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# Our ramble writer walks . . . down the aisle!

## Congratulations Mr and Mrs Hawker

Act II, part III of Gilbert and Sullivan's comic 1885 operetta *The Mikado* begins with a madrigal titled, 'Brightly Dawns our Wedding Day'. I was glad to see similar overhead conditions above Milborne St. Andrew as I drew back the curtains early on the morning of our wedding day, the 26th of June. We had been lucky; the lifting of level 4 COVID restrictions had been shelved, but a concession for the numbers of guests allowed to attend had given us the green light. The wedding service was to take place in Holy Trinity Church in the small village of Bincombe, between Weymouth and Dorchester, my old stomping ground.

As part of our required risk assessment, guests from Cornwall, Bristol, Poole, Bournemouth and Sussex carried out rapid flow tests during the previous day. My middle brother watched on from Germany, while Kate's cousin joined us from Sydney, Australia via the power of Skype. The bride was fashionably late, the vicar fluffed his lines by announcing that the ceremony had gone like 'cockwork'. During the previous day's rehearsal he kept referring to me as Paul, the name of my older brother whom he also knows. After the signing of the register, we took the singing outside into the graveyard and tried to raise the dead with a rousing rendition of The Beatles, *Can't Buy Me Love*, where the boys and girls sang alternate lines during

the verse. The vicar soloed during a line in the chorus.

Kate looked stunning in a simple white dress. I opted for a pair of spats and a top hat, making me look like Al Capone on a day out at Royal Ascot. With the sun still beaming down, we all headed out into deepest west Dorset for a reception, an old 12th century Tithe Barn in the village of Litton Cheney where everyone made merry well into the night. An ice cream van we had arranged turned up and did brisk business. Evening guests arrived to be entertained outside by a live band. Talented local singer/songwriter Nina Garcia serenaded those who chose to take to the dancefloor. Some danced with more vigour than others. I fell into the first category. One dancer was treated by several NHS guests for a leg injury sustained during a high speed do-si-do: Stay at home, don't dance, protect the NHS.

It rained heavily the next morning, strong winds blew fragile petals from the climbing roses in the garden. Eighteen of us stayed in the accommodation at the barn, we cleared up. Meanwhile, in Whitehall, Matt Hancock was probably clearing his desk. It was nice to get away reasonably early on Sunday, no one had tied baked bean cans to the rear of the Yaris and we headed for the Severn Bridge and beyond for a honeymoon in Tenby, and then on to Ross-on-Wye, my new wife riding shotgun.

Rich Hawker



## A little poem about telephone scams

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## Giving thanks

So many people have given so much of themselves in the past 18 months, both in a paid and voluntary capacity, locally and nationally. There are those who come to mind easily: workers in the NHS and care homes, teachers, parents trying to work and home-school at the same time, vaccine researchers, community volunteers, many of them in our benefice villages, who shopped and delivered prescriptions and kept an eye on vulnerable people living alone.

There are others less in the public eye who have worked tirelessly to keep the infrastructure going that enabled so much else to happen: workers in the power industry, telecommunications sphere, refuse collectors, shop staff and so on.

We have high expectations of people and the services we expect, and there is nothing wrong in that, except when we end up taking them for granted. The problem then is that we are very quick to complain when things go wrong, but so often don't remember to thank people for good service. It means so much to the receiver when someone takes the trouble to send a card, letter or email thanking them for good service received. And it's clearly all too rare. I know when I have rung up companies to congratulate them and express my gratitude for something good they are quite often surprised because they expect it to be a complaint.

We teach our children to say thank you and we are often good at showing our appreciation to the people around us, but it's worth thinking too of the many, many people we don't know who still affect our lives in a positive way. And expressing positivity on social media is a great way of counteracting some of the negativity that lurks there too.

A particular thanks this month needs to go to the Revd Rosie Coldwell, who for the past five years has been part of our benefice team. Rosie has conducted services, preached, led and been part of home groups, visited and cared for people, prayed and supported our communities, churches and me as Vicar. I know that others will join me in wanting to thank her for all she has done during this time, and to wish her well for the future as she moves up north.

Rosie, a big THANK YOU, and may God bless you now and in the months and years ahead. We'll miss you!

With best wishes

*Sarah*

## Services in the Benefice of Puddletown, Tolpuddle, Milborne and Dewlish August 2021

You are welcome to join us.

### 1st August – Trinity 9

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

### 8th August – Trinity 10

9.30am	Parish Communion	Milborne
11.00	Puddletown Praise	Puddletown Church Room
11.00	Parish Communion	Dewlish

### 15th August – Blessed Virgin Mary

9.30am	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30	Worship in Stillness	Milborne
11.00	Parish Communion	Puddletown
11.00	Family Service	Dewlish
6.00pm	Hymns and Pimm's	Puddletown

### 22nd August – Trinity 12

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

### 29th August – Trinity 13

10.30am	United Benefice Farm Holy Communion	Parsonage Farm, Dewlish
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### MORNING PRAYERS

Monday to Thursday 8.15am; Saturday 9.00am

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(sarah.c.hillman@outlook.com) for the link

*This service plan is subject to change; up-to-date  
information can always be sought from the vicar or  
Pam Shults as churchwarden*

## News from your parish church

TECHNOLOGY is wonderful, if you can control it! During the last 18 months many of us have come to rely on online meetings, training session, services, etc. as well as using devices to play music, videos, and other things in church. However, those who are not as technically minded do struggle sometimes. I had a challenging session when I was supposed to be doing a PowerPoint presentation in church but the machines wouldn't 'talk' to each other so no show was happening; somehow, I found the right 'button' and things improved so the show did go on. Last Sunday at our Celebrate service, the laptop itself suddenly stopped working so we turned to 'plan B'. I managed to play one hymn by accessing YouTube on my phone and another hymn was sung acapella by John but it was sad not to see the picture on the screen.

At the end of June, our Events Committee organised and successfully ran a Cream Teas afternoon in Eva's lovely garden, as it is big enough to have people socially distanced. Thanks to all who supported this event which raised £207. The committee members are in the process of organising a Summer Fair to be held at our village hall and surrounding playing field on August Bank Holiday Monday. Look out for notices and posters.

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Following our last Celebrate service on 4th July, we celebrated Rosie's birthday outside with cakes, that she bought, and hot drinks served from the porch. We also managed to sing, not only the last hymn but also the birthday song outside. This may be her last attendance at St. Andrew's as she is moving to Yorkshire to live with her children. We will miss her but send our best wishes to her.

The Worship in Stillness services, that replaced the 1662 Morning Prayer services, are proving to be popular so we will continue to have them on the third Sunday of the month. Do come along and see what they are all about.

