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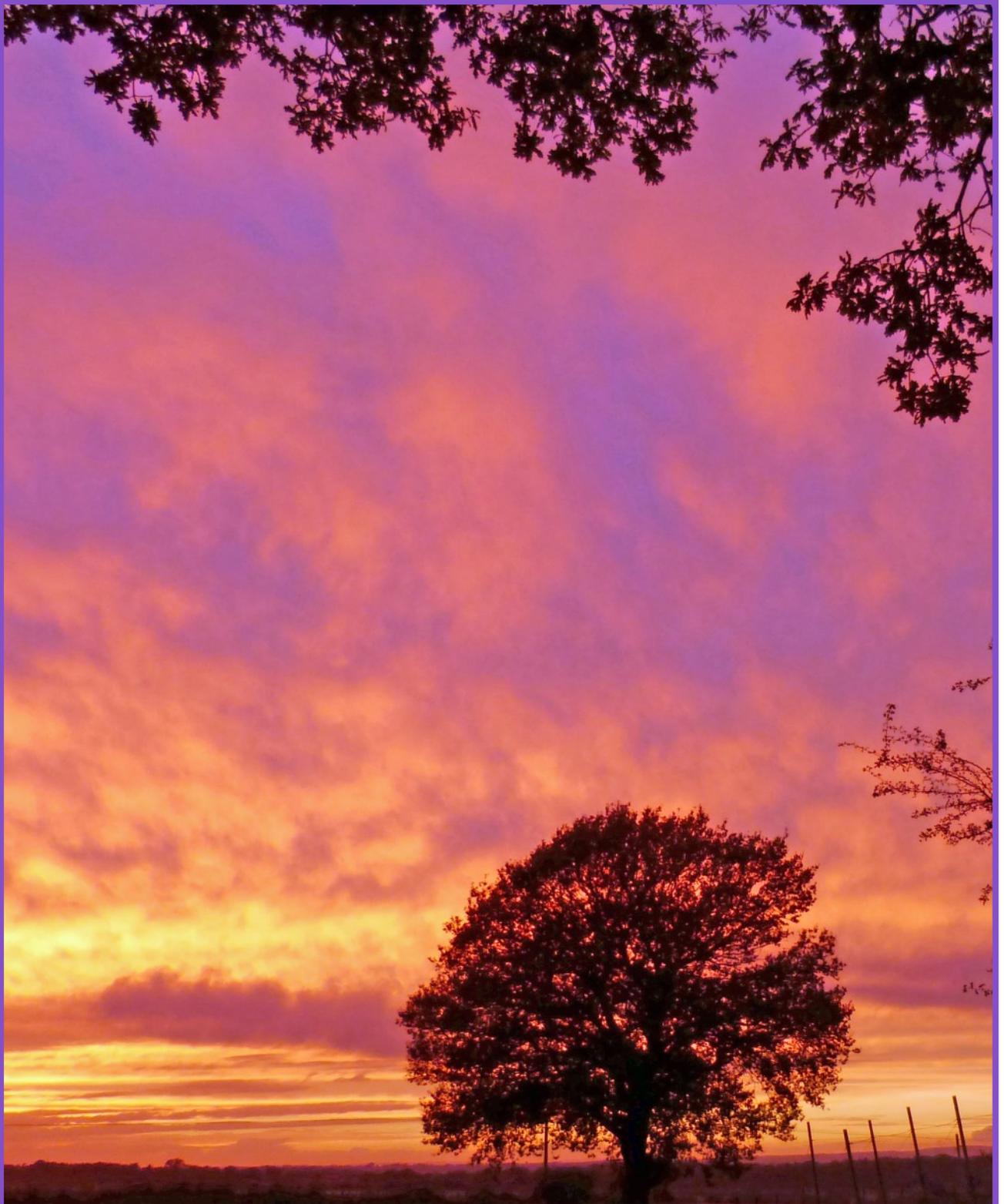
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Milborne St. Andrew



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Milborne Ladybirds

Your village preschool is in urgent need of qualified Early Years staff in 2022.

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With a countrywide shortage of qualified personnel, we realise there is a big challenge to find the right person in a village location. So, we are prepared to consider someone with less experience or someone working towards Level 3.

