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A surprise party!

Doris and Laurie Wadham were featured in our "Have you met . . ." last month, where we chatted about their life, their history . . . and their marriage. Doris has just celebrated her 80th birthday, and Laurie is almost 82. They told us that they had married in the village church on 24th January 1959, and had the reception at The Royal Oak. So what better place to hold a surprise party, organised by the family, than at the village pub, where many of the family and friends came along to have a wonderful celebration of the 60 years they spent together. A diamond anniversary and a wonderful gathering – precious memories to hold on to.



60 years, 37 years and £384.25 at The Royal Oak

Saturday 26th January saw friends and family gather to celebrate Jim Parks 60th birthday. Entertained by the very lovely Nina Garcia and fed and watered by the excellent team at The Royal Oak, Jim's guests included three sets of landlords at The Royal Oak. Mike and Chris Surtees were 19 years at the helm, raising their two girls, looking after guests in the letting rooms and creating a pub that was very much the centre of the village. Barry and Sherry Friend had eight years service. Known for friendliness, Karaoke and Sherry's cooking, they also raised two children here. Andy and Sarah Fox have been landlords for 10 years now continuing the tradition of sports teams. Offering good food and a very warm welcome and, funnily enough, they are also raising two children here.

Jim's party went with a bang and a total of £384.25 was raised for Macmillan Cancer Support.





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Sybil Esme Palmer 1935–2018

ALTHOUGH we, in the village, have only know Sybil for the past 16 years and welcomed her as a caring friend when she and Tom decided to spent their retirement years with us, there was so much more to her life.

Sybil was born in the East End just before the war, she left school early to help at home. She met Tom when she was 15 and they married six years later. Their children, Vivienne and John were born in the next few years.

She worked as a touch typist for a number of companies reaching speeds of up to 100 words a minute, her accuracy enabled her to become a legal secretary and later to work for a senior director on the stock exchange. Later working for a company called Tape Typing her accuracy and dedication helped to make the company flourish. The company owner, author Frank Mulville, was so impressed with her skills he made her a director with responsibility for looking after the company in his absence as he sailed round the world gathering information for his travel books. This in an era when there were virtually no female company directors. A great achievement for a woman from the East End with only an 11+.

Sybil was also a talented artist, she sold many of her paintings and took commissions to paint portraits.

Later she trained as a reflexologist and delighted in helping people with her gentle hands and words.

She was endlessly creative, she would knit, crochet, paint, cook and make costumes for her children out of virtually anything. She was never happier than when making something and anticipating the reaction of the recipient. Sybil Palmer, you will be missed.

John Palmer and Josie Wright



St. Andrew's Church Events Committee

OUR Events Committee have met to plan a programme for 2019 which contains a mixture of our traditional events and some new ones. These events are designed to meet a social need and to raise some funds to support the church.

Although not all dates have been agreed yet we will be organising the following

- 23rd March 2.30pm – A talk about the history of Milton Abbey in our church. The presenter will be Helier Exon. There will be a small entry charge, tickets available from Jenny 01258 837121 or Pam 01258 837203.
- 19th April – Children's free Messy Church in the Village Hall
- Some date in May – A Murder Mystery meal
- One afternoon in June – Cream Tea at Heathcote House
- One evening in July – Curry@Eva's
- 27th July – Granny's Attic stall at Milton Abbas Street Fair
- 26th August – Four churches Fete
- Some date in September – we hope to have a speaker from Longmead
- One evening in October – a quiz night
- 30th November – our traditional themed meal event. This year it will be St. Andrew's Day
- 7th December (hopefully) – a new style Christmas Market

If anyone wants to know more details please get in touch. Posters advertising events will be displayed nearer to each event. *Pam Shults*

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Reporting a healthy bank balance

The Milborne St Andrew *Reporter* finished the year with about the same as last year despite the fact we have lost a few advertisers.

We would again like to thank the distributors for their help and Jenny Balcon for examining the books.

	Receipts	Payments	
Advertising	£3559.25	Printing	£3575.26
Copies sold	£48.00	Expenses	£150.00
Bank Interest	£22.84		
Total	£3630.09	Total	£3725.26
Receipts	£3630.09	Payments	£3725.26
B/F Cash	£114.86	C/F Cash	£51.66
B/F Bank	£7160.45	C/F Bank	£7128.48
Total	£10,905.40	Total	£10,905.40
Cash in Bank			£7128.48
Cash in Hand			£51.66
TOTAL IN HAND at 31st January 2019			£7180.14

Loss for year ending 31st Jan 2019 £95.17

This loss reflects payments loss of advertisers

Advance payments in hand for this year approx. £550 so loss actually higher as there was £900 last year.

Could you do this?

HAVE you got children between the ages of six and 14, who would like to join an organisation where they can have fun, join in with other children of the same age in outdoor pursuits, learning about their community and helping others?

If you have, then maybe they would like to join Scouting. Milborne St Andrew have a Scout Group but the Group, since last September is much reduced because of a lack of leaders. We still have Beavers (six to eight years, both boys and girls), but until we can get at least one other leader (male or female) we can no longer run other sections.

If you think that your child – boy or girl – would be interested then why not consider becoming a leader yourself? Scouting is really a terrific organisation which has existed since the first Scout camp on Brownsea Island in 1907, set up by Baden-Powell. As the island is not far from here, Dorset can truly be called "The home of Scouting" so it would be good to build up our Group and take advantage of that fact.

If you would be interested, talk to me about the details of what it is all about. I promise that I will not talk you into something that you would not enjoy or that you don't really want to do.

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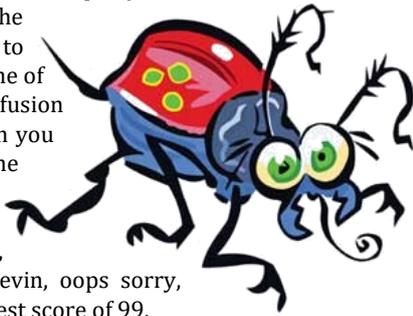
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Beetles at Wednesday Club

After a very enjoyable Christmas party and New Year lunch at the Frampton Arms the Wednesday Club returned to the Village Hall to play a game of Beetle Drive. The usual confusion about which way to go when you have either won or lost the first game caused general laughter and what number dice to throw to get started, the session was won by Kevin, oops sorry, Harry Thomas with the highest score of 99.



Thanks to Val and Dave Andrews who did an excellent job of selling raffle tickets. Next month we have a talk titled "Picking Darcy's Pocket" so please arrive on time. New members are always welcome.

Mending broken lives

WELCOME to Lent in the churches of Puddletown, Tolpuddle, and Milborne St Andrew with Dewlish.

Lent is the time when we make space to draw nearer to God. We prepare our hearts and minds so that we are ready to celebrate with joy at Easter. It is a time to clear away the clutter and restore the brokenness in our lives.

As a benefice, we offer a number of ways to help you make the space needed for God during this Season of Lent.

Praying Together 2019: Pray Serve Grow

After the success of the past two years' Lent resources, the diocese has produced a booklet for individuals and small groups which is available in church. There is a Bible verse for each day, a very brief reflection, a prayer and a practical action. It is also available as daily emails or via the *PrayerMate* app. See <https://www.salisbury.anglican.org/news/praying-together-in-lent-2019>

40 acts: A chance to be generous each day

More than 100,000 people have taken part in this daily reflection and challenge to a specific act of generosity. Sign up at www.40acts.org.uk

"Broken" – a weekly course on Tuesdays at

7.30pm in Church Room, Puddletown

Broken is a series of six episodes, first shown on BBC TV in 2017. It centres around the Fr Michael Kerrigan, (played by Sean Bean) a Roman Catholic priest, living and working in an urban parish in northern England. His parishioners and community face situations where the challenges of daily life are also challenges for their faith.