To our congregation's liking, we have now returned to the regular pattern of services that were held prior to 'lockdown'. These are advertised in the *Reporter*, on church noticeboards and on Facebook. New faces as well as returning regulars are always very welcome and we hope to see more of you.

*Pam Shults, Churchwarden*



## Dewlish Church Notes

IT HAS been really good to have two of our church services outside in the churchyard, where we could sing! Our first service was our early-morning Ascension Day one, led by Sarah. The second one was the annual Pet Service, again singing our hymns and no masks. What a treat.

We had only two dogs this year: where were you, dog-lovers?! Never mind, we were also joined by Marg's cat, Bear, who decided to sit at the back, a respectable distance from the dogs! Tim and Bea brought ducklings and a mother hen with chicks, while Bertie and Maisie brought a lovely collection of snails.

On both occasions the weather was damp but it didn't stop a good few people from attending. It was all most enjoyable.

When Christine and Ross opened their beautiful garden at Yarges Cottage as part of the National Gardens Scheme charity they kindly allowed us to do the refreshments, with all proceeds going to the church. We raised the amazing sum of £525 for church funds over the four afternoons the garden was open!

A big thank-you to Sue and Marg who took on the lion's share of the work after Jim and I had to isolate. Thank you also to Sandy and Heather who stepped in to help as well. Thanks, too, to all the people who made cakes, which were delicious.

Christine and Ross would like to thank everyone who came and supported them; they hope to do it again next year. Many thanks again!

*Daphne Burg*

## Bikeability courses at the Village Hall

BASIC cycle courses are available for children in early August, arranged by the Parish Council. Bikeability Level 1 (Basic cycle skills for ages 7–10) takes place on Monday 2nd August from 9.00am to 11.00am, and Level 2 (Road awareness, ages 9–11) takes place on Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th from 9.00am to 2.00pm. Snacks are provided for Monday's course and lunch is provided on Tuesday and Wednesday.

All courses are FREE of charge and can be booked by calling or texting Wayne on 07419 136735 to reserve a place. Your child will need their own bike and helmet.



## Services in the Benefice of Puddletown, Tolpuddle, Milborne and Dewlish September 2021

You are welcome to join us.

### 5th September – Trinity 14

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

### 12th September – Trinity 15

9.30am	Parish Communion	Milborne
11.00	Puddletown Praise	Puddletown
11.00	Parish Communion	Dewlish

### 19th September – Trinity 16

9.30am	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30	Worship in Stillness	Milborne
11.00	Parish Communion + Holy Baptism	Puddletown
11.00	Family Service	Dewlish

### SATURDAY 25th

2.00pm	Marriage of Neil Dayment and Gemma Pearson	Dewlish
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### 26th September – Trinity 17

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

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## Village Hall – looking forward

LET us hope that the constant opening and closing is behind us. Although we had to cancel the film night the outdoor Arts Reach event went ahead and was a great success. We now have to look to the future and plans are being put into action.

After a questionnaire was sent to the regular hall users it is planned to upgrade the kitchen. New cupboards and worktops will be installed and obsolete and unreliable equipment removed. With new sinks and hand washing facilities and more workspace for preparation and serving. Sadly we cannot make the serving hatch any larger but by fitting doors on the hall side will help to open it up and make life easier for the “kitchen workers”!. Redecoration and window blinds will complete the transformation. Work should be completed in the summer holidays.

Outside we are applying for planning permission to increase the area of the car park. There has always been an issue for hall users over the limited space and we hope that this will resolve the issue. The boundary fence and hedge between the car park and field will be removed and re-instated ten metres further out and at the same time improved arrangements for managing rainwater drainage from the hall. There will also be provision made to install a number of community accessible electric charging points in the future. Although a small area of the field will be lost the benefit to hall users will outweigh this.

We have been fortunate that these plans have been made possible by grants received by the Village Hall.

On a final note you may have noticed eruptions over the field made by a resident mole or moles. Please be aware that we have asked a licenced mole catcher to sort out the problem as the runs cause very uneven ground which can be dangerous. *Linda Wright*

## What is the church of St. Andrew's Events Committee?

A GROUP of six imaginative, dynamic and resourceful women can now meet monthly again to plan social and fundraising events on behalf of St. Andrew's Church Council. Many of you will already have supported them by attending the events that they run and financially contributing. So, a big THANK YOU if you are one of the 'regulars', or have only come to one or two events, or have helped sell masks, or even bought some.

Even during lockdown these superwomen have raised a lot of money to support our parish church. The money not only goes towards maintaining the church building but also for expenses needed to provide weekly services.

They have produced hundreds of masks raising just under £2,000, they ran a Cream Tea event last month which raised over £200. You will have seen the report following the take away curry meals which raised £350. And there were events such as last year's Milborne's Marvellous Mini Market, etc.

The next event will be a cake stall in the middle of July, and weather permitting the committee are planning an August Bank Holiday Fair in the village hall playing field with cream teas in the hall. Hopefully if the covid restrictions are eased they want to organise their famous themed night meals in the Royal Oak in October or November and run the Christmas Market in December.

Keep looking out for notices, posters etc to see what is about to happen.

## 'Still out there' – the WI in July

AGAIN we were favoured with a comfortably warm afternoon to meet for a short get-together and cream tea. Hosted this time by Lin in her impeccable garden, socially distanced as ever, we were welcomed by Jenny once again cheerfully taking over the reins on behalf of our President.

Jenny shared with us our delegate's feedback from the NFI Annual meeting, not at the Albert Hall this time, but streamed. The three speakers, Sophie, Countess of Wessex, Dame Cressida Dick and Baroness Hale (*sporting her signature dragonfly brooch*) proved to be every bit as inspiring and informed as promised. All three talked about the role of women and perceived inequalities both at home and in the workforce.

Next month, instead of our usual annual visit we hope to arrange a walk and picnic on 12th August, Sheila Burton to host, and Jenny to confirm in due course. Book Club members will meet at Carole Fornachon's house on 23rd July to discuss the latest read. We are especially pleased that on this occasion we will be joined by Shirley Dunkley, who is visiting the village and is keen to meet up with us all again. It will be lovely to see her.

The cream tea was delicious; special mention must go to Val's scones and to Lin's super-lovely teapot!



So far, so good. We are planning to be back at the Village Hall in September, when our very own Pauline Trim will be the speaker, but await further details as to how, and if, this will happen.

*Pat Bull*

## Village Fair with Dog Show

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# Electric vehicle charging at enlarged Village Hall car park

MILBORNE St. Andrew Village Hall has teamed up with Charge My Street and is planning to install a community funded electric vehicle chargepoint. Residents who do not have access to off-street parking will be able to charge their current or prospective electric vehicle, as well as visitors to the area attending village hall events.

