7.00pm

This is the film I think I have had most requests for. Gary Oldman has received uniformly superb reviews for his performance as Churchill, but the rest of the cast, the direction and the dialogue have all garnered a lot of praise. It follows the recent appointment of Churchill as Prime Minister as he strives to find the best way to proceed during World War II. Whether you are interested in our past, in the Second World War, in Churchill, in what makes a leader, in war and strategy, or just in good films and good acting, this should interest you. Add to that a superb ambience, and a bar selling both alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks: what more could you ask?

Sarah Ryan

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## Models at the Wednesday Club – Tractors not humans!

ON Wednesday 4th July our own Dave Andrews a long-standing member of the Club gave us a talk about the models and ornaments that he has made and accumulated. Dave started collecting in 1970, having been brought up on a farm. Tractors were his main interest and at 11 years old he had his own tractor. He bought his first ornament for £170 in 1992 and when he moved to Dorset it was worth £3,000, currently due to fluctuation in values it is now worth £1,500, though the value is not important to him. He just loves collecting them.

One of the first models he made from a kit was a tractor and then Dave made a farm scene around it. He used to have a train set in his garage but once he had designed it and spent much time building a set, it was of no interest to him and he would scrap it and start again, the designing and building being the object.

Dave really started making the models when he retired at 52 and he is now 78 and has 140 small models of cars and lorries in one cabinet and 70 larger models in another as well as many more. Val, his long suffering wife for over 50 years, found it impossible to dust the larger models of tractors so for his 60th birthday gave him glass boxes to protect them. We thank Dave for sharing his fascination with models with us and for bringing some of them with him for us to enjoy.

Our next two meetings are in the Village Hall on Wednesday 1st August at 2pm when Rod Harris will be talking about 'A Day At The Palace' and at 2pm on Wednesday 5th September Kevin Patience will be speaking about *The African Queen*. All are welcome to attend.

Lis Watts



## Milton Abbas and Milborne St. Andrew Surgery

WITH the hot weather we have been having recently, a lot of people have contacted the surgery because they have a tick on their body. Tick bites can sometimes be problematic, but usually don't cause any issues and you can remove the ticks yourself with a tick remover. These are available on line, from the surgery or pet shops. You do not need to visit the surgery unless you develop a bulls-eye rash or flu-like systems.

You can try to avoid tick bites by:

- covering your skin while walking outdoors, tucking your trousers into your socks
- using insect repellent on your clothes and skin: products containing DEET are best
- sticking to paths whenever possible
- wearing light-coloured clothing so ticks are easier to spot and brush off.

Further information can be found on the NHS Choices website and on leaflets available at the surgery.

### A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Please make a note of the date for our annual flu clinic at Winterborne Whitechurch Village Hall. This will be held on the morning of **Saturday 6th October**. If you are eligible for a flu vaccination, please make every effort to attend this clinic as this is the most efficient way for us to ensure we have time to vaccinate everyone. Thank you. Gillian Brindle Practice Business Manager

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# Have you met . . . Sue Gould . . . The Accidental Volunteer

Sue was born in Hammersmith, and has lived in the village since marrying in 1971. All three of the (grown-up) children went to Milborne School, remembering Mr Herridge with the 'travelling in time' ruler. Sue was a mature student, returning to 'school' through an Access to HE course, then Bournemouth University, a second 'youth' experience, enjoying all aspects, including the summer balls and graduation party (apart from the morning after hangovers). Over the years in the village she has started up a Toddler Group, sometimes in the Methodist church room, in someone's house, and in the doctors surgery, been involved with the very beginning of the start up of the Milborne Players where (she says) she discovered she couldn't act after all! She even had a year as treasurer of the WI ("I was rubbish at it". "A whole load of us young mums joined at the same time, it was brilliant") and continued as a member until the early 1990's "a really good place to make lasting friends".