12th March: Poverty and morality; children and sin

19th March: Suicide and gambling; being there for others

26th March: Courage and truth; body and soul

2nd April: Theft, lying; guilt and shame; keeping confidences

9th April: Reconciliation; righteous anger; religion, good or bad

16th April: Justice and forgiveness

The course has been written by Paula Gooder, an inspiring theologian, recently appointed as Canon Chancellor of St Paul's Cathedral, London, both the first woman and the first lay person to hold this role.

Evening Prayer in Lent

Throughout Lent join us for some quiet time on Thursday evenings for Compline in Milborne church at 6pm or Evening Prayer in Dewlish church at 6.30pm. Why not come and spend time with God at the end of a busy day?

Dewlish Lent Lunches — open to all Thursdays at 12.30 p.m.

Come and enjoy soup, bread and cheese in congenial surroundings, and support Water Aid with a donation.

14th March: Dewlish Village Hall

21st March: Up-Top, Dewlish

28th March: Elm View, Dewlish

4th April: Parsonage Farm, Dewlish

11th April: Dewlish Village Hall

MSA Food & Wine Club start the New Year at a vineyard

THE first event of the exciting and varied 2019 programme took place with a lunch at Langham Wine Estate on Saturday 19th January. The winery is at our local vineyard and produces very high quality sparkling (Champagne style), award winning wines. Thirty-two members attended and were very impressed with the quality and presentation of the food produced for our two or three course lunch which were washed down with a glass or two of (optional) Langham's sparkling wine. A very good meal was appreciated by all and set the scene for future planned excursions to local food and drink establishments.

Langham's had just taken on a new catering company at the beginning of January, Beast & Bacchus, and the F&W Club was their first big event.



Revellers at Langham Wine Estate



Passion Fruit parfait with
cocoa-nib-tuile and chocolate
ganache

Their ethos is to champion all parts of an animal, from nose to tail, humble to decadent, in their menu, alongside the very best of Dorset produce.

The outline programme for the Food and Wine Club this year includes plans for both lunchtime and evening outings ranging from Village Hall events to local pubs and to more salubrious restaurants. We are also in the planning stage of a 'Treasure Hunt' to take place in the summer.

The Club is open to 'in village' and 'out-of-village' residents.

For more information contact: msa.foodandwineclub@gmail.com

Laurie Benn

Milton Abbas Surgery

Now that the weather is starting to improve and the days are getting a little longer, I wanted to remind our patients of their responsibilities with regard to their own health.

You can make a significant contribution to your own good health and well-being by taking personal responsibility for it. This includes ordering and collecting your medication in good time and following up when your medication review is due.

You should also keep appointments, or cancel within reasonable time. We have two or three patients each day that don't arrive for their appointments, which means others may have to wait longer to be seen.

Other ways that you can help us to help you include using on line services to book appointments and order your medication: please ask the reception team if you would like to do this.

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to Fran in the dispensary in March. She will be moving to Yorkshire with her partner and we will miss her very much. We will be appointing another dispenser as well as an additional administrator soon.

Finally, advanced notification that over the Easter period we will be closed on Friday 19th, Saturday 20th and Monday 22nd April.

Gillian Brindle, Practice Business Manager



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Decluttering your Life for Lent

Anyone visiting my house will realise straight away that I have trouble with the practice of decluttering. I have many excuses: not enough time to sort things out, holding on to things because they might come in handy at some point, sentimentality, not wanting to give away something that someone has given to me, and so on.

A recent book by decluttering guru Marie Kondo, *Spark Joy*, caused an outcry when it was suggested that people should limit the number of books in their house to 30. Easy for some, but for book addicts like me, completely impossible.

Kondo's theory is that we should let go of anything that doesn't make us joyful. I'm ashamed to say that I have far too much "stuff". And not all of it brings me joy. But some of the things that don't necessarily spark joy in me are not things I'd want to dispose of: for instance, the toilet, knives and forks, pots and pans, washing-machine, even my car. All useful things but not ones I look at and immediately feel joyful about.

But it's not only things that we hold on to that don't lead to joy. It's also easy to get into bad habits and wrong thoughts and deeds, to be less caring of others than we ought to be and to behave in ways that are not positive or helpful. The standards for Christians are high: anything that causes a breach in our relationship with God or with others is what is known as sin. It can be thoughts, words, deeds, attitudes, things we have or haven't done; essentially anything that reveals a lack of love for God, people or creation.

Lent starts on March 6th this year. Traditionally it has been a time when people have looked at their lives and asked God to help them let go of things in life that are not as they should be.

We could call it a spiritual decluttering. Lent is a time when we can focus on ridding our lives of what harms and replacing them, with God's help, with what brings joy. It's a time to let go of selfishness, greed, treating others without respect, hard-heartedness, injustice, dishonesty, resentment, uncaring attitudes, reliance on self not God, and replace them with more positive characteristics: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, faithfulness, humility, self-control, compassion, generosity, prayerfulness, trust and faith.

Giving up chocolate is one thing; but what God really desires to see in us is a change of heart not diet. How will you use Lent this year?

With best wishes

Sarah Hillman

St. Andrew's Church Notes

Easter is coming

MARCH heralds another busy time in the church's year. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, the 6th of March, with the Imposition of Ashes benefice service which will be held in St. Mary's Puddletown. All are welcome and if anyone wants a lift just message or phone me (details next column).

During Lent, St. Andrews will be holding Thursday evening Compline at 6.00pm in church anyone is welcome to attend these short but comforting services. There will also be another Lent course run by Sarah on Tuesday evenings throughout these special weeks.

This year the Parochial Church Council have arranged for a speaker from WaterAid to expand on their Lent initiative during our Parish Communion service on the 10th March. They hope that when people 'give up for Lent', the money that they would have spent on those items will be gifted to WaterAid. You don't have to be a 'church-goer' to join this scheme and do contact me if you want to know more about it and how to donate.

At the end of March, the team will be leading the Mothering Sunday service starting at 9.30am. Mothering Sunday was originally a time when people returned to the church, in which they were baptized or where they attended services when they were children. This meant that families were reunited as adults returned to the towns and villages where they grew up. In time, it became customary for young people who were working as servants in large houses, to be given a holiday on Mothering Sunday. They could use this day to visit their own mother and often took a gift of food or hand-me-down clothing from their employers to her. In turn, this moved towards the modern holiday, on which people still visit and take gifts to their mothers. We hope to see many people at this service in church to remember and thank God for mothers, mothers-in-law, grandmothers, step-mothers and our 'mother church'.

3rd March – Sunday Next before Lent

9.30am	Parish Communion + APCM	Tolpuddle
9.30	Celebrate . . .	Milborne
11.00	Parish Communion	Puddletown
11.00	1662 Morning Prayer	Dewlish
4.00pm	Messy Church	Dewlish Village Hall

6th March – Ash Wednesday

6.30pm	United Benefice Holy Communion with imposition of ashes	Puddletown
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10th March – Lent 1

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

17th March – Lent 2

9.30am	Family Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30	1662 Morning Prayer	Milborne
11.00	Parish Communion + APCM followed by bring-and-share lunch	Puddletown
11.00	Family Service	Dewlish

THURSDAY 21st March

12 noon	Lunch-time Communion	Puddletown Church Room
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24th March – Lent 3

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

31st March – Mothering Sunday/Lent 4

9.30am	Mothering Sunday Holy Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30	Mothering Sunday Service	Milborne
11.00	Mothering Sunday Holy Communion	Puddletown
11.00	Mothering Sunday Service	Dewlish

LENT

During Lent there will also be:

Compline in Milborne at 6.00 pm and Evening Prayer in Dewlish at 6.30 pm on Thursdays

Morning Prayers (Monday to Thursday 8.15am Saturday 8.45am)

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

Do you need a lift to church?