Charge My Street is a community benefit society with a track record of installing electric vehicle chargepoints in towns and villages across the north of England. It works closely with village halls which are often overlooked by big EV charge providers. In 2020 they successfully installed a chargepoint in Tisbury, Wiltshire, allowing residents and the village's car club to charge their electric vehicles.

The chargepoint will be hosted by the village hall, provided that sufficient investment can be raised.

Charge my Street is giving local people the opportunity to pledge money towards the charge point. There are many benefits to pledging your support in a chargepoint, such as earning tax relief and an anticipated return of 2% on your investment. The chargepoint will allow those wanting to make the switch to an electric vehicle easier, especially if they do not have access to off-street parking.

But why switch to an electric vehicle? Here are some benefits of making the switch:

- **Environmental benefits:** electric vehicles do not emit any



harmful gases into the atmosphere, reducing local air pollution, improving residents' health and quality of life due to improved air quality.

- **Reduced running costs:** electric vehicles benefit from £0 annual road tax as well as free congestion charges in cities such as London, Birmingham and Bath. Electric vehicles also benefit from excellent durability, allowing owners to profit from reduced maintenance and servicing costs.
- **Heavily discounted 'refuelling':** electric vehicles enjoy reduced charging costs compared to petrol and diesel, with Charge My Street you can refuel from as little as 22p/kWh.

Director of Charge My Street, Daniel Heery said: "We are really excited to be working with the Village Hall committee to get these charge points in the ground and delivering an important new service for the village. Community investment shows the appetite for charge points and really helps us to target our time and effort in the right place. A few people have pledged £1,650, but we need to reach £6,500 by 31st August."

Treasurer of Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall, Ed Frost, said: "Assuming Planning Permission is granted, the area for car parking will be increased by 50% later this year. At the same time, improved arrangements for managing rainwater drainage from the Village Hall will be incorporated along with provision to install a

number of community-accessible electric vehicle charging points in the future. The boundary fence and hedge between the car park and field will be removed and reinstated 10 metres further out. A small area of the grassed recreation field will be lost but the enlarged car park should go a long way to resolving the regular frustrations of Village Hall users who arrive for community events and find the car park full."

Info on investing: <https://chargemystreet.co.uk/invest>

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Tom Barkers



## Transported from Milborne St. Andrew

WELL not quite but on an almost perfect June evening an ArtsReach event in the open air at the Village Hall followed the real life story of Cornish woman Mary Bryant. Performed by Bec Applebee we laughed and cried as we followed Mary's journeys from being tried and sentenced to death (for stealing a bonnet) and then transported to Australia. Amazingly giving birth en-route to a daughter, she married, had a son and survived the harsh conditions of Botany Bay in the 1780s. With others she eventually escaped, sailing, incredibly, all the way to East Timor (look on a map and see the distance!). Rearrested they were all sent back to England but tragedy was never far away and both children and her husband died before they reached home when Mary was sentenced to hang. After protests and the intervention of James Boswell Mary was pardoned.

This was a truly breath-taking performance by the multi-talented Bec Applebee. Now that hopefully restrictions are lifted do look out for more ArtsReach events either here in Milborne or around Dorset. You will not be disappointed and you will have the opportunity of watching some incredibly talented people.

Linda Wright

## Weldmar Hospicecare launch 'Weldmar at Home'

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When a date for this work has been agreed, notice will be given on the village Facebook page and posters will be displayed around the village. Do please look out for these and we encourage you to volunteer, come along and help your village.

*The Flood Team*

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## The story of Gilgamesh Part 2

AFTER fighting with lions he reaches the twin mountains where the sun rises and sets. The scorpion men who guard the mountains ask his business, and warn that his journey is impossible. They tell him he will not get through the darkness inside the mountains, but they let him pass, and he travels a mysterious path in which he races the sun itself, coming out just ahead, before dawn. Gilgamesh now finds himself in a land where the trees and bushes blossom with gemstones.

Gilgamesh arrives at a tavern at the edge of the world, kept by Shiduri. She is a mysterious woman who is at first fearful of this wild looking man. He tells his tale, explaining why he looks so haggard, and asks her the way to Utanapishti. She says it is impossible to reach there, that only the sun god Shamash can cross the waters to Him, and in the midst of the journey are the waters of death. When Gilgamesh insists, she tells him to find Ur-shanabi the ferryman for Utanapishti. This man is in the woods with "those of stone", and Gilgamesh falls in a fury on these mysterious stone ones, destroying them. When Ur-shanabi asks him why he is so wild he explains, as he did to Shiduri, about the death of his friend Enkidu. He is now seeking Utanapishti to learn the secret of how to avoid death, and Ur-shanabi tells him that he just destroyed the method of getting there when he smashed the stone ones. He commands Gilgamesh to cut down three hundred saplings to use as punting poles, and when all is ready they depart.

They sail, and in three days cover the journey of a month and a half. At the waters of death, they use the punting poles, and finally, with Gilgamesh using his shirt as a sail, they reach the land of Utanapishti. Gilgamesh tells Utanapishti of his exploits, but receives the response that he is being foolish. As a king he should be taking care of his people, yet he seeks the impossible. Death is unavoidable; no-one sees the face of death or hears the voice of death, but it cuts each one down. The gods have assigned mortality to mankind, and it cannot be changed.

Utanapishti reveals a secret to Gilgamesh. He tells him the story of the flood. The gods sent a flood to destroy the human race, but one god, Ea spoke to a reed fence giving instructions on how to build a suitable boat. Utanapishti heard the words of Ea, and saved himself, his family and all living things. The flood was upon the earth for six days and seven nights. On the seventh day the boat came to rest on a mountain, and he sent forth three birds in succession: a dove, a swallow, and a raven. The first two came back, and finally the raven flew off.

When Utanapishti disembarked he made an

offering to the gods, and when the mother goddess arrived she regretted the loss of human life, saying her necklace of flies would always remind her of this terrible event where humans lay on the surface of the water like flies. However, the god Enlil, who originally sent the flood, was furious that anyone had survived, and it took the wise god Ea to persuade him that the ever-increasing multitude of people could be kept in check in various other ways. This suggests that the reason for sending the flood was the noise and clamour of human beings. The noise of mankind is precisely the reason given in another ancient Mesopotamian story called *Atrahasis (The Supersage)*, telling of the creation of humans and the great flood (in the Gilgamesh Epic, the Supersage is named Utanapishti). Enlil accepts Ea's idea and blesses Utanapishti and his wife, conferring immortality on them so that they should be like gods and dwell far off.

When Utanapishti has related this story, he tells Gilgamesh that if he seeks immortality he must first conquer sleep by staying awake for six days and seven nights. Gilgamesh immediately falls asleep, and as he sleeps, Utanapishti has his wife bake bread every day and set it in front of Gilgamesh. When Gilgamesh finally awakes, saying he barely fell asleep, Utanapishti is able to show him how each loaf of bread has gone stale, one worse than the next, proving that he has slept for six days and seven nights. If he cannot beat sleep he cannot beat death, and Gilgamesh now accepts the inevitable.