She calls herself an accidental serial volunteer, she says "I just realised that after uni I had sort of divorced myself for the village, and wanted to get back in. It was a selfish move when I took on the computer club on Monday's way way back, this has continued when I was asked to get involved with starting up the Milborne Reporter. It was exciting, finding ways to get hold of advertisers, writing a few articles. And so I've gone on, one thing at a time (thus the serial volunteer), starting up the Allotments, and being silly enough to take on a half plot. And now I've been involved with the biggest task of all, the MSA Neighbourhood Plan, a brain aching lesson in lots of new terms, learning about all the hoops that have to be jumped through. But there are so many people in the village who have been doing multiple volunteer work over decades, I take my hat off to them"

*I asked Sue . . .*

**What do you think is the best thing about living in Milborne St.**

**Andrew?** The feeling of being able to breathe, with the fields and open countryside just next door, and being able to chat to just anyone in the village you happen to meet down the road.

**Is there a down-side to living in Milborne St. Andrew?** Having to be taxi for your offspring (they tend to learn to drive really quickly!), partly because the buses are so dire.

**Are there things you would like to change about Milborne St.**

**Andrew?** Very little, although we need to continue to change with the times, just to keep the school and shops viable.

**What are your pet hates?** Now this is going to make me sound really old, folk who use expletives as adjectives, and seeing people in cars throwing rubbish out of their windows, it doesn't take much to just take it home (I'm a grumpy old woman!)

**Do you have a claim to fame?** That's something that you would have to ask others, I'm quite happy being slightly invisible – well – most of the time.

**Who is your hero or has been your inspiration?** I feel privileged to have been on this earth at the same time as Nelson Mandela; he had dignity, poise and influence, despite being imprisoned for many years. I don't think he will ever be forgotten.

**Who would be your fantasy dinner date?** Um . . . I'm not good at small talk so it would have to be someone who would take the lead in the talking.

**Do you have a nickname?** I have a pet family name that my dad uses to annoy me, "sootyboots", stemming from when we had the ridge of our house rebuilt when I was a toddler, and my boots were always black and sooty.

**When did you last "throw caution to the wind"?** Probably when my

eldest daughter decided her hen weekend would include 'high ropes and harness' with stupidly high balancing tasks to do, I don't like insecure heights, and have appalling balance, I am afraid to say I used a lot of minor expletives when I successfully achieved one of the tasks – but I did it!

**Is there something that people may find surprising about you?** I'm shy!

Honestly! I find it really hard to ring strangers up, and as for knocking on doors of people I don't know that well, I come out in a cold sweat!

**What has been your most embarrassing moment?** That's for me to know and you to find out!

**What is your favourite charity?** That would be the British Heart Foundation, my daughter had a hole in her heart mended, and my mother-in-law had a new heart valve, things that would have been impossible in the past, and their research is vital.

**Do you have a favourite website?**

Whilst I'm quite techy, I don't tend to browse randomly. I use facebook (carefully) and visit it most days, so I suppose it could be termed my favourite.

Sue and I go back a long way, we both attended the same Primary School in Yeading, Hayes, Middlesex, and met not long after we both moved to the village. We've had a good time nattering together over the years which is quite easy! Thank you Sue for finally agreeing to be one of our "Have you Met . . ."

*Heather V Hogg*

## Summer workshops for children at the Village Hall

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**Tuesday 14th August, 10.30am–3.00pm**

A workshop for age group 6+ with Darrell Wakelam. Come along and build your own mini Pirate treasure chest complete with its own secret compartment. There will be lots of cutting, sticking, paper mâché and collage. Darrell is a very inspiring and exciting children's workshop leader and has been providing workshops for over 25 years. Dress for mess and bring your lunch!

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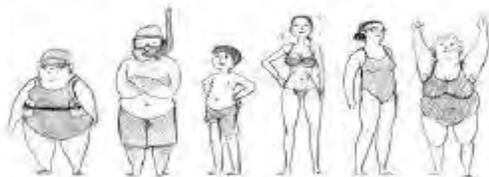


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# Back to school

THE primary school I went to in the 1950's was demolished a few years ago. Just the high walls made of blackened millstone grit topped with rusty railings remain, inside the walls are piles of bricks, rubble and rubbish.

I was part of the post-war baby boomer generation and was taught in a series of prefab classrooms surrounding a stern looking Victorian building with smelly outside lavvies. Dysentery was rife and ringworm and nits common, there had been a major Polio outbreak just three years before I started school and my brother was one of the casualties but fortunately he was not paralysed.