If you have difficulty getting to church or need transport when the Benefice Service is at another church, we can arrange transport for you.

Please contact Pam on 837203.

In last December's *Reporter* I wrote about how St. Andrew's hopes to take up the Church of England's challenge to become an Eco Church; I invited anyone who thought they could help by becoming our 'eco-warrior'. Carole Fornachon has taken up the challenge and she will identify ways in which we can raise to the challenge. Watch this space to see how we are getting on.

Pam Shults

Dewlish Church Notes

AFTER a quiet January we now look forward to our plans for Lent and Easter.

The **Ash Wednesday Service** will be held at Puddletown Church on 6th March at 6.30pm.

Mothering Sunday this year is on 31st March and our service in Dewlish Church will be at 11.00am when we hope to give out posies to our Mums and Grannies. Please join us; we would love to see you and your family.

Jim will be taking **Evening Prayer** each Thursday, beginning on 21st March until Maundy Thursday when we will hold our **Agape Supper** in the Village Hall at 7.00pm.

Sarah is holding **Lent Group meetings** on Tuesdays, beginning on 12th March at 7.30pm in Puddletown Church Room. These meetings will be based on the TV series *Broken*, and each episode will be followed by discussion.

We are also holding our **Lent Lunches** in Dewlish with donations being given to Water Aid. We suggest a donation of £5. The dates and venues are as follows:

14th March	Dewlish Village Hall at 12.30pm
21st March	"Uptop" at 12.30pm
28th March	Elm View at 12.30pm
4th April	Parsonage Farmhouse at 12.30pm
11th April	Dewlish Village Hall at 12.30pm

Finally, an advance notice of our **Spring Sale** which will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 13th April, 10.30am–12noon. Further details next month.

Daphne Burg

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Frogs at the village hall

NO, the hall has not been overrun by green amphibians but the replacement rubbish bin in the playground will be a frog! There were several animals to choose but we gave the final say to the children at Ladybirds.

At long last we are going ahead with repairing the zip wire beginning with a new rubber surface which hopefully will last a lot longer than the wood chips. The crockery cupboard is becoming full with lots of odd cups and saucers many of which have seen better days so new ones will be purchased as well as mugs.

We are hosting another Artsreach event on Sunday March 10th a singing duo Ninebarrow. Do support this as the entertainment is always very good. Another date for your diary will be March 15th when the film is the "singalong" version of Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again. Audience participation essential!
Linda Wright

Benny Hazlehurst

(a shortened version of the obituary in Church Times)

THE death of David John Benedict (always Benny) Hazlehurst on Boxing Day, just before his 56th birthday, robs the Church of England of a most talented priest, and Mel, Isaac, and Iona of a much-loved husband and father.



Benny delighted to tell friends that his father was a priest and his mother had

been a nun. Benny's faith and vocation were forged in the challenging parishes in which his father ministered. But the love of God was always a present reality, especially in this family's encounters with Charismatic renewal and, aged 16, Benny said "yes" to God's call to be ordained. So Benny found himself with the faith that never left him: Evangelical, Charismatic, and Catholic.

After attending Bolton School in Lancashire, Benny spent a year as a member of the Scargill Community in North Yorkshire before going up to Brasenose College, Oxford in 1982 to read maths because, as he said at interview, "I don't want to be one of those vicars who only knows about theology." At Brasenose Benny encountered the college chaplain, Fr Jeffrey John, as well as Pusey House and the Christian Union (OICCU), on whose executive committee he later served.

He may have put off ordination until 1991, but a flourishing ministry began years before that at school, in parish youth groups, with Anglican Renewal Ministries, in Hong Kong with Jackie Pullinger, and among the bikers alongside whom he worked as a dispatch rider.

His curacy in Plumstead provided the perfect springboard into the post of Southwark archdeaconry's estates outreach worker and then Vicar of Christ Church, Brixton. His ministry benefited from his ability to get alongside people whatever their circumstances and he was organising car pools and foodbanks long before they were heard of anywhere else.

Marriage to Mel in 1991 brought them both enormous happiness, especially in the birth of their children Isaac and Iona. It also brought a good deal of suffering in the aftermath of Mel's terrible bicycle accident in a Brixton street. His exemplary care for Mel, and hers for him, continued until the day he died.

Benny's Evangelical conviction meant that he always wanted to spread Christ's love and forgiveness, especially with those on the fringes of society, with whom he always felt a close affinity. This led him into a significant new direction when he came to the conviction that God was as present in the love of same-gender couples as in their heterosexual counterparts, and his integrity demanded that he act on it.

He founded Accepting Evangelicals, whose membership runs into the thousands. He supported, counselled, and blessed many LGBT Christians. Benny saw Christ's love and presence in love and Christ's pain in rejection by his Church. Though he stepped back from leadership in 2015, the part that he has played in opening up debate and awareness on these issues among Evangelicals is enormous.

Benny and Mel left London for Dorset in 2005 for parish ministry in Puddletown and then prison chaplaincy. In 2015, he began a new and fulfilling post as Vocations Adviser in the Salisbury diocese.

Benny touched the lives of hundreds of people, many of whom were present at his funeral in Dorchester on 15th January.

Benny, your family and many, many friends salute you, thank you, and love you.

From obituary by Revd Jonathan Sedgwick, Church Times 25/1/2019.

There's no such thing as bad weather . . . at Ladybirds

January as ever brought with it lots of rain and there's nothing more exciting to young children than playing in puddles. As they say 'there is no such thing as bad weather, just unsuitable clothing', so everyday the children have donned waterproofs, boots and coats. One two year old sat in the puddle just playing with the water surrounding him. The photo shows three children who spent a long time biking through the puddle watching the effect the movement was having on the water. A few days saw the puddle turn to ice and the children were allowed out to investigate, but when the tarmac was black ice we decided that was a little too dangerous and the children had to wait until midmorning to go out, much to their disappointment.

To celebrate Chinese New Year we made (and ate) moon cakes (small biscuit-like cakes with jam in the middle);



made lucky red envelopes decorated in gold Chinese writing containing chocolate coins and made a large Dragon head from a box. With this the children did a dragon dance, taking turns to go under the head, hold the cloth behind it and play musical instruments. They all enjoyed this so repeated it several days.

The final excitement this month was watching some workmen repairing the black surface under the small swings in the playpark. Two boys in particular wanted to know what was happening so an adult took them out to have a closer look and ask the men. One then went home to grandad and told him all about it, then had to show grandad the next day and impart his new-found knowledge

Liz Dyer

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SCHOOL NEWS

Trees for Dorset Visit

ON Friday 8th February, our Year 4 children, a staff member and Pete Rothman (the teacher paid for by "Trees for Dorset" to run their schools project) climbed aboard one of the Milton Abbey minibuses (loaned by Milton Abbey School and a driver who had kindly volunteered to take us) up the road to the goose farm where we would be planting some trees. Suitably dressed with raincoats, wellies, hats, gloves and scarves, we met up with other members of Trees for Dorset and trekked up the muddy field to the top of the windy, rainy hill area where we would be planting them. The children coped really well with the horizontal rain and Storm Erik to dig the holes, plant the saplings, hammer in the stakes and put on



the tree guards to protect them from the rabbits and deer who would eat their young shoots and leaves!