As for Ur-shanabi, the quayside will now reject him, the ferry will reject him, and his days of immortality are over. Utanapishti sends him to bathe Gilgamesh, give him new clothes, and then together the two of them will go to Uruk. Before they leave, however, Utanapishti's wife intervenes to plead that Gilgamesh not be sent away empty-handed, so Utanapishti tells Gilgamesh a second secret. He tells him of a plant that will rejuvenate life. It grows beneath the sweet waters under the earth, so Gilgamesh ties stones to his feet and dives down to bring up the plant, and then leaves with Ur-shanabi.

They move at great speed, as did Gilgamesh and Enkidu on the way to the cedar forest. On the way, Gilgamesh bathes and a snake steals the plant, swallows it and rejuvenates itself by sloughing its skin. Gilgamesh has lost his one chance of eternal youthfulness, and returns to Uruk with nothing but his experience, and his companion Ur-shanabi to whom he proudly shows the great city walls that he once built. As king of the greatest city in the world, Gilgamesh has seen the deep and learned the wisdom to accept his lot.

Brian Burton

## In Memory of Diana

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# MILBORNE ST. ANDREW FIRST SCHOOL

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## SCHOOL NEWS





**Year 4's residential trip to Hooke Court. Wed 7th – Fri 9th July**  
This year's residential trip was a different experience from previous years as we would be camping and not staying in the dormitories. We were also staying on our own and not with other GTAT schools. Though still fun-packed with lots of different activities.

On Wednesday after putting our bags into our tent and eating our packed lunches we had brought with us, we started with 'low ropes' and then did some orienteering. After a delicious tea of pasta Bolognese with garlic bread and apple crumble and custard for pudding, we had some 'down' time and had a chance to play top trumps, do mindfulness colouring or just chat with our friends before doing our last timetabled activity of 'fossil' making. Mrs Staddon told us we had a surprise as she had asked the Hooke Court staff if they could set up a TV for us to watch the England semi-final game. So dressed in our PJ's and onesies (the children not the adults) we settled down to watch the game. This meant some of us didn't go to bed very early and as some of us were excited (and nervous) about being away from home, we didn't go to sleep either.

Thursday dawned very early with most of us awake by 5.00am! After our cereal, toast and beans for breakfast had been eaten, we started our Tribal Kingdom day. This included forming two groups, choosing two leaders, painting our faces with symbols, naming our 'tribe' and building our shelter for all to fit inside of and performing our tribal welcome. (this was all before lunch!). Afterwards we did a scavenger hunt and played a special game of tag involving stealing treasure from the other tribe without being caught and put into jail. After our BBQ tea we had our campfire singing and joke telling time and toasted marshmallows before having an early night!

Friday's breakfast was continental, including croissants, ham and cheese and after devouring this and packing our bags ready for going back to school after lunch, we did our final activity which was fire lighting and cooking over a fire. This included learning about what you could forage for and what not to eat. Jacque (the Hooke Court instructor) showed us how to start a fire using a flint and steel, which most of us were able to do. She showed us how to peel and chop vegetables for our potage soup, slice chicken flesh using a piece of sharp flint (although we didn't use the chicken as it had been out in the sun too long) and gut and chop the head off a rainbow trout to prepare it for being cooked, either in the smoker (baking tray with a fitted lid) or wrapped in clay and both cooked on the open fire. And we also made bread that was wrapped around a clean hazel skewer and baked over the fire. Everything tasted delicious and a great time was had by all.

Our thanks to all the Hooke Court Staff and children for making this a wonderful experience which will be remembered in years to come!

## 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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## Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club

### Environmental Gardening for August

Courtesy of the RHS magazine 'The Garden', the Gardening Club offer you top greener gardening tips for the beginning of August.

#### Hedgehog support

Hoglets have started to appear, so you might like to leave out water and meat based cat or dog food for them.

#### Butterflies

Cutting back nettles encourages new growth to benefit butterflies in late summer.

#### Netting

Keep fruit cage netting taut to protect your fruit and prevent birds getting trapped.

#### Water top up

Check water levels in bird baths and ponds. Clean bird baths regularly and top up ponds with rainwater if possible.

In mid-July the Gardening Club enjoyed a social afternoon in Val and Dave Andrew's lovely garden (see photos), where everyone brought their own refreshments.

After the potatoes were weighed for the potato growing competition, the prize was given to Bill Love.

It is hoped that the Gardening Club events will resume in the village hall in September.





## End of another school year at Ladybirds

This is definitely a year we are pleased to end with hopes that next year will be more normal. Throughout the year Ladybirds have continued to provide exciting activities. This month our topic has been Mini Beasts. We started by looking at insects that fly – of course, ladybirds – bees, butterflies and moths. We were lucky to find a huge moth on our gate post that Caroline Richards identified as a Privet Hawkmoth, one of the biggest British moths. The children made collages of ladybirds and bees. Then with a favourite story *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* we learnt the life cycle of a butterfly. The children tried the healthy foods the caterpillar ate after cutting them up themselves. We made caterpillars from pompoms and egg cartons and enjoyed sponge painting butterflies.

The next group of mini beasts studied were those that had legs and didn't fly. In the outside area the children found spiders, woodlice, worms, slugs and snails. With the wet weather there were always some to find under stones or pieces of wood.

A popular activity inside was a construction site with plenty of diggers, tipper trucks and roller. What they were moving was pieces of seeded bread that had been dried until hard in the oven. This made a very effective material that was hard enough to withstand the energetic play and at the end of the week the crumbs were put outside for the birds. Cheryl brought in some of her mum's baby ducklings which several of the children carefully held.

The school transition process continued this month with Milborne children enjoying a day at school with their teacher. Children going to Dunbury and Puddletown weren't so fortunate with only a short visit after schools had closed for current pupils. To make up for this we invited the two schools to send the teacher to meet the children at Ladybirds, which was a very positive experience for all.

While the Milborne school starters visited their new school some of the other Ladybirds spent the morning at Kingston Maurward looking at animals, playing in the park and having a picnic. For all the children we have an end of year session booked with Creature Teachers which we are really excited about as we get to fly an owl. Sorry no photo as the visit is after the deadline for this issue.

The children are taking part in a sponsored obstacle course to raise money for the preschool which we will use to buy new equipment. Even the youngest have taken part- well done all.

Finally you may have noticed our advert has changed to include longer opening hours. We are currently working with the Village Hall so we can offer longer hours. We are hoping that next year we will offer hours the same as school; 9.00am–3.00pm each day. If you want to know more or would like to enrol your child please contact Liz Dyer.