If this is of interest to you or you know someone who might be please contact Liz on 07771 512427 or liz@milborneladybirds.com



Milborne Ladybirds

VILLAGE LUNCH

To be held at the Village Hall on
Saturday 29th January from 12.15 to 2.00pm

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£7.50 per head

Prior booking essential by

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Trading Standards news – Wood fuel

HARMFUL levels of air pollution can damage people’s health and reduce their quality of life. We can all be affected by this, but some, especially children, older people, and those with respiratory problems, can be affected most.

While only 8% of homes use log burners, they are now the biggest cause of a particular type of particulate matter smaller than 2.5 microns (0.0025mm) across. These are tiny, generally the human eye can see debris and dust that are only approximately 25 microns in size. It’s these tiny particles that can enter the bloodstream which can potentially cause serious health issues for those most susceptible to them. As the popularity of log burners has grown the amount of this type of particulate has increased, it’s more than doubled since 2003.

Therefore, in the first changes to what consumers can burn in their home for 70 years the UK government has introduced the Air Quality Regulations 2020. This new law restricts the sale of wet wood which when burnt produces more tiny particles than seasoned or dry wood. Banning the sale of wet wood should help improve air quality for all.

Wood fuel can now only be sold in volumes of less than two cubic metres if it is certified as ‘Ready to Burn’. This confirms it has a moisture content of 20% or less. It applies to both firewood and wood briquettes sold in single retail bags or supplied as a bulk delivery in loose volumes of less than two cubic metres. Traders are also required to store the wood in such a way that it is not sold to customers damaged or wet.

For more information about the new regulations, or to report a trader who is selling wet or un-certified wood, you can contact Dorset Council Trading Standards by calling the Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 0808 223 1133.



Lawrence: After Arabia

Friday January 28th at 7.30pm

Village Hall, Milborne St. Andrew

Doors and bar open 7.00pm

Tickets cost £10, which includes a drink or an ice-cream

ONLY a few weeks after general release, Miborne More than a Movie has secured a screening of this multi-award-winning film, set and filmed in locations throughout Dorset.

The screening will be introduced by the Director and will be followed by a Q&A. The film stars Brian Cox as Narrator, Hugh Fraser, Michael Maloney, Nicole Ansari Cox and Tom Barber-Duffy in the title role. It tells the story of the last year of TE Lawrence (Lawrence of Arabia). On 13th May 1935 Lawrence was involved in a fatal motorcycle crash. With powerful friends and dangerous enemies, was it a tragic accident or was he silenced by the British Secret Service?

The Reporter team wish all our readers, distributors, advertisers and all those who contribute to the content of the magazine a very Happy New Year

Wednesday Club’s Christmas Lunch



TWENTY-SEVEN of us met at The Royal Oak for a delicious carvery and a choice of desserts. We were well looked after by Jo, Stuart and Victoria.

There were crackers and reindeer chocolates and the usual Christmas raffle, which was very successful, plenty of

laughter and lots of chat. Our thanks to Jenny for organising it all.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 5th January when we will be having a party for the New Year in the Village Hall, with bring and share food. Best Wishes and a Healthy Happy New Year.

Lis Watts



I would like to thank a few people in what was a very sad day when we had to say goodbye to our brother David Way. First to the vicar Sarah Hillman and Tony Fox. Also afterwards at the pub for a lovely spread of food and a big thank you to Mick Tissman for taking me home he helped me up the drive and waited until I got indoors. Thank you all! Veronica and Paul Hoskins.



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Parish council agree to fund Speed Indicator Device

SPEED Indicator Devices (SIDs) are a type of vehicle activated signs which can be moved around easily. They flash the speed of the vehicle approaching if it is exceeding the speed limit. The signs are charged by solar panels. They are attached to a post by the side of the road and are left in place for up to six weeks, after which they are moved to another location.

Three years ago speed wires were placed on A354 and Milton Road and results showed that there wasn't a speed issue on A354. Dorset Council have recently marked up two locations on Milton Road where they propose two posts for the SID to be placed, heading out towards Milton Abbas. One of the proposed locations would place a post on private land of Frogmore House, which is a Grade II listed building. Clerk Wayne Lewin will contact the council to request that they reconsider the location as the owner does not agree to the post on their land. It was agreed to purchase one SID (approx. £1,100), two posts (approx. £500 each), and a solar panel (approx. £200). The Community Speed Watch Group have agreed to take responsibility for moving the SID between the posts every six weeks.