The children in small groups planted at least 20 trees between them but were all looking forward to getting back to school in the dry and warm and ready for their lunch.

The Year 2 children did tree identification during their session with Trees for Dorset in their dry and warm classroom in the afternoon.

Trees for Dorset said of our children:-

Just had a fantastic day with some of the Milborne School children.

We began with Year 4 planting trees on farmland on the way to Milton Abbas. Even though the weather was dreadful - wet and very windy, we managed to plant over 20 trees of Oak, Rowan, Hazel and Spindle. The children were cold and wet but didn't complain. In fact they even asked to plant more!

In the afternoon the Year 2 children were a delight identifying and drawing winter buds. Their work and attitude was fantastic.

Pete Rothman, Trees for Dorset Schools Project Officer

CONTACTS

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

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Chair of Governors: Matt Way

FOS Chairman: Mrs Caroline Richards

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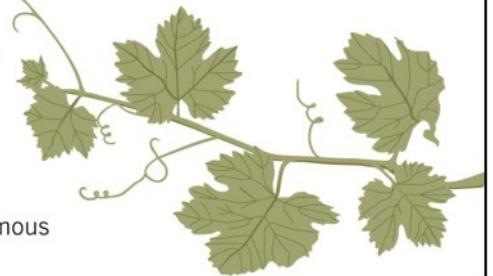
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Artsreach performance by Ninebarrow Milborne St Andrew Village Hall Sunday 10th March

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www.artsreach.co.uk: £10, under 18s £6,
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NINEBARROW are a Dorset folk duo, who have won many awards and impressed audiences across the country with their innovative and captivating take on the folk tradition. Jon Whitley and Jay LaBouchardiere combine breath-taking vocal harmonies and melodies, delivering original songs that are inspired and rooted in the landscape and history of the British Isles. As well as crafting unique and engaging original material, Ninebarrow also take a wide-range of traditional folk songs and rework them in their own, distinctive way.

Most recently, the duo were nominated in the 2017 BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards in the category for Best Emerging Artist. Their third album 'The Waters and the Wild' highlights how their inspired song writing is ever evolving. Awarded five-stars in both The Morning Star and the English Folk Dance & Song Society's EDS Magazine, the album has received airplay on BBC Radios 2, 3, 6 Music, Wales and Scotland. Folk luminary, Mike Harding, has hailed it as 'absolutely monumental' and in June 2018, the album reached Number 2 in Amazon's Folk best-seller chart. They are touring Dorset with Artsreach, the county's touring arts charity.

"A rather lovely thing, like two halves of one voice" *Mark Radcliffe, BBC Radio 2*

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Changing councils, but no change to the way you contact trading standards

Councils in Dorset are changing, but how you seek consumer advice or report something to trading standards remains the same.

You may have heard that local government in Dorset is going through some big changes. On 1st April 2019 nine councils will be replaced by two entirely new organisations: Dorset Council; and Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council.

The new Dorset Council will replace the existing district and borough councils (East Dorset, North Dorset, Purbeck, West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland) and Dorset County Council. All of these current councils will cease to exist.

As its name suggests the new Bournemouth Christchurch Poole Council will replace the three existing councils of Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole into one new council.

There are good reasons why councils are coming together and these include: protecting important services for residents including bins, housing, road maintenance, schools and social care; reducing costs and give better value for money while cutting duplication; and giving councils a stronger voice nationally which will help attract business investment and government funding and support local economic growth.

Although it sounds like a big change, in the new Dorset Council for example you shouldn't notice any major changes to the council services you get from 1st April. For example, your bin day will stay the same, you'll be able to park in the same car parks and roads, and public spaces will be maintained as normal. More information about the changes including frequently asked questions can be found at www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk

Importantly too, asking for consumer advice and reporting something to trading standards won't change either, as now, please call the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 03454 040506, or visit www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer

Trading Standards, whether in the new Dorset Council or in the new Bournemouth Christchurch and Poole Council, will continue to receive referrals from Citizens Advice and investigate problem traders.

Can you do without plastic for 40 days?

THE Environment Programme of the Church of England is taking a lead in persuading us to become eco warriors fighting back the tide of wet wipes, fatbergs, plastic engorged oceans, overstrained resources, climate change and poisonous air. It suggests we all take up their plastic free challenge during the period of Lent running from Ash Wednesday 6th March to the 18th April. Their statistics are damning, 8.3 billion tonnes of plastic have been produced since the 1950's, enough to cover every inch of the UK ankle-deep more than ten times over. Just 9% was recycled. There is a groundswell of action at present. You may have noticed some magazines are arriving through the post swathed in potato starch material. Some of the ways we can help the environment are as follows: *Give up disposable cups and drinks in plastic bottles: buy in bulk to minimize or eliminate packaging: avoid overpackaged, processed, canned and frozen convenience foods: use non-plastic containers for food; buy glass and/or stainless steel containers for food storage; request takeaways in our own container, take a container when we buy meat, fish or cheese: shop at markets (with reusable bags): avoid wet wipes: use bar soap instead of liquid hand soap: use a razor with removable blades: use natural cleaning cloths instead of plastic and synthetic sponges.* There are many more that I am sure we could devise.

Finally, we could all make our voices heard and share what we are doing with friends, family and community. Ask our MP what they are doing to tackle single use plastics. Perhaps join the *UN's Clean Seas campaign and Greenpeace's Plastic Pledge*. Find out our own plastic footprint. Perhaps after Lent we may all become more aware of our plastic use and feel able to create some lasting changes.

Carole Fornachon

Milborne's Got the Blues, for the sixth time . . .

EDITION number six of our charity fundraising live music nights comes to the Village Hall on Saturday 16th March, with the doors opening at 7.30pm. Returning at their request is Teed Up, who visited us two years ago . . . many of you music lovers rated them as the best band yet.

If you like your blues funky rocking, swinging, slow and emotionally charged across a mix of reworked classics and originals then you are sure to love this band. You can hear them on their website www.teedupblues.co.uk.

Tickets are £10 and can be booked with Clive Rawlings on 01258 837280 or cliverawlings@hotmail.co.uk. You can also buy tickets at Milborne's Londis Store.

Our chosen charity for this event is the Teenage Cancer Trust with a donation to Milton Abbas RDA and of course there will be a bar.

Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club What's happening this month?



ON the 21st March we are looking forward to a presentation on 'Spanish Gardening' to be given by Dennis Ballard, one of our members. So, you'll need to wake from your siesta, jump on yer donkey and trot to the Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall for 7.30pm. See you there!

Mark Johnson

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A new shelter underway for Longmead goats

LOCAL charity, Longmead Community Farm, updates us on life down on the farm, including the building of a new goat shed which was funded by donations. April Whalley, House and Admin Support, tells us how it's all been going.



Although it hasn't been exactly goat shed building weather, our hardy band of volunteers has been undeterred. The ground has been dug away at the site of the new shed, and a sturdy base of reclaimed railway sleepers installed with a basic framework for the floor. During the last week or so, the uprights have been cut correctly (remembering before to measure twice of

course . . .), ready to be installed next week. A new home for Wally, Benny, Bella, Blackberry and Bonny is on the way!

How can you help? We are always looking for handy volunteers for DIY, garden, kitchen help and decorating. Our volunteer day is a Monday and we have a fun and productive day with plenty of tea and coffee and a hot lunch provided. It's a wonderful community of people helping to keep Longmead running which would not be possible without their help.

If you don't have time to spare, could you consider a monthly donation? We have an initiative called the 365 Scheme. We invite people to support one (or more!) days at Longmead for a vulnerable family. Which day of the year could you sponsor? Why not choose your birthday? A regular donation of £10 a month (the equivalent of a cup of coffee a week) could do just that. Would your workmates put in a £1 each to make up the £10? If all 365 days are sponsored then our running costs would be covered, which means that we can help more families stay together and overcome serious problems.