There was an A-stream and a B-stream for each year group and although everyone sat the 11+ exam no one from the B-stream had ever passed it. In an average year around 10 children from the A-stream passed, so with classes of over 40 there wasn't much chance of success.

In my 11+ year I was in the A-stream, but was usually ranked at the very bottom between 40th and 44th in our weekly Friday morning tests. This worried me not one bit as my clever older brother had passed to the grammar school so I felt that he could be the brains of the family and I could just relax and enjoy myself. I had missed quite a bit of school in my first couple of years due to dysentery so was quite behind with anything to do with Maths. Luckily, I could read fluently before starting school due to my attending an old-fashioned nursery school because my mum went out to work..



Forty of the forty-four children in my class sat in four rows of five double desks and the bottom four of us were squashed to one side of the stock cupboard

where the milk crates were kept which meant that the aptly named Mrs Sharkey couldn't really see what we were up to from her desk. A cosy situation which didn't last because it was decided to rearrange all the desks into four rows of six desks and the four of us troublemakers at the bottom end were split up and one child put on the front desk of each row.

From being a carefree dunce in the E row I found myself sitting in the A row, unfortunately placed right in front of Mrs Sharkey's desk! I was now sitting next to a new girl who had just arrived in school. Her name was Teresa Polasak. She was Polish, had long blonde plaits and was the prettiest girl in the school. She was quiet, clever, gentle and very kind and she was astonished to see my method of solving the long division and long multiplication sums which were chalked on the blackboard each morning for us all to solve. These were fiendishly difficult as they usually involved pounds, shillings and pence or yards, feet and inches. As I always got a red cross beside all my answers however hard I tried, I saved myself the bother of working them out by just putting some random numbers in so I could finish in about two minutes and read my book ("Moonfleet") secretly on my knee for the rest of the morning. Teresa was not happy with this and very patiently taught me how to do the sums. She wouldn't let me copy her answers but taught me the skills I needed to persevere and succeed. What a Saint, I wonder what became of her, a born teacher if ever there was one.

At the end of the school year I somehow managed to pass the 11+ but Teresa failed, I'm convinced they must have muddled up our test papers.

However difficult and pointless the sums were (no decimalisation and calculators in those days) there was always the cheering thought of school dinners to look forward to at the end of the morning. One of my favourite puddings was Manchester Tart. The school version was quite plain with just a layer of pastry covered with red jam and a thick

covering of solid, rather rubbery, cold custard topped with a sprinkle of desiccated coconut. I loved it.

This recipe is a bit more luxurious and is a very popular pudding amongst baby boomers.

## Ingredients:

butter, for greasing  
500g/1lb 2oz ready-made shortcrust pastry or home-made (quicker than waiting for frozen to defrost)  
plain flour, for dusting  
200g/7oz raspberry jam (preferably home-made)  
3 tbsp desiccated coconut, plus 3 tbsp desiccated coconut, toasted in a dry frying pan until golden-brown, to serve  
300g/11oz fresh raspberries  
500ml/17fl oz full-fat milk  
1 vanilla pod, split, seeds scraped out with a knife  
5 egg yolks  
125g/4½oz caster sugar  
4 heaped tbsp. cornflour  
2 tbsp. icing sugar, for dusting  
400ml/14fl oz double cream, whipped until soft peaks form when the whisk is removed.



## Method

Preheat the oven to 200C/400F/Gas 6.  
Grease a 24cm/10in tart tin with butter.  
Roll out the shortcrust pastry onto a lightly floured work surface to a 0.5cm/¼in thickness.

Line the prepared tart tin with the pastry. Prick the pastry several times with a fork, then chill in the fridge for 30 minutes.

When the pastry case has rested, place a sheet of baking parchment into it and half-fill with baking beans. Transfer the pastry case to the oven and bake for 15 minutes, or until pale golden-brown.

Remove the baking parchment and baking beans and return the pastry case to the oven for a further 4–5 minutes, or until pale golden-brown.

Spread the raspberry jam onto the pastry base in an even layer.

Sprinkle over the three tablespoons of non-toasted desiccated coconut and half of the fresh raspberries. Set the pastry base aside.