Grant requests of £400 had been set aside. The requests received were discussed and it was agreed to award:

- £100 to Artsreach to support their ongoing community events
- £150 to the Village History Group which will go towards part two of the history booklet
- £150 to Milborne St. Andrew school to go towards a project.

Milborne Jubilee Jamboree is the event being planned in the village to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee - 70 years of service. Cllr Stephens, one of the organisers, talked through the suggested events that would be planned over several days:

- ◆ Themed food night at The Royal Oak
- ◆ Milborne More than a Movie to show a themed movie
- ◆ Competitions by the Gardening Club as well as The Players
- ◆ Picnic with fun and games, could include obstacle course, football match and tug o' war
- ◆ Evening there could be a band with pizza van and chip van
- ◆ Street parties.

This won't be a fundraising event however there will be costs involved. The band is being sponsored by Wyatt Homes. If the weather isn't good then a marquee may be required. Would like there to be decorations around the village as well as signage. In early stages of the planning and more detail regarding proposed costs are needed. Funding by the PC can be discussed and agreed.

The Village Hall requested funding to help with the cost of maintenance of the playpark and outdoor areas. The birds nest swing, a popular piece of equipment, needs replacement. A quote of £1,200 has been received for a like-for-like replacement.

Funds are raised by charging people to use the VH, but much of the money is being used to maintain the outdoor space which means the VH building is not being maintained to a high enough standard. The outdoor space of the VHs in surrounding villages are the responsibility of their PC, but this is not the case of the Milborne St. Andrew VH since it was left in trust to the village. The PC already help with the cost of grass cutting. Councillors were supportive of the request but a more structured request is required for discussion. The Village Hall will look to present a request at the next meeting.

Date of the next meeting is the 5th January 2022 at the Village Hall at 7.00pm and is open for members of the public and press to attend.

Jo Whitfield

Milton Abbas Surgery

New Year's Resolutions

ARE you interested in making a lifestyle change but not quite sure where to start? Why not have a chat with the friendly team at LiveWell Dorset. Whether you are looking to lose weight, stop smoking, cut down on your drinking or simply become more active, they can create a plan to help you achieve your goals. For more information phone 0800 840 1628 or go to www.livewell-dorset.co.uk

Keeping Warm this Winter

With January and February often being the coldest months of the year, here are a few reminders for keeping warm and safe over those months:

- **Dress in layers to keep warm.** Several thin layers work better than one thick layer of clothing.
- **Use hot water bottles, electric blankets and wheat bags.** Do not use both a water bottle and electric blanket at the same time though!
- **Heating your home.** If you are not very mobile, are 65 or over, or have a health condition heat your home to at least 18°C. Draw curtains at dusk and keep doors closed to block out draughts.
- **Make a list of emergency numbers.** It can be useful to have numbers like electric and gas companies by your phone or on your mobile.
- **Eat the right foods.** Make sure you are eating well, with at least one hot meal a day. Try to eat a balanced diet with lots of fruit and veg to get nutrients.
- **Keep as active as possible.** This is a great way to keep warm.
- **Be prepared if you are heading out.** Wear warm footwear with non-slip soles, and keep hands, heads and faces warm.
- **Check on older neighbours and relatives.** Make sure that they are safe and well, are warm enough (especially at night) and have enough food and medicines so that they do not need to go out during the very cold weather.

If you are struggling with heating costs, you may be able to claim financial and practical help with heating your home. Please speak with the Citizens Advice Energy Advice Team by calling 01929 775500 or email energyadvice@cabnet.org.uk.

Covid Booster Vaccinations

As most of the population is being offered a booster vaccination to protect against covid, the demand is very high. Mid Dorset PCN, which covers the Dorchester area have undertaken booster doses for patients who are housebound as well as those living in care and nursing homes. Booster vaccinations are being offered locally by Pharmacy2u and an additional NHS site has been added at Vespasian House, near 'The Keep' at the top of town. Patients are asked to go on line <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/> or call 119 to book. More appointments are frequently added so if there is nothing suitable when you first try, please look on a regular basis. **Note that the practice is not able to book your vaccination appointment for you.**

Gillian Brindle

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Fun at the Christmas Fair

THE Events Committee who plan, organise and run events for St. Andrew's church have shown what a great team they are yet again in the success of the Christmas Fair held on the 4th December.