Please contact April on 01258 837960 for a leaflet, which includes a gift aid form.



What can we do to mark this day?

FOR one in nine people around the world getting a drink of water isn't as simple as turning on a tap. They have no choice but to make long, tiring, and often dangerous journeys to remote water sources – and then haul heavy cans or buckets all the way back home. It's a journey that for some is an eight kilometre round trip, and a burden that more often than not falls to women and young girls, who sacrifice their education and careers to make sure their families have water.

Event information: Why March for Water?

Pledge to walk further than usual this March, in solidarity with those who have no choice but to walk to collect water. Lace up your shoes with Water Aid's blue laces, take the scenic route and share your progress as you *March for Water*. When you sign up you'll donate £1 in return for Water Aid's exclusive blue laces – so you can show the world you're making a difference this *March for Water*.

How far should you walk?

It's up to you how far you pledge to walk and when you do it. You could walk a little every day by getting off the bus early, doing a lap of the park on your way home or walking instead of taking the car on short journeys. Or you could do longer, more scenic walks on the weekends. Below are some distance ideas from Water Aid:

- 2km a day (62km a month) – the average journey length to the nearest water source
- 4km a day (124km a month) – the average round-trip distance to the nearest water source
- 8km a day (248km a month) – the distance of two round-trips to the nearest water source

By sharing your shoelace selfies, talking to your friends and family about your challenge and raising money for WaterAid, you'll also help make a lot of noise on *World Water Day (22nd March)*, to bring the water crisis to even more people's attention.

Want extra challenges?

Or hoping to get more sponsorship for your pledge? You could carry a jerry can filled with water on one or more of your walks.

Could you make water your only beverage for a month?

To mark World Water Day on 22nd March, Water Aid suggests taking the fizz out of our drinks, giving our coffees a wake-up call and raising a glass to the one drink nobody should live without. Join them in drinking just water for the month of March to help make clean water a reality for everyone.

One in nine people worldwide don't have access to safe, clean water. Water is essential for life and good health.

Drinking sugary drinks can have disastrous effects on your health. It can lead to weight gain, tooth decay and insulin resistance to name just a few of the known health issues.

While taking *The Water Challenge*, ask your friends and family to sponsor you along the way. Every pound you raise will help some of the world's poorest families get access to clean, safe water. Join up now, have fun and improve your health for a great cause. To sign up for either (or both) of these challenges please go to <https://files.globaldimension.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/07203522/world-water-day-logo.jpg>

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Wednesday Social Club	Sheila Burton	01258 839033
Women's Institute	Lesley Clarke	01929 471732

GENERAL – YOUTH

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Youth Club age 8 – 13 years	Joanne Miller	07940 017577

POLICE

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SCHOOL

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Friends of School Chair:	Caroline Richards	

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- Match**
- Wednesday 6th** **The Book Bus** Milborne St. Andrew First School 9.00am–3.30pm anyone welcome, not just parents/grandparents of school children– see page 11.
- Wednesday 6th** **Wednesday Club** Village Hall talk on “Picking Darcy’s Pocket” – see page 7.
- Wednesday 13th** **History Group meeting** The Royal Oak 7.30pm – see page 23.
- Sunday 10th** **Artsreach performance by Ninebarrow** Village Hall 7.30pm, doors and bar open 7.00pm – see page 13.
- Thursday 14th** **Deadline** for the next issue of the *Reporter*. Send copy via e-mail to msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk or give to a member of the team. Team members can be found on page 2.
- Thursday 14th** **WI members meeting** Village Hall 7.30pm
- Friday 15th** **Milborne Movies showing ‘Mamma Mia! Here we go again’** Village Hall Doors and bar from 7.00pm Movie starts at 7.30pm Tickets £3.50 at the door – see pages 15 and 21
- Saturday 16th** **Milborne’s got the Blues ‘Teed Up’** Village Hall 7.30pm – see pages 13 and below.
- Thursday 21st** **Gardening Club ‘Spanish Gardening’** Village Hall 7.30pm – see pages 13 and 18.
- Saturday 23rd** **A talk about the history of Milton Abbey church** in St Andrew’s church 2.30pm – see pages 5 and 23
- Saturday 30th** **Village Lunch** Village Hall 12.15pm to 2pm £7 per head wine extra – see page 2 for menu.
- Sunday 31st** **Mothering Sunday service** St. Andrew’s church 9.30am – see page 5.

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)
- Players** Monday 8.00–10.00pm MH
- ABC Line Dancers** Tuesday 7.30–10.00pm MH
- 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

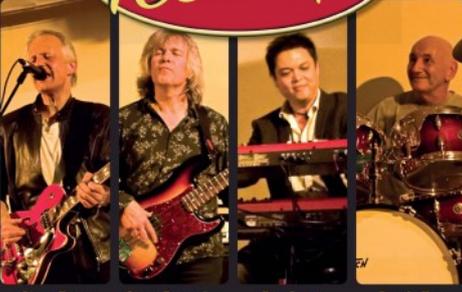
- Pilates** Monday 7.00–8.00pm (term time only)
- Yoga** Tuesday 6.30–8.00pm (term time only)
- Badminton** Wednesday 6.30–8.30pm (term time only)
- Circuit training** Thursday 6.30–7.30pm (term time only)

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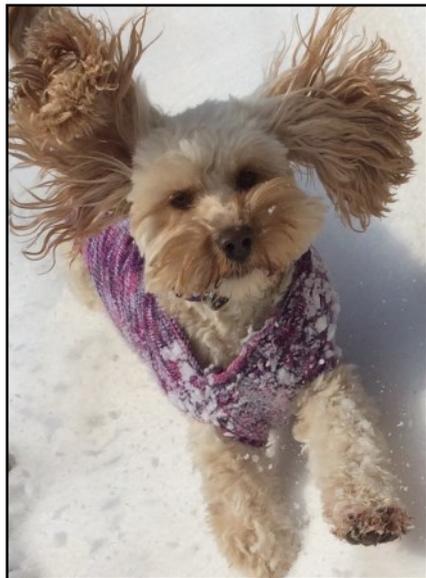
Pets' Corner

Rosie the Cockapoo

ROSIE is a three year old Cockapoo (or a Poocock as a German holidaymaker once called her!). Her Mum was a lovely English show cocker spaniel and Dad was an apricot miniature poodle. She loves to sit at the top of the stairs so she can keep watch on the garden to make sure no cat dares to stray into her domain.

She is a well-travelled pooch and has been all over England, France and Italy in our touring caravan. Rosie particularly enjoyed the holiday next to Lake Iseo in Italy where she learned to swim which came in very handy when she wanted to swim after the local ducks.

Her favourite treat is raw carrot – if she hears chopping in the kitchen she comes running in and sits expectantly waiting for her share. She has a ball which treats go into and she is an expert at



knocking it around the house to get the treats out in no time. She also loves ice cream and sits patiently until you get near the end of your cornet and it's impossible to resist her so she always ends up with some.

Rosie loves to go on very long (usually muddy) hikes with her 'Dad' but is equally happy to visit her 'Nan and Grandad' in the village and sit on their laps for a cuddle. The snow seems to make her very frisky and she raced around in the recent downfall chasing

snowballs. The beach is another of her favourite walks and she loves to paddle in the waves whatever the time of year.

Emma the dog groomer from Staddlestones gives her a regular wash and trim and although Rosie doesn't seem to mind her visits there she does tend to nip past the entrance as quickly as she can.