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## Normality (almost) returns to MSA Food and Wine Club

AFTER 18 months of Zoom meetings, sharing common meals but in separate homes, a socially distanced, numerically divided lunch (max six people outdoors) in the brief window of relaxation last summer, the Milborne St. Andrew Food and Wine Club have finally held an in person garden party on Saturday, 10th July, albeit limited to the obligatory 30 people maximum.

Hosted by Hilary in her beautiful garden and aided by Pam who between them provided some absolutely fabulous scones and cakes, with Jane who valiantly kept on top of washing up, a uniquely English afternoon tea ensued spent relaxing, catching up with friends after our long enforced separation.

Sandwiches were provided by committee members who also went along to Hilary's in the morning rain to set up. Gazebos were erected against the rain. Garden tables and chairs set out. Pretty tea services, cups and saucers, plates and cutlery all laid out. We were ready. With gazebos pitched the rain began to ease. By two o'clock, when the committee returned to put finishing touches in place, to pour the welcoming prosecco, the wonderful homemade (by Hilary) pink elderflower fizz, put out the jams and cream, the sun had broken through. We were all set.

What a joyous afternoon we had. The prosecco was perfectly chilled and delightful, the elderflower fresh and zingy. Sandwiches of cucumber, ham, egg, smoked salmon and cream cheese, all freshly made, were consumed and then . . .

Fruit scones and, well, I was going to say plain scones but they were far from plain, let's just say "scones without fruit", presented with an abundance of ripe English strawberries came forth from the kitchen. Individual little pots of glorious sweet and yet slightly sharp homemade strawberry and apricot jams were opened along with pots of clotted cream. And whether you're a jam first, then cream (in the Cornish style) sort of person or the other way around, the resultant delicacy was stunning in its simplicity. And as if that were not enough, the cakes arrived.

There were coffee and walnut, fruit cake, lemon drizzle, apricot and almond tart, and for the coeliacs among us gluten free chocolate brownie and a mandarin sponge cake. And oh, my word, these weren't just homemade cakes, they were world class homemade cakes. I must confess that, despite the fullness I was feeling after the enormous coffee and walnut slice I'd consumed I was compelled to go back for fruit cake and the tart. And that was that. Despite the compulsion to try the others I was beaten.

But the afternoon was not just about the food. With twenty something friends we'd not seen to speak to in 18 months there was a warm, convivial atmosphere. Stimulating stories abounded, amusing anecdotes from lockdown and before. It is truly fascinating to learn, little by little, about the lives and experiences of the people around us as once strangers become new friends. And I have to say genuinely that the members of the MSA Food and Wine club are a lovely bunch of people to get to know.

So our thanks go out to Hilary and Pam for providing the beautiful venue, the stunning food and the logistics.

A huge thank you as ever to Rose for organising everything. And, of course, many thanks to the committee all of whom make a brilliant contribution to all of the events that means no one person is left doing everything. In the words of Confucius (I don't know if he said it or not), "Many hands make light work".

I can't wait for the next event at The Royal Oak in August.

If you'd like to join the fun, especially if you are new to the village, why not contact us at [msa.foodandwineclub@gmail.com](mailto:msa.foodandwineclub@gmail.com).

Steve O'Neill







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# Small Businesses in MSA: Number 17

## The Ice Cream Boat Skipper

IF YOU happen to be on the beach at Sandbanks, Mudeford or Christchurch on a sunny summer day you may find the air full of music, apparently from the sea! Maybe a Captain Pugwash or Benny Hill signature tune? Look around and you will see the answer to your ears, an ice cream boat skippered, possibly, by Tim Ball, a resident of Deverel Farm cottages, Milborne St. Andrew. His crew are usually students just returning from abroad or in their summer vacations from college.



He bought his first boat in September 2017. Last year he commissioned two new hulls from a Norwegian company and is awaiting an engine from Japan. I understand that he has an exclusivity deal with Froneri (owners of Cadbury's and Rowntrees) and hopes to extend to Weymouth this year or next spring. This is his fourth summer and the weather this year has been disappointing.

So far he has made 11 launches but they usually expect 40 or 50, however last year managed 70. It is, as he points out, a COVID safe business. It's outside, mobile and socially distanced! He is usually on the water in a second boat to top up if sales are good. I understand they sold 25,000 ice creams from two boats last year.

They usually launch at 11.00am if the conditions are right i.e. temperature at least 18 degrees with less than an 18mph wind. Apparently the ideal is south westerly wind. He says they are trying to move to a model where they are training a young crew to assist them in getting commercially realistic endorsements from the RYA (Royal Yachting Association). Tim was brought up with boats both on the Thames, Swanage and Poole from childhood. His grandfathers both kept their craft in those places. The family holidayed in the Purbecks so he knows and loves the area. One distinguished passenger on the ice cream boat was Harry Redknapp for the ITV filming of an opening sequence to his TV programme "Harry's Heroes" featuring footballing legends. I am told he managed to eat three ice creams! Tim and his wife, Jo, were working abroad driving boats in the Mediterranean. She was a Divemaster for PADI. They lived and worked in Italy, Greece and Egypt. Tim ran a water skiing business.

The couple have two children, Toby, 13 years about to go to

Hardye's school and Jemima, nine years about to go to Puddletown school. Currently, both parents have other jobs running alongside the ice cream boat business. Jo is a swimming instructor and therapy technician and Tim delivers for Hermes around local villages. His parents are now living in Poundbury. The family love village life in Milborne St. Andrew and are trying to buy a



permanent base here. Jo is on the Friends of School Association and they donated ice creams to children involved on the recent litter pick. Tim obviously loves his work and describes it as a "thrill to go out with an opportunistic intent, managing a teenage crew and a rapidly melting cargo to give people a surprise. It's lots of FUN"

*Carole Fornachon*

## All the world's a stage And all the men and women [and children, surely?!] merely players

WE'RE having auditions: oh yes we are! So, the Milborne Players are ploughing ahead – in the knowledge that plans may change at any time in this era of unpredictability – with pantomime auditions and rehearsals. Who's up for the fun and frivolity of being on stage? There's absolutely nothing like it! You get a brain workout (learning lines), something to look forward to on Mondays when we rehearse (no-one likes Mondays, boo) *and* a confidence boost (who doesn't like being applauded?)

Our auditions will be held at the Village Hall on Saturday 4th September between 2:00 and 5:00pm. And Monday 6th September between 8:00 and 10:00pm. It goes without saying that all virus related relevant safeguards will be in place.

Oh, and if you've not yet listened to our audio plays, Box and Cox and The Looking Glass, head to our website's home page or go to this link; <http://www.milborneplayers.org.uk/newsite/index.php/archive/2021>

*Kate Mathias*



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## The Milton Abbas Local History Group is back!