There were many stalls and activities for children including the Friends of School stall. Thanks to all who organised, helped, provided things for sale and of course spent their money.



The event made a wonderful profit of over £450. The money raised helps the Parochial Church Council to pay for necessary building repair works of our historic grade II* listed building and both graveyards.



I understand that they are currently planning events for 2022 including another Take-away Curry night, a Cream Tea event, at least one Quiz night and – watch this space!

Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club



AS part of the Milborne Jubilee Jamboree, our gardening club will be sponsoring and judging a planted container competition. Entries should have a royal theme, they will be judged by category and there will be awards for both large and small containers. Judges look forward to seeing quirky, imaginative and amusing containers along with the more traditional types . . . it will be your chance to show off your creative flair and to enhance our village. Containers should be positioned at the front of your property so that they can be enjoyed by all and easily judged. Entry to the competition will be free and there will be prizes for each category; judging will take place just before the bank holiday weekend so that competition winners will be able to display their awards for people to see.

Do you think the container competition sounds fun but you're worried you don't have the expertise to join in? Well, worry no more. Early this year, the gardening club intends to host a talk on container planting to which all are welcome to come along. Whether you intend to plant in a wellie or a wheelbarrow, you'll learn enough to put on a show that will brighten up your front garden.

Further details and information on how to enter will follow in the coming months.

Mark Johnson

Dewlish Church Notes

THE Remembrance Day Service was very well-attended, both at the War Memorial and in our church afterwards. We were joined by three soldiers from Bovington Camp who laid a wreath. John Seymour, who laid the village wreath, also kindly arranged the soldiers' visit and for Erica Williams from Dorchester to play her trumpet at the War Memorial. Thank you so much everyone! The service was led by Jim, and refreshments followed in the Village Hall. Again, many thanks to those who helped in any way.

John also read his poem, "Lest We Forget", during the church service. It commemorates the First World War Fallen whose names appear on the War Memorial. We are delighted to report that John's poem won this year's Soldiers' Art Academy International Poetry Competition which drew entries from all over the world from Thailand to the USA.

His inspiration, he said, was that he passionately believed every generation had to understand the true cost of war and therefore the price paid by these men, such a high number from such a small community. Further: "It is an understanding we must ensure is passed on to those that come after us."

Congratulations, and well done, John! Here is that award-winning poem.

Lest we forget

Who now will speak for those lost souls whose ashen faces stare,
What breath is heard upon their fate as stirs the saddened air
What news of *Daniels, Dorey, Foot*, has ought been said of *Lee*,
Does no one person know of them that once were known to me?

Who'll tell their tale and say what chance, or deed of valour lay
The careless hand of death's cold touch upon their final day,
How anguished were those fleeting hours, how dimmed their parting sight,
What fear or sorrow did they hold in life's last fading light.

By bullets crack or mortar blast or bayonets searching blade,
The Reaper came to steal their spark, his bonfire ready laid,
Their spark to add to his great blaze of robbed humanity,
Another name on silent stone unknown to all but we.

Then surely still there's *Mitchell*, or the brothers *Diment* three,
Or *Cutler, Skiller, Christopher*, or *Warren*, what of he,
With friends as these I thought me blessed, are they too written there,
Now pressed beneath some foreign soil removed from mortal care.

Did other friends unknowing share those winged grains of time,
'Fore silent death defiled the bloom of youth's exultant prime,
Since unremarked lives' moments pass, dissolve and soon forgot,
'Till fortune points a man's last hours the same as one that's not.

So all are lost, while I remain, and mark each passing day,
The life they treasured come for me as dead as now they lay,
That greatest prize, denied their grasp, made worthless in my hand,
Where I survive to tread alone their path upon this land.

For *Burgess, Dennet, Honeybun*, and *Purchase, Samways*, all,
Leave here the echo of their days and here their shadows fall,
And we who knew them know them still, but time shall fade each trace,
Save just these names alone engraved, when we are gone this place.

and *Robinson* . . . ?