She is allowed on the sofa by invitation only, although occasionally sneaks up when we are not looking but as she is such a cutie, it's hard to tell her off! Our bundle of fun has certainly enriched our lives and brings a smile to the faces of everyone she meets.

Elaine Anthony



Two grants and a tidy up – February's Parish Council

TWO funding proposals for village amenities were discussed at the February Parish Council meeting, with councillors agreeing to back both. The Village Hall committee had applied to increase its grant from the PC to cover the grounds' maintenance. Treasurer, Ed Frost, argued that the hirers of the hall were effectively subsidising the community users of the playing field since their fees are partly used for outside maintenance costs. Current charges for outside management is in the region of £1,100; the VH committee wanted the existing grant of £500 to be increased to at least cover the grass cutting and strimming costs.

Councillors were interested to know why the committee were seeking funds since the VH bank balance stood at £27k. The treasurer pointed out that it was prudent to have in reserve 18 months' worth of running costs in case of sudden income loss or emergency expense. Cllr Smith said future maintenance costs were never factored in when extensions or other capital expenditure was spent. Although councillors stated that Milborne's hall and grounds were unusual in that they were not owned by the PC – the land had originally been gifted as a charitable trust – they agreed to the funding increase. However, it was left to a later date to decide whether to take on the responsibility for contracting the grass cutting or simply increasing the grant amount. The former could make for a lower maintenance bill (since the PC could claim the VAT) but some councillors saw potential problems in rising contract costs, for example. The VH committee will provide the PC with details of the length and conditions of the current contract before councillors decide on the final way forward.

Artsreach, the charity that brings music, drama and other arts events to the Village Hall was also seeking a small grant to help support the resource. Cllr Fox was in favour, saying that the charity was a brilliant thing to support, having attended and enjoyed events in the past. Cllr Macnair backed the proposal but suggested it be a one-off grant rather than an annual payment. Cllr Smith opposed the application, saying that he did not believe that tax payers' money should go to the Arts. The grant was agreed with a majority.

A number of items were discussed revolving around the tidiness of the village. The dog poo bins at the bottom of Church Hill had been on previous agendas, with requests from the PC for a new one to replace one in a poor state. Councillors were informed that it had got even worse, a possible health hazard since it is now without a lid. Clerk, Colin Hampton, had previously logged a bin request with NDDC but, to date, had not received a response, although he noted that the council does not provide dog bins any longer but installs general waste bins instead. He will follow up on the enquiry.

A push to keep Milborne tidy via the Keep Britain Tidy initiative was discussed after the organisation had asked whether the village wanted to register for campaign materials, including litter collecting kit. Councillors agreed that it was something that the PC should be involved with.

Questions from the floor also brought another village clean-up suggestion – after, that is, a question from another asking "why are poor pensioners always worse off?" – that had come originally from a resident not present. It had been suggested that, since the problem of dog poo on our pavements is still very much an issue, a campaign using stickers ('There's no such thing as the dog poo fairy') and posters reminding dog owners of their responsibility could be tried. It was further suggested (by me) that perhaps Milborne could design our own message to be displayed. Councillors wondered if the *Reporter* could run a competition to design the best poster. Cllr Smith suggested something in the vein of a sign he had seen in a village that was trying to protect its aquatic birds, warning drivers, "For duck's sake, slow down!"

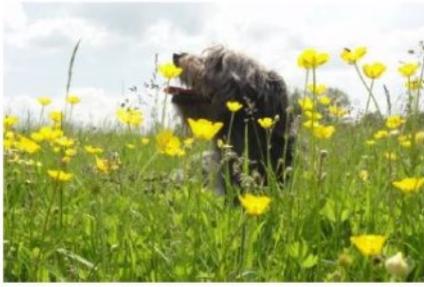
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Wednesday 20th March – 11.00am

Droop and Stoke Common

Meet outside St Mary and St James Church, Droop, Hazelbury Bryan.
Grid reference: ST 754084 on Explorer Sheet 117 (approx. 6.5 miles)
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Sunday 7th April – 2.00pm

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Milborne Movies

March 15th, 7.00 for 7.30pm,

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Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again

Just what is needed (at least, by me) at the end of a long winter. It's got the cast of the original film but also newcomers as well, managing to explain how it was that Donna, (who never did that kind of thing) didn't know which of three men was her daughter's father. And they are all great, especially Meryl Streep and Lily James . . . and Colin Firth . . . and Pierce Brosnan . . . and the actors playing their young selves . . . It's great fun, lovely to see, marvellous music – I now appreciate Abba much more than I did when I first heard them. And, I couldn't resist, this is the singalong version, so we can get up and dance and sing as well if we want to (though that is optional, I promise). This is what one proper reviewer said: 'Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again retains the spirit of the original whilst having a few substantial surprises, the original cast having loads of fun and the newcomers lending a new sense of energy to the proceedings, especially Lily James, who is a pure joy. It's a sequel that is so well done, it makes you appreciate the original more in retrospect and considering the times we live in, it could not have arrived at a better time'. *Harris Dang, The AU Review*.

Sarah Ryan

On the Buses

WHEN Linda and I are not on a touring holiday, we often use the local buses to get around. Occasionally this can be a bit more interesting than usual. We could play spot the wheel nut on the bus in Antigua and how could we forget the drunk bus driver in Malta, but I digress.

This year we had a week in North Cyprus. The buses in North Cyprus are in fact minibuses that carry around twenty people, including the two seats next to the driver. They run between two points, but the exact route appears to be up to the driver who varies the route depending on his whim or at the request of passengers. There are very few bus stops, but buses will stop anywhere if you wave them down. They will often sound their horns to draw your attention if they think that you haven't seen them and that you may want them to stop. Payment for your trip is made when you alight from the bus rather than as in this country when you get on.

Our bus trip out from the hotel had gone OK. However the trip back was another that we will not forget in a hurry. We had found a bus back to our destination within a minute of looking and waved it down. The driver was a moustached man of around sixty years of Turkish descent. The furrows in his brow most likely the result of dealing with the local traffic over many years. He was not in the best of moods and my enquiry to double check that he was going to our destination was met with an exasperated "yes" as he moved off before we were seated.

But we were only on our way for the 75 metres to the next petrol station where he pulled in to refuel. It turns out that you do not refuel the bus either at the start or end of the shift as by being stationary in the petrol station gives you further opportunity to pick up more passengers.

Once refuelled we were back off into the cut and thrust of the local traffic. It soon transpired that our driver, like a noticeable number of local drivers was well aware of the "Only a fool breaks the one third of a second" rule regarding breaking distance to the vehicle in front. If there were no vehicles in front he would rush up to the next queue of stationary traffic, applying the brakes quite hard, apparently surprised that the queue was still there when he arrived.

Other drivers could annoy him, and on occasion he would audibly complain whilst both arms were raised to the heavens, apparently to try and request divine intervention to clear the way for him. On other occasions only one arm could be used for this function as the other had his mobile phone glued to his ear. At least then the raised voice was aimed not at other drivers but at the person at the other end of the phone.

And so the trip continued, with passengers getting on and off. Some of those getting off offering payment before the bus had stopped. The driver would rummage for change and twist around in his seat to pass the change back, still with the bus still in full flight.

At one point we pulled in near a street vendor, our driver shouting across to him. The driver gave some money to the passenger seated next to him who in turn passed the money to the vendor who came running over with a bag of cooked mussels. Off we went again.