Bring the milk, vanilla pod and vanilla seeds to the boil in a pan, then reduce the heat to a simmer and simmer for 1–2 minutes. Remove the vanilla pod.

In a bowl, beat together the egg yolks and sugar until well combined.

Pour the hot milk and vanilla mixture over the egg and sugar mixture, whisking continuously, until the mixture is smooth and well combined. Return the mixture to the pan over a medium heat. Whisk in the cornflour, a tablespoon at a time, until well combined, then heat, stirring continuously (use a silicon spatula) until the mixture is thick enough to coat the back of the spatula.

Transfer the custard mixture to a clean bowl and dust with the icing sugar (this prevents a skin from forming on the surface of the custard). Set aside to cool, then chill in the fridge for 30 minutes.

Whisk the whipped double cream into the chilled custard mixture until well combined.

Spoon the custard and cream mixture into the pastry case in an even layer. Sprinkle over the remaining fresh raspberries. To serve, sprinkle over the toasted coconut.

Ring the school dinner bell and serve immediately!

# THEN . . .



*Then and Now*, the *Reporter* looks at how Milborne has changed by comparing an archive photo of the village with the same view today. This month's is looking along Chapel Street. The railings were outside the school. This has to be one of the most unaltered views in the village.

# . . . and NOW



# Small Businesses in MSA. Number 13: The Massage Therapist

IN May last year, despite roof high rampant bamboo and a general air of neglect, Carly Perry and her husband Luke were instantly attracted to what is now their home, 22 Bladen View. She brought her well honed skills as a massage therapist, a wedding celebrant and also as a highly creative decorator and dresser for what she terms 'boho' weddings. She takes a stall at festivals, latterly Gaunt's House Summer Festival Gathering in Wimborne. Her decorations, not just of churches and marquees but also of the brides, grooms and even their horses, are beautiful and memorable, making a special occasion even more unique. Her vintage jam jars, suspended feather butterflies, fairy lights, hoops, dried lavender, petals and herbs together with other art work is filling their home. Luke is beginning to build a 'log cabin' or *Sanctuary* in the garden, the first of two, for the twin aspects of his wife's work.

Previously she had lived in Wareham where she met Luke, having been brought up in the same area and school in Southampton and yet not knowing each other. Initially she intended to be a vet following success in AL Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Art but 'squeamishness' forced her to change direction. Two seasons of bar



work, costume and club design in Mallorca were succeeded by work on a horse ranch in the mountains. This last led her to train as a horse massage therapist. Sadly the shock of her young brother's suicide at the age of sixteen years brought on Reynard's Disease. Her fingers turned yellow and stiff particularly in cold weather causing her to abandon this outside work and turn to massaging people! At least this is carried out indoors without the danger of her fingers losing their blood supply. Carly studied Swedish massage and Indian head massage at Eastleigh College. Deep tissue, baby massage and more with Helen McGuinness, the writer of many books on the subject, who runs her own training school. Although she 'finished' training sixteen years ago, Carly tells me she has completed at least fourteen different courses for other forms of massage and therapeutic interventions, almost a course a year. As a result of this, she can also offer; hot stone massage Ayurvedic facial massage and Hopi ear candles, thermo-auricular therapy using beeswax



soaked cotton spiralled into a hollow candle with a filter inside which is lit(!) drawing wax out of the ear; Shantih (a form of Reiki healing) which uses energy from the universe channelled to her clients; facial massage, which can help the drainage of sinuses all studied with Miranda Grey. She works, too, with the Colour wheel to carrying out the Colour Breathing Relaxation Technique (CBRT) containing seven energy wheels, vortexes of energy or 'chakras' lying across seven different points on our spinal column connected to various glands and organs in the body responsible for uniform distribution of "Chi" (vital energy held to animate the body internally) through them. Each colour has a meaning e.g. red is root, yellow is solar plexus and heart is green. Her clients choose a colour and by talking that choice through, Carly can advise them both emotionally and physically along with positive affirmation. This was learnt with Alison Bourne. Colonic hydrotherapy with ARCH; Nutrition with the Natural Health Care College. Most

clients ask for massage and, incidentally, Carly can give tips on other aspects of health and well-being. Her dedication and concern for her clients is evident. Whilst waiting for her business to grow she works as a private Carer in local villages.