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Daphne Burg

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Happy New Year

None of us quite know what to expect when a new year dawns. Two years ago, as we went into 2020, we would never have imagined how disrupted and changed our lives would be because of the coronavirus pandemic. Perhaps that's a good thing – we were able to celebrate the turning of the year with joy and looking forward, rather than with a fear of what was to hit us.

Some of you know that back in October, I went to the island of Iona with a group from the diocese, led by the Bishop of Sherborne. The Christian community on Iona began when Columba, in a small boat, crossed the sea from Ireland as a missionary. The story goes that Iona was the first place he stopped at where he could no longer see his homeland.

The faith in northern England was mainly inherited from their Celtic neighbours; while further south, it was missionaries from the Roman Church who brought Christianity to this country. Over time the Latinised version dominated and the Celtic traditions all but died out.

Fortunately in the past 30 years or so, people have begun to rediscover them. One of the great joys of the Celtic tradition is the explicit focus on God in daily life. There are prayers for home and hearth, for farmers and fishers, for getting up and going to bed, for friends and strangers. In all these prayers is a sense that God is part of the every day, encircling everyone. There are prayers for protection, for help, and wonderful blessings. The popular hymn *Be Thou my Vision* is based on a Celtic prayer.

As the new year dawns and none of us know what it will hold, I offer three prayers from the Celtic tradition. The first reminds us that, even when we are weak, God's strength is with us:

I arise today

through a mighty strength:

God's power to guide me,

God's might to uphold me,

God's eyes to watch over me;

God's ear to hear me,

God's word to give me speech,

God's hand to guard me,

God's way to lie before me,

God's shield to shelter me,

God's host to secure me.

The second is an acknowledgement that God has many dimensions:

You are the peace of all things calm.

You are the place to hide from harm.

You are the light that shines in dark.

You are the heart's eternal spark.

You are the door that's open wide.

You are the guest who waits inside.

You are the stranger at the door.

You are the calling of the poor.

You are my Lord and with me still.

You are my love, keep me from ill.

You are the light, the truth, the way.

You are my Saviour this very day.

Finally, my wish and prayer for you for the coming year:

May your year be filled with blessings
like the sun that lights the sky,
and may you always have the courage
to spread your wings and fly!

May God bless you all. Best wishes

Sarah

Services in the Benefice of Puddletown, Tolpuddle, Milborne and Dewlish January 2022

2nd January – Epiphany

9.30am	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30	Celebrate	Milborne
11.00	Parish Communion	Puddletown
11.00	BCP Morning Prayer (traditional language)	Dewlish
4.00pm	Messy Church	Puddletown

9th January – Baptism of Christ

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

16th January – Epiphany 2

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

23rd January – Epiphany 3

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

30th January – Presentation of Christ

10.30am	United Benefice Holy Communion	Milborne
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Happy New Year from St. Andrew's Church

IN OUR churches the Christmas season still carries on after Christmas Day. We are looking forward to Epiphany when we celebrate the arrival of the three 'kings' also referred to as Magi or Wise Men. Supposedly there was Melchior from Europe, Caspar from Arabia, and Balthazar from Africa who followed a star across deserts to the ancient city of Bethlehem where they believed a new king had been born. All of you will know that it was Jesus born in a stable. They brought expensive gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh. Gold has always been valuable so a 'financial' gift, Frankincense is a valued source of healing and with the properties to help meditation (thus used in many Roman Catholic churches) and Myrrh has qualities of healing especially sores and colds also used in embalming.

In December the church hosted the First School's Christmas Service which is an annual event when the children and their parents fill our little church with joyful sounds and messages. We are disappointed that due to Covid concerns there were not as many children's activities in church this year such as the Christingle but hope that we will be able to host them in the future.

Our Events Committee came up 'trumps' again with a successful Christmas Fair. Many thanks to all who helped, or came along and spent their money. It raised over £440 for our church. See their article and photos on page 7.

We hope that new people will feel comfortable to join us for services. Posters are in key places around the village showing what services there are on a monthly basis. If anyone wants to know more just get in touch with our vicar, Sarah, or me.

Pam Shults Churchwarden



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MSA Food and Wine Club Annual Christmas Dinner

TWO years we've waited for our annual Christmas dinner. Was it worth the wait? Too right it was.