We were a little confused when the driver pulled over for no apparent reason, then grabbing his bag of mussels, alighted from the bus and walked off. The confusion did not last long as the "passenger" next to the driver's seat slid over and continued our trip for another half mile until he pulled over to the other side of the road, pulling up next to a shop. He shouted to the shop keeper who emerged with a bag containing a pair of shoes and jumper. Money changed hands and we were off again, the driver checking that his new purchases were of the correct size and style as we travelled.

A few minutes later we were dropped at our hotel, the driver earlier asking where we wanted to get off.

With further, longer trips planned we decided to hire a car. That involved changing a wheel in the pouring rain. However that as they say is a different story!

Pete Constant

Deadline for the April issue is mid-day Thursday 14th March. Send your stories and pictures to msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk.

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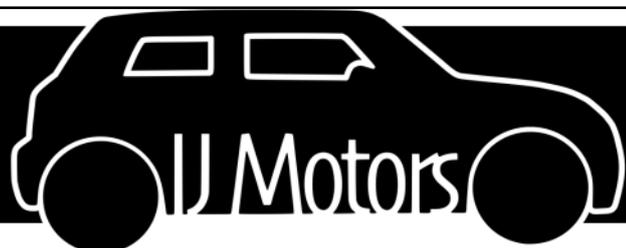
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Public Houses, Inns and Beer Houses

AT the last Village History Group meeting we heard about how public houses (pubs), Inns and Beer Houses evolved and were subject to all types of legislation from early Roman days in England. A pub is an establishment licenced to sell alcoholic drinks; it is a relaxed and social place. Samuel Pepys described the pub as "the heart of England". An Inn is a building where travellers can seek lodgings and usually food and drink. A Beer House was licenced to sell only beer or cider where the licenced landlord or landlady commonly brewed their own beer or cider and served it out of jugs or straight from the barrel. Often Beer Houses didn't have a bar.

We heard how Milborne St. Andrew had four establishments where alcohol was served. The Royal Oak has been in the village for a very long time; we believe that the Pure Drop, which is now a home in Milton Road, was a beer house. Another pub was the Cardinal's Cap which was closed down, demolished and turned into a temperance library which was originally in the small building on the corner of Chapel Street. Lastly there was the Crown Inn which was the original building where Crown Court is now. This inn had a blacksmith, a wagon/coach repair facility and stabling for horses; the field opposite (now the village hall land) was used to graze the coach horses.

It was interesting to hear about legislation related to selling of beer and alcohol premises. In 1393, King Richard II of England introduced legislation that pubs had to display a sign outdoors to make them easily visible for passing ale tasters, who would assess the quality of ale sold. These signs would have been pictorial, wording followed many decades later. There was regulation of public drinking spaces in England from at least the 15th century. In 1496, under, Henry VII, an act was passed, "against vagabonds and beggars" and stricter controls were brought in with the Wine and Beer Act of 1869. Since then there have been several different acts in relation to licenced properties.

Linda was able to find out who in Milborne St. Andrew held the licences in several of the establishments and it was interesting to hear how widowed women often became the licensee after their husbands had died.

Our next meeting is in March when we may hear more about the history of the development of Milborne village as it is today.

Pam Shults

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Linda Wright



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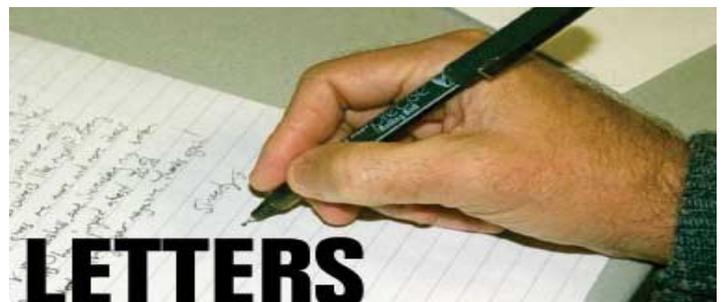
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I am writing this to thank the many friends in the village who came along. The key thanks is that I wanted everyone to donate to MacMillan Cancer Support instead of bringing me a present and ending up with 90 bottles of Red Wine!

We raised a total of £384.25 for MacMillan, which I was very pleased with. Almost everyone has been touched by Cancer in some way and I think the work that MacMillan do is so very necessary to make sufferer's last months comfortable.

In to the bargain everyone seemed to have a great time."
Jim Park

Dear Editor

Just to say a huge thank you for all the help and kindness from so many people in the village who helped to find my brother's dog, Woody. We are so grateful. He is doing fine after his ordeal.

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Greta Gregory

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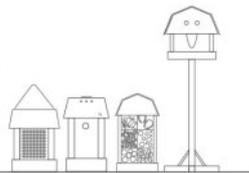


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Stall pitches are available to reserve and the committee welcome village groups and local sellers or businesses to join in with the Marvellous May Fair. If you'd like to book a pitch, get in touch with the Friends of School committee at fosmilborne@gmail.com



Milborne youngsters enjoyed a 'snow day' at the beginning of February, with all the local schools closed for the day. Weatherbury Castle was a favoured spot to enjoy sledging and snowman-building. The evening before when the snow started falling, local roads were quickly covered, although a snowplough was seen clearing the A354 through the village.





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Glamorgan sausage rolls – ‘not a sausage’

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THE first March is St. David’s Day and so this month’s recipe has a Welsh theme.

Lent begins this year on Wednesday 6th March, many people choose to give up alcohol or meat or sweets and chocolates for the duration of lent, this month’s recipe is a vegetarian one.

Glamorgan sausages are thought to have been originally made with Glamorgan cheese which is no longer made due to the near-extinction of the Glamorgan cattle from which it was produced. The sausages rose in popularity during the Second World War due to rationing limiting the volume of meat. The Welsh Gas Board promoted the sausage in a cookbook published in the 1950s, in which it did not specify which cheese to use.

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Brecon, the breed was thought to have died out, until a remnant herd was found in the 1970s.

Glamorgan cattle can be recognised by their chestnut coloured coat and broad white stripe along the

backbone, down the tail, and under the belly. The cows were reputed to be very good milkers, producing high butterfat milk, and were held in high regard by King George III, who had a herd of them on his farm in Windsor. He also used Glamorgan oxen for farm work. The breed was not esteemed for its ability to produce high yields of beef however, and during the nineteenth century it became increasingly common to cross Glamorgan cattle with other breeds such as Hereford, Ayrshire and Shorthorn to improve the beef yield, and in time, the breed would almost disappear due to crossbreeding and farmers moving to other breeds.

Glamorgan sausages combine Caerphilly cheese or Welsh cheddar, leeks, eggs and breadcrumbs to make a meat free dish.

Ingredients

170g white breadcrumbs
100g leeks, finely chopped
150g Caerphilly or Welsh Cheddar, grated
1 tsp paprika
2 tsp dried thyme
1 tsp English mustard
2 eggs
3 tbsp semi-skimmed milk
50g plain flour
25g unsalted butter
375g pack ready rolled puff pastry

Method

Preheat the oven to 180°C/fan 160°C/Gas 4
Line a baking tray with greaseproof paper
Mix together the breadcrumbs, leek, cheese, paprika, thyme and mustard
Whisk the eggs with 2 tbsp of the milk
Reserve 2 tbsp of the liquid and pour the rest into the sausage mix
Mash together until the liquid is mixed in
Form the mix into 8 equally sized sausages
Dip them one by one into the reserved egg and milk mixture, then lightly roll in the flour
Put the sausages in the fridge to chill for 30 mins
Melt the butter in a frying pan and fry the sausages until golden
Set aside to cool
Gently roll out the pastry to about 5mm thick then cut into 8 rectangles



Place each sausage in the middle of a piece of pastry, fold over, and brush with the remaining milk to seal
Crimp the edges of each roll with a fork and slash the top with a knife
Lay on the baking tray, making sure there’s a gap between each roll
Bake for 40 mins, or until golden
Slice and serve with a dollop of chutney, if you like.