She still travels to clients' houses and back to those she had in Southampton taking her treatment couch with her until the cabins are built. Her prices are as follows: one and a half hours: £50, one hour: £35, half an hour: £25. If you wish to contact Carly her telephone number is; 07834 060662 or [balance@roka-relaxation.com](mailto:balance@roka-relaxation.com) or [weddings@rokabellarose.com](mailto:weddings@rokabellarose.com)



*(Following her brother's untimely death Carly became involved with the Red Lipstick Foundation founded four years ago for those people affected by the suicide of loved ones. She found it helpful to talk to others similarly affected. It is a Southampton based organisation with widespread support groups. They have a website; [redlipstickfoundation.wordpress.com](http://redlipstickfoundation.wordpress.com))*

Carole Fornachon

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# Milborne St Andrew NP Group Formal Consultation



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So . . . this month we presented the Milborne St Andrew Parish Council with the draft document, which we hope reflects everything you have told us over the last 4 years, along with the findings of various experts. Now we have to go all formal on you, as certain information has to be set out in a pre-defined manner.

## LET'S GO . . .

## What is happening with Huntley Down?

The planning application has now gone to the Full Planning Committee (24th July), the Parish Council hopes to be able to send a representative to be able to put forward your views. The results of this will, unfortunately, be published too late for this *Reporter's* deadline.

- The name of the plan is **Milborne St Andrew Neighbourhood Plan Pre-submission Draft (MSA-NPPD)**.
- The Consultation period will be **from 23rd July and end on 4th September 2018**
- Electronic copies of this document and the **SEA (Strategic Environmental Assessment)** will be available **on the Parish Council Website** and a link will be published on the Neighbourhood Plan 'facebook' page.
- **Paper versions** of both the MSA-NPPD and the SEA will be available to view at **The Royal Oak, the shop and possibly other community venues**, or contact the secretary (Sue Gould) who will hold a limited number of paper copies.
- A **comment form will also be available**, downloadable or in one of the community venues in the village. These can be returned by email to [npg@milbornestandrew.org.uk](mailto:npg@milbornestandrew.org.uk) or post to 28 Stileham Bank (DT11 0LE). Any other representations can also be sent in a similar manner.
- There will be two opportunities to come along and have a look at the maps, the plan, and the assessment at the **Village Hall Committee Room on Saturday 4th August and Sunday 2nd September, both between 10.30am and 12.30pm**. Members of the NP group will be on hand to answer questions.

This is your chance to let us know whether you think the plan is fine as drafted, needs some minor changes, or a major overhaul. We can (and will) make changes as a result of the feedback received. We also will be consulting a wide range of organisations such as the District and County Councils, Environment Agency, Wessex Water, adjoining parishes etc . . .

### Camelco Update

This site remains the one chosen by you, the village . . .

We have been informed that the landowners have chosen a developer (Bracken Developments Ltd) to work with, and they are now in the process of organising various surveys. They are aware of the applications that have been submitted and are therefore looking to ensure that these do not 'overtake' the resident's preferred option, so will be moving towards a planning application faster than they would have wanted.

We will keep them informed of the consultation feedback in relation to their site.



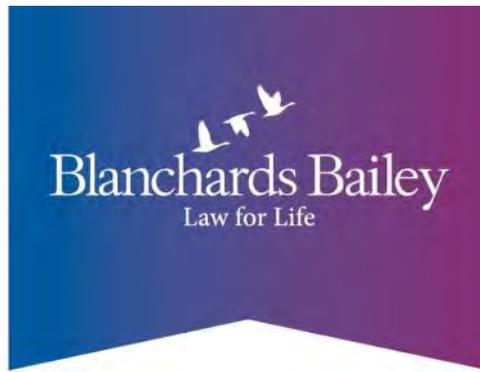
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## “NIGHTMARE” (Milborne Players)

Our play this year was a great success! Thanks to all the audiences and apologies to anyone inconvenienced by the need to change the dates. “Nightmare” did have its problems, due to illness, but it is a very well written thriller, full of surprises and twists in the plot, and very well acted for us by an excellent cast, who showed us all what the Players are capable of.

Director Harry Thomas. Photographs Heather V Hogg





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