HOPEFULLY with a bang! Actually, we never went away – our meetings have continued, our research has gained pace, and new members have joined. Now it's time to meet in person again! YIPPEE!

Our new exhibition will take place in the Reading Rooms and the south aisle of St. James church, Milton Abbas on Saturday 28th to Monday 30th August. We are calling it "The times they wuz a'changing – Milton Abbas then and now".

Put the date in your diary, and come along and discuss Milton Abbas then and now over a cup of tea (and cake, of course!).

We have much to show our visitors with artefacts and lots of new information on the life of the people in a rural Dorset village during the Georgian period.

It has been exciting to research the lives of ordinary people when great changes were taking place in society, and, in addition, Milton Abbas had to deal with its own upheavals. A huge thank you to our research team who have made this possible. We hope that it will be just as exciting for our visitors. Certainly, we have learned a lot, and we would just love to share it with you. We are telling the stories of the families who prospered and those who did not. We have also been researching what people wore, the churking of women, the school, sanitation and lots more.

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*Bryan Phillips*

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When I saw a trailer for this film, I knew immediately that I wanted it for our first film. It is set in 1990s Pittsburgh and stars Matthew Rhys and Tom Hanks, who plays a good person beautifully (not an easy thing to do!) Here is what one (British) reviewer wrote:

'When a movie has you blurry eyed by the end but also leaving feeling warm and satisfied, you know it has been crafted into something unique between being moving and heart-breaking. Every shot feels special and important and every performance is sincere. Marielle Heller is a powerhouse director, an expert at quiet moments in film and we are lucky to have someone create such incredible art. You will be hard pressed to find a movie that fills you with more warmth than *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood* and I suspect it will become a firm favourite for those gloomy, rainy days.'



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## Small contingent present at Annual Village Meeting

JUNE'S Parish Council meeting was preceded by the Annual Village Meeting, the event that gives residents the chance to say what they'd like the council to do or comment on village matters within the PCs remit. It was the first time since Covid restrictions that the PC had met face to face although only four members of the public turned out for the 'pitchfork' meeting. After recounting the PC's achievements and progress over the past year – a static precept, new benches and bins, continued management of green spaces and initiatives such as the community litter pick and Bikeability courses that are booked in (2nd–4th August) – the Chair, Cllr Macnair, threw it open to the floor, to be met with a muted response. One resident lamented the increasingly remote nature of Dorset Council (DC) and the fees those in the Conservation Area have to pay for even the smallest planning question or consent.

With pitchforks lowered – however blunt they were – the council meeting started. The development behind Fox View was under discussion since the original plans lodged in 2017 had now been revised. Cllr Witherden summarised saying the main changes were the increase in housing size and reduced parking. Previously planned were six semi-detached (mainly two bedroomed) and a flat which now appeared on the plan as seven mostly detached houses, which she said flies in the face of the Neighbourhood Plan's commitment to smaller, affordable housing. There are still no new plans for the main Fox View site, although the site had at last been tidied at the request of the PC.

Planning at DC was still very slow, councillors were told, with applications four months behind schedule and a request by the PC for an extension to the Fox View notice period was unanswered. An appeal will be lodged, but it was acknowledged all Parish Councils were finding similar service. Other departments at the county were under pressure, for example, the clerk said, gloves and kit for the 'Milborne Womble' were not delivered in time. The litter picking event, though, was a great success with 70 people turning out to collect rubbish in small groups targeting specific areas. The event would be repeated, maybe in October after hedging is cut. The Royal Oak, which provided soft drinks and crisps to volunteers, was given hearty thanks from councillors.

County councillor, Emma Parker, was not present at the meeting but had supplied a report for councillors, which highlighted Highways' work in partnership with ecologists to support wildlife, and the funding from Government for children's activities during the summer. Fun days, enriching activities and holiday clubs for five to 16 year olds are available with sessions and food being free for those receiving free school meals.

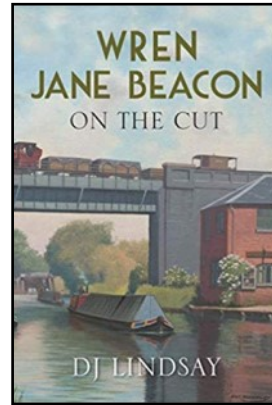
Councillors had met during May at the Sports Club to hear of plans for a large stand alone canopy that the club is looking at to increase the range of events they can offer. The PC will now wait for formalised proposals from the club. Earlier in the meeting, security at the site was discussed after the club had proposed to change the padlock and key for a new system of a key code. Councillors were concerned that the code could become common knowledge and fall into the wrong hands. However, after the meeting it was made clear that the new lock system would mean that each user had a unique code. Cllr Macnair suggested a three way discussion with themselves, the Sports Club and Allotment Society to find the way forward.

A teacher from the village school is keen to set up an orchard that the schoolchildren can visit and had asked the PC if there was any land that could be used for the purpose. The 1.5 acre area next to the allotments had been suggested as a possible space for the 'community orchard', as the project had been badged, although the discussions were at a very early stage.

*Ed Richards*

## Wren Jane Beacon on the Cut

by D J Lindsay



THIS is the fourth and seemingly final book in a series of adventures of a young Wren set during the Second World War. After the excitement of her posting on the Thames, and before she is headed to help set up training courses for Wrens becoming boat crew, she is sent to investigate and report on whether it might be possible for Wrens to be posted to help with the shortage of men

working to deliver goods by canal. The Second World War was the Last Hurrah of the use of canals for delivery of heavy goods around England, and manpower was short due to conscription.

It's a fascinating insight into life for the canal families, whose children started working from the age of four, and mostly married within the community, so everyone knew everyone, formal education was limited, and the great skill and knowledge needed to run a boat and its booty well and safely were absorbed early and unappreciated by folk living 'on the bank'.

Wren Beacon finds this a major culture shock, particularly the roles of women and men in this society, but as in previous books, she finds a way to make it work for her, and to make her contribution, earn respect and help the War Effort. Unlike the previous books, there's no adventure in terms of military action, bombing, etc., but a few exciting events happen along the way and it's a cracking read, with a real insight into life on the canals at the time. The bibliography shows the amount of research the author undertook, and my own knowledge from visiting canal museums has been increased greatly.

This book is particularly slim, and there is not much room for any of the other parts of Wren Beacon's story. It's a little disappointing that the book ends as she submits her report (which I suspect is being set up as the start of an organisation known as IDLE Women due to their badge with 'IW' for Inland Waterways).

If this is indeed the final volume, I'd have expected some conclusion to the threads of Jane's life story other than her life as a Wren. For example the love interest found in the second volume, still at sea or waiting for his ship to be repaired, what would happen there? Would they resolve the social class issues of upward and downward snobbery? How would they deal with the lecherous older brother? What happened as Jane became an instructor and designed courses to train other Wrens as boat crew? Why was she constantly denied promotion, and still a Petty Officer at the beginning of the story when the author first met her? I feel a little let down, as if there is so much more to come, but the author has perhaps lost interest.