This poem will help give a bit of balance if you are struggling with giving up meat, alcohol, sweets etc for lent . . .

The New Regime – Wendy Cope

Yes, I agree. We’ll pull ourselves together.
We eat too much. We’re always getting pissed.
It’s not a bad idea to find out whether
We like each other sober. Let’s resist.
I’ve got the Perrier and the carrot-grater,
I’ll look on a Scotch or a pudding as a crime.
We all have to be sensible sooner or later
But don’t let’s be sensible all the time.

No more thinking about a second bottle
And saying “What the hell?” and giving in.
Tomorrow I’ll be jogging at full throttle
To make myself successful, rich and thin.
A healthy life’s a great rejuvenator
But, God, it’s going to be an uphill climb.
We all have to be sensible sooner or later
But don’t let’s be sensible all the time.

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Blandford nursing home residents receive a very special visit

RESIDENTS at Blandford Grange nursing home in Blandford Forum have enjoyed a visit from a very special guest, in the form of Jasmine the donkey.

As part of a therapeutic activity sessions, Jasmine visited the home with her owner and spent time with residents, many of whom live with dementia.

Jasmine is 'retired' from working on Weymouth Beach but still enjoys being around people. During her visit to Blandford Grange she spent time in the communal areas as well as individual bedrooms so that all residents, regardless of ability or mobility, could enjoy meeting and stroking her.



Blandford Grange prides itself on being extremely animal friendly, and the activities team often arranges visits for the residents from animals such as alpacas and dogs. They are also planning to have chickens in

the grounds and residents regularly enjoy watching squirrels and other wildlife that live in the gardens.

Home Manager Tilla Wagner said, "It was wonderful to welcome Jasmine into the home. She is such a gentle and sociable animal and our residents really enjoyed stroking her and chatting to her owner to learn more about her.



"We love bringing animals into Blandford Grange; it's something many of our residents ask for. The animals bring a whole new atmosphere to the home and many of our residents enjoyed looking after pets for many years before they came here, so it brings back wonderful memories for them.

"We look forward to welcoming Jasmine and her owner back to Blandford Grange very soon."

Blandford Grange is part of the Healthcare Homes Group and provides residential and nursing care for up to 63 people. It is based on Milldown Road in Blandford Forum. For more information on the range of services provided, visit www.healthcarehomes.co.uk or call 01258 458214.

A Good Read Greenbanks by Dorothy Whipple



THERE is an Afterword to this book written by Charles Lock, Professor of English Literature at the University of Copenhagen. He does offer insights into the structure and, for me, complexity of such a satisfying and also, apparently, simple text. It is a family story which runs deep into the relationships of Louisa Ashton, her husband, three daughters, three sons, their, wives, husbands, lovers and children. Although the main protagonists are Louisa herself and her granddaughter, Rachel. They

live in fictional Elton a village near Liverpool

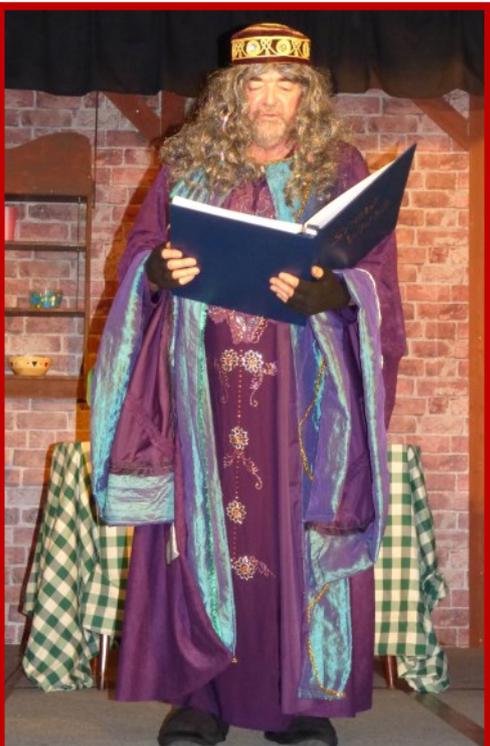
We open the first page with snow on the ground and a crowded Christmas dinner underway in 1909. Greenbanks is a gathering place for the Ashton family centred around Louisa, a gentle, wise and loving mother particularly towards her son Charles, whose aptitude for anything remotely practical or useful is of great irritation to his brother Jim who runs the family timber business and particularly to his brother-in-law Ambrose, married to Letty. They are Rachel's unhappily married parents. Into this mix is brought Kate Barlow someone whose disgrace at an early age has rendered her a pariah in polite society. Louisa believes she can help and shelter this difficult woman. The narrative takes us through the First World War and into the early 1920's. For me, it's all about the story-telling, in the simplest of terms. It is the sort of book that draws the reader in and forces them to slow down in order to savour every part of the story. That's what this book is like. Ostensibly about ordinary people in ordinary situations, but really, like a lot of Persephone Books, about the lot of women in the 20th century, when they were starting to become emancipated, but still bound by ties of hearth and home (for better and for worse).

Dorothy Whipple, was born in 1893, Blackburn, Lancashire, and died 1966. In 1917she married Henry Whipple who was more than two decades older. They settled in Nottingham. After the first decade of her marriage, Whipple embarked on a serious literary career that saw the publication of nine novels. They were all set largely in the north of England 'Excavat(ing) the everyday experiences of middle class households of her era'.

For those of you who are familiar with Ann Tyler and enjoy her novels this is almost the English equivalent. Two of her novels were adapted for film in the 1940's (*They knew Mr Knight (1934)* and *They Were Sisters (1943)*). She published three collections of short stories (famously *The Closed Door and Other Stories*) and several children's books. *Someone at a Distance (1953)* was her last novel. Almost all her books were Book Society recommendations or Choices. J.B Priestly described her as 'the Jane Austen of the twentieth century'. Although sometimes reprinted in following decades, her popularity declined. Her work received renewed attention at the turn of the 21st century and her books were revived and reprinted, some by Persephone Books. Charles Lock comments that 'it is in the language of the novel one finds feminist thinking doing its most critical work'. A writer whose accuracy of perception and recording is so sharp as to need no overt commentary or supplementary criticism. He also highlights the role of reading for women as a theme that runs through the book. Louisa doesn't read at all which increases Rachel's admiration for her that she is able to find strength, resolution and wisdom without the help or consolation of her books. There is a 'sympathetic difference' between these two generations. Her novels have a thoroughness of description in towns, houses and villas lending them the simple charm of being solidly there. Descriptions furnished by details of social life and domestic customs giving access to a world, though lost, is still pleasing to revisit. Dorothy Whipple's style exhibits a coolness in her lack of interest in whether the reader follows what is going on. Sympathies are not solicited, nor opinions sought. This absence of 'narrative coercion' is rare and refreshing. It is a thoroughly involving and satisfying read. I highly recommend this as an antidote to current dark, cold evenings.

Carole Fornachon

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We had a rollicking time as you will see from all Heather's photos. Hope you got to see the magic fairy prove her worth and the ultra-wicked Queen finally GO! Queen Snow White and King Kevin the Thirty Fourth are now joyfully ruling their land. If this sounds fun to you, would you like to join us next year? Contact us through the website or speak to any Player!
Dorothy and Ron Karley



THEN . . .



Then and Now This month's is looking towards The Square from the bottom of Blandford Hill. Buildings have now disappeared or been replaced with much newer versions, although flint walls that bounded Corner Cottage are still a common sight from that time around the village now.

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