After such a long hiatus it was lovely to see old friends again all dressed up to the nines.

This year's event was organised by Rose, Penny and Linsey who diligently researched venues and menus, managed bookings, set out seating plans, and by Jim who organised a coach to transport us to and from the Hotel Du Vin (formerly The Mansion House) in Poole.

I have to say we were all very anxious when made the decision to try for a Christmas Dinner this year; would we be locked down again, would members be willing to come out, could we find any venues willing to host 50ish people? Well the answers were no, yes and yes. We did take all precautions to keep everyone safe. We asked everyone to take a Lateral Flow Test on the day and to stay away if positive, similarly if people were feeling under the weather to stay at home. Everybody, without exception, wore face coverings for the coach journey there and back. The Hotel Du Vin had organised their dining room, which was exclusively for our use, with plenty of space between tables. As a result, everyone was able to relax.

We arrived to a glass or two of a gorgeous sparkling wine before sitting down to a sumptuous meal. The house wines were delicious and flowing. But above all else was the delightful chatter among friends old and new made all the more important by memories of absence now, for a little time at least, banished.

It is this companionship and warmth through a shared love of food and wine that makes this club so special. Whether you're young or old, single or in a couple, there is always a warm and genuine welcome from everybody to everybody whenever we meet up.

Our club enters a new phase with the ending of the year. Rose,



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SCHOOL NEWS

THANK you to all our grown ups who joined us. If our grown up couldn't make it then a Y4 ambassador helped us instead. We started with a Welly Walk around the boundaries where we became colour detectives. Along the walk we talked about safety hazards such as brambles, nettles and berries. Next we gathered at our cast away camp where we would usually stop for a story but the children talked with their grown up about anything interesting they had noticed on their walk instead. The year 4 ambassadors then gave the children a choice of activities which they could choose from which included 1) Shelter Building; 2) Hapazome; 3) Tree Faces; 4) Sticky Crowns; 5) Natural Art

The children then explored their chosen activities with their grown up, with the Y4s leading while Miss Wittman built a fire in the fire bowl. We concluded our session by toasting marshmallows.

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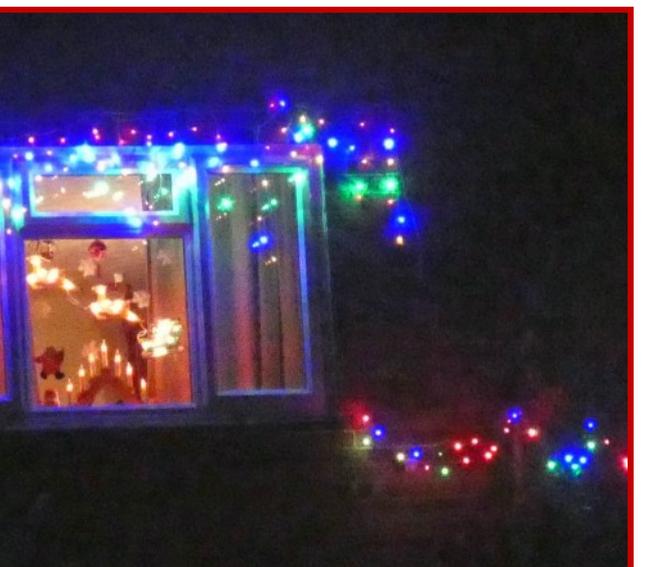
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Winner!

It was a very difficult decision as there were four that were very close contenders, after much deliberation this was the winner.



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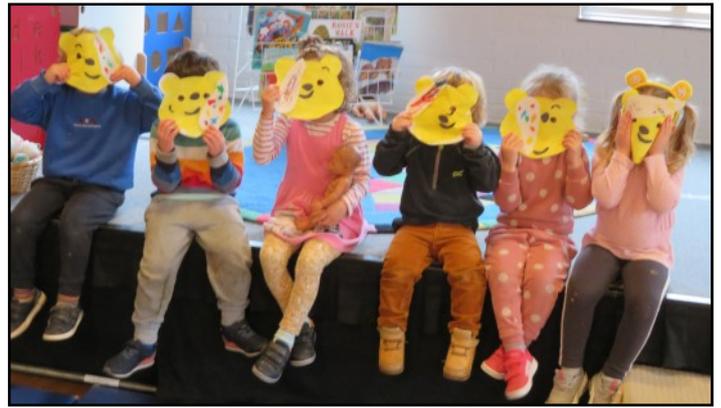
Poppies, Pudsey and Christmas at Ladybirds