This book is full of interesting characters, well researched and written to be easy to read. It really does leave one wanting to know 'what happens next?'

*Susan Wilson*



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## **Moreton and Clouds Hill four mile walk**

THE restless spirit of Lawrence of Arabia – “*the mystery man of the twentieth century*” as he was dubbed by the newsreels – continues to stir the curiosity that he predicted. “*After I’m dead they’ll rattle my bones about*” he wrote to Jock Chambers from his cottage retreat at Clouds Hill, concealed in a clump of rhododendrons a mile north of Bovington Camp, in 1929. The manner of his departure, resulting from motor-cycle injuries received in an inexplicable accident involving two boy cyclists and a phantom black car, would be as enigmatic as all that had gone before. Colonel Thomas Edward Lawrence, alias T.E. Shaw by deed poll and certainly all who knew him in Dorset, was buried in Moreton cemetery on 21st May 1935. He is now National property once again, remembered as the hero of the Arab desert revolt, against the Turks in the Great War, and the author of its odyssey “*The Seven Pillars of Wisdom*”. Winston Churchill led the procession from St. Nicholas’ church to the village graveyard. Those four locations – Clouds Hill, the accident spot, Moreton Church and his grave – are visited on this four mile walk. The church is a graceful gothic building, erected by the landowner James Frampton in 1776 to replace a medieval church on the same grassy knoll. On 8th October 1940 it was devastated by a German bomb but the post war restoration has given it a set of windows that are among Dorset’s major artistic creations of the century. Designed by Laurence Whistler and engraved in London between 1958 and 1984 they are full of local allusions, including a memorial to wartime pilot Sergeant Bill Knowles who was killed on 10th May 1940.

The walk takes you across the widest shallows of anywhere on the River Frome, at a spot known as the Longbridge. From it, towards the far side, you have a view of Moreton House. It was built by Robert Frampton in 1580, burnt down in 1720, rebuilt by James Frampton in 1744. Subsequent Framptons included the paranoid James who persecuted the Tolpuddle Martyrs in 1834.

All paths on this circuit are firm and sandy, with the underlying geology churned by tank training in the vicinity of Bovington. Elsewhere the former heathland is almost totally covered by pine plantations plus the rhododendrons that T.E. Lawrence was so keen on introducing. The cottage at Clouds Hill to which he moved in September 1923 was built for the gamekeeper of the Moreton Plantation and makes its debut on the Frampton estate records in 1808. It was presented to the nation, to the National Trust, by his younger brother Arnold Walter Lawrence in 1938.

### **The Walk**

**1.** Park and start from Moreton village. This is reached either from the A352 at Wool or Winfrith Newburgh, or by turning east off the B3390 at Hurst, which is between the River Frome and the Frampton Arms. There is a layby beside the classic lych-gate at Moreton cemetery 100 yards south of the junction at the centre of the village and opposite Moreton House and the Tea Rooms – this has been closed for a while. (Ordnance Survey map reference SY 804 892)

**2.** Go through the gate to find T.E. Lawrence’s grave which is at the end of a gravel path between a wooden cross and the stone to Ethel Shrimpton who joined him in 1968. The marble tablets beneath the gate canopy are from the nearby Fir Hill column: “*This obelisk was erected in the Year 1784, by Captain JOHN HOULTON. As a publick Testimony of his Gratitude and Respect*

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3. Turn left on leaving the gates. Turn right in 100 yards, beside the old school (tea rooms, now closed) to the church. The turning to this is on the right in another 40 yards. Several of the gravestones are to staff from Moreton House, such as that in memory of Maria Jones: "A most faithful and attached servant for 50 years to James Frampton Esq. Died January 17th 1875. Aged 91 years".

4. After seeing St. Nicholas's and its superb Laurence Whistler windows you return to the lane. Continue along it, passing Moreton Post Office but not entering The Street of thatched cottages. Keep walking straight ahead, along the gravel track. This fords the River Frome in 150 yards. Parallel to this for you to cross is the Longbridge. Moreton House is visible downstream as you near the far side. The other way, 25 yards to the left, is a circular 1940 pill-box with slits for the machine gunners.

5. Continue ahead, along the gravel track. In 250 yards you cross a bridge. In another 250 yards you turn right. This untarred public road is signed by the Moreton estate to "Snelling Farm". In 400 yards you fork left, ignoring the little bridge and Snelling Farm. Pass the Glade Lodge and enter pine woodland that is fringed with gorse and rhododendron.

In another 400 yards you again turn left, along a wide sandy track that then goes between fence posts. Fork right in 250 yards onto a narrower path and continue winding your way uphill. In a quarter of a mile you cross a stile onto Army lands and turn left along a gravel track. In another quarter of a mile, after walking beside the tank tracks you emerge on the tarred road between Clouds Hill and Bovington Camp.

6. Here on the left side before widening is the spot where T.E. Lawrence crashed his Brough Superior motor-cycle GW 2275. Cross to the parking area on the other side. At the left end



Thomas Edward Lawrence in 1919

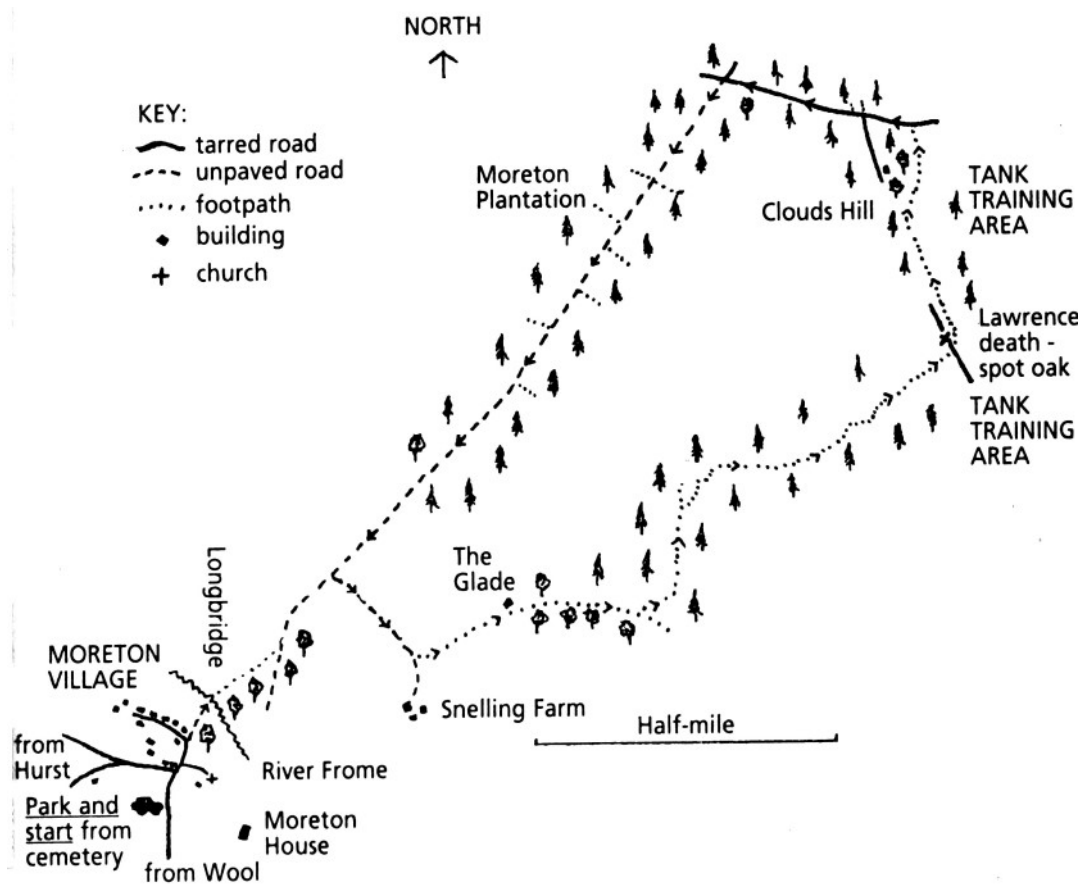
of this is a commemorative oak planted by Lawrence's armoured car driver of the desert campaign: "NEAR THIS SPOT LAWRENCE OF ARABIA CRASHED ON HIS MOTOR CYCLE AND WAS FATALLY INJURED 13 MAY 1935. THIS TREE WAS PLANTED ON 13 MAY 1985 BY MR. TOM BEAUMONT WHO SERVED WITH LAWRENCE OF ARABIA."

7. Exit from the parking area in the corner eight yards east of the tree midway between the public road and the Army's wide tank road. Climb the bank and follow the fence keeping to your right on the other side of it. Off-putting as it seems this is a public path. It formerly went through half a holly bush but is now open and usable! In 400 yards the fence brings you to a sandy gully beside a rhododendron thicket which smothers the seven acres of Lawrence's Clouds Hill that are owned by the

National Trust. On the top the track forks left away from the fence and descends beside a Ministry of Defence (MOD) by-laws sign through heather to a tarred road.

8. Turn left in 150 yards to see Clouds Hill cottage which is on the left in another 150 yards. Then return to the junction and continue left towards "Tincleton three and a half Dorchester eight and three quarters". In 400 yards you come to a crossroads. Turn left here beside the overgrown site of North Lodge down an untarred public road which descends in a straight line through Forestry Commission plantations. It leads towards Snelling Farm bringing you in a mile to the track where you turned off earlier. Now continue straight ahead to cross the bridge and fork right. Return via the Longbridge to Moreton Post Office and your car.

Carole Fornachon





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You may recall that, in May, your neighbourhood plan working group asked you for feedback through a survey regarding your priorities for a refresh of the plan. Some people questioned why we were even doing this. The reason for refreshing the plan periodically is twofold:

1. To make sure that it is still relevant and still reflects the changing needs of our community.
2. As Neighbourhood Plans age their influence on county planning decisions decreases so an up to date plan carries more weight.

We would like to thank the 35 households who took the time to respond. Representing 90 individual parishioners from across the village, from The Rings to Lynch Close and Coles Lane to Wetherby Close and most roads in between, your feedback is invaluable and has helped us to refine where we concentrate our efforts.

### What have we discovered or confirmed?

#### **With regard to housing**

Most people didn't feel there was any great need for additional development beyond that already proposed or approved but there is **frustration at the lack of actual progress** with building. That said, a lot of people thought beefing up the plan to show the housing needs for local people by using information from the Housing Needs Register was a good idea. There was also support for including extra conditions on building new affordable homes to make sure they really do **go to local people first** and that they stay affordable in the long term.

#### **When it comes to car parking**

It seems most residents are fairly resigned to the situation. Of course, the plan can't really do much about existing issues. What it can do is **try not to make matters worse** by trying to **head off future issues** from new builds. We've all seen developments with one parking space per household so the other two cars get parked on pavements, neighbouring streets and

whatnot. It can all get very fractious. The trouble is, the county and government guidelines for parking spaces are **based on antiquated data** and flawed assumptions (see our new research about travel in our village below) which will be made worse as electric vehicles begin to replace old fossil burning ones and we all need somewhere to charge our cars.

#### **This time we introduced new research about travel.**

We asked where people often travel to and how they get there. The responses clearly show how **public transport fails the village**. Just 3% of people told us they could make the journeys they need even "occasionally", nevermind regularly, using public transport. We're a small village, we have no dentists, no major shops, little local work, most of us have to drive to the doctors, so for most of us the car is essential. Many households, especially those with young adults still living at home, will have multiple cars. As new builds get

underway this could have a big impact on parking and traffic. Which brings us on to...

#### **Support for Traffic Calming and Pre School projects.**

These were included in the original plan as projects that could possibly benefit from developer funding. It is clear from the responses that these projects are still very important to the village. The plan will be updated to reinforce this.

Finally we asked about the ongoing appraisal of the **Milborne St Andrew Conservation area boundaries proposal**.

A substantial majority of respondents supported these. They also agreed that the relevant sections of the plan should be updated to reflect these wider findings and to include information about our local history that has been published over the last two years.

***Your Neighbourhood Plan working group will work on incorporating your feedback into this refresh.***

***So please bear with us while we make these changes and watch this space for further updates.***





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Cricket – Dewlish	Elaine Kellaway	01258 837696
Pilates (school)	Claire Barratt	07703 648869

Football – Veterans	Paul David	07841 506839
Skittles – Dewlish	Simon Ross	01258 837606
Sports & Social Club	Chairman: Richard Lock	01258 837929
	Bookings: Richard Lock	01258 837929
Tap Dancing for Adults	Kevin Selby	01305 250386
Tennis	Rich Hawker	07393 309037
Yoga (at school)	Sue Chapman	01305 848053
Yoga (at Sports & Social Club)	Saira Francis	01258 880505
Yoga (at Village Hall)	Angela Johnson	01258 839060

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Chair:		
Booking Secretary:	Margaret Groves	01258 837617
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Chairman:	Sarah Ryan	01258 839230
Booking Secretary:	Alison Riddle	01258 837148

## HEALTH

Bere Regis Surgery		01929 471268
Milborne St. Andrew Surgery		01258 880210
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Patient Voice Secretary	Nigel Hodder	01258 880229

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