ON the Monday following the wreaths being placed at the war memorial we went on a walk to see the poppies. Some of the children had seen them on the Sunday and when asked where we might find them one

little boy said 'on the tree'. He certainly was right, and they look beautiful there. Following a good look at the wreaths the children played Pooh sticks at March Bridge before we went into The Grove to see the 'broken' tree. This raised many questions as to 'why?' and 'how'. Those two questions that seem to be asked of so many things from this age group. A good book to follow up with is 'After the Storm' one of the Percy the Park Keeper stories by Nick Butterworth. On returning to the Hall the children made pictures of poppies.

As we are a registered charity, we don't get involved in fund raising for other organisations but feel it is



important that the children understand that some children are not as lucky as they are. So on Friday when Children in Need aired we made some Pudsey masks and talked about the children who are poorly or don't have toys and lots of food.

We have now entered December and have started on our Christmas makes, songs and play. The thing that is causing the most excitement is the Cheeky Elf who during the night moves around the Hall causing mischief. After coats off and bags sorted the children run off to find where he is. When he was seen hanging from the high decorations one of the children asked how he has got up there. After some consideration it was decided that the cheeky elf had climbed onto an elephant's head! Well would you believe it not only a cheeky elf but an elephant too playing in the Hall at night.

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Liz Dyer

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'Odd Socks and Spots' day on the 19th December saw us fundraising for **Children in Need** by wearing spots or Pudsey related clothing. We also supported 'Anti-bullying Week' by wearing our 'Odd Socks'. The focus of the day was 'Saying or doing something kind'. The School Council held a cake sale with cakes donated by our wonderful parents. We raised an amazing total of £190.70! Well done everyone and thank you for your support.



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Milborne Jubilee Jamboree

WE, as part of the working party, are pleased to announce the plans so far for our village Jamboree!

The long bank holiday weekend starts on **Thursday 2nd June and runs through to Sunday 5th June.**

We hope that all villagers and their families can partake and enjoy the many events taking place.

So far we are looking at the following for all to embrace and join in with.

Thursday 2nd

A **Milborne Fairy Village** will be created for all to seek out and enjoy the creativity of our villagers.

The Royal Oak will hold a themed '**all you can eat**' evening at the pub.

Friday 3rd

Villagers will be encouraged to decorate their front gardens with '**container displays**' of all types. Categories to be announced for prize giving.

Royal scarecrows created by households and displayed in their front gardens, for all to enjoy, will also be celebrated with a prize giving.

The village hall will host a '**Royal movie night**' with a film that will get us all in the mood for the regal celebration.

Saturday 4th

The morning hopes to start with a '**Fun Run**' to include parts of the Jubilee Trail finishing at the Sports Club ready for everyone to embrace the family afternoon of fun and games.

The '**Picnic at the Pavillion**' will be a fun filled afternoon of sporting events including traditional games, a football match, tug of war and more. We encourage all to bring their picnic tables, chairs and brollies as well as food and drink to keep you going throughout.

Moving into the evening the '**Party at the Pavilion**' will celebrate the day with party band '**The Few**' sponsored by Wyatt Homes headlining as the main event. We hope to have some local hot food suppliers to keep us all sustained whilst we dance the night away bringing your own drinks to keep you hydrated and partying. Please note that there will not be a licensed bar during the time at the Sports Club.

Sunday 5th

The Church will be holding a service with all parishioners welcome.

We encourage all **street parties** to take place on the Sunday afternoon and will leave you all to organise these as you see fit.

The Parish Council are happy to assist in supporting with costs that may be incurred for the event but we obviously hope to keep these to a minimum and so this is an early shout out to one and all to start making lots and lots of bunting so that we can decorate and be proud of our village throughout the jamboree. The Parish Council are able to gain public liability insurance for village events free of charge for Jubilee celebrations which is fantastic but we will be looking for volunteers to help out during certain events and so please make contact if you are happy to help.

These proposals are not set in stone and maybe subject to change but also, if you wish to add any further events or wish to pledge support for the events planned please contact myself, Amy Stephens on 07828659104 or via amyawnsell81@gmail.com to let me know how you would like to get involved.

We look forward to seeing you all there during the weekend's events and getting the whole village involved!!
Amy Stephens

The Retrospecto-scope – The best tool in the locker

WE have all done something we wish, with the benefit of hindsight, we could undo, make a different choice, carried out more research before plunging in.

Following the death of my mother the doctor attending her from the time she was admitted to St. Thomas's Hospital, London until her death six weeks later, having had four operations to amputate, first a little toe, then all the toes of her right foot, then the foot, and lastly the leg below the knee, she mercifully died of Septicaemia, the doctor said "We should have used a retrospecto-scope".

The purpose of telling this story is the words the doctor said at the end of my mother's life. He was saying that had he known what he knew then he would have done things differently.

Quite often in the *Reporter* magazine there are articles from the Trading Standards Department a body that looks after all manner of things to do with food safety, faulty goods or services etc. It is well worth reading their articles but not in hindsight.

Generally, we are a nation that relies on trust and goodwill. Too often we take things at face value. We take recommendations from friends and neighbours on trust but beware, carry out your own research into companies, such as landscape gardeners. Carry out that 'Due diligence', check the company is solvent and get references and check these out. Use social media but delve deeply into the company you are about to use, use the Government's website, Companies House and check out the details of the company. If they charge VAT check the VAT number is genuine again on the gov.uk web page.

I have had a particularly difficult experience and it has bit me hard. My mental health was very badly affected and I blame myself for not carrying out the 'Due diligence'.

There is no fool like an old fool, so please don't get caught out and don't get scammed. Get fixed prices and an itemised inventory of what work is proposed, don't trust, check and check again.



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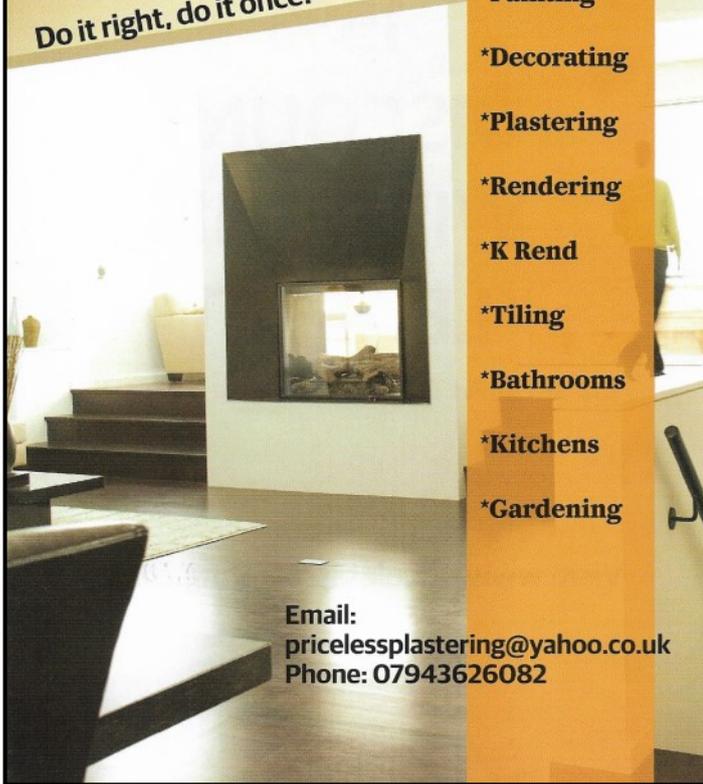
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A Northern Pilgrimage – Iona, Inner Hebrides

I'VE always had an affinity for St. Columba as his saint's day is my birthday. This trip to Iona, where he built the Christian community, had been a long time in coming. I'd originally booked to go in 1995, but sadly ill-health prevented my going, so when I read that the Bishop of Sherborne was leading a trip for people in Salisbury diocese, I jumped at the chance. This time the trip was only postponed by a year: from 2020 to 2021.

Two members of the Puddletown church congregation and I set off on our long journey on Tuesday 19th October. We reached Glasgow by car, train, plane and taxi, where we joined the rest of the group for an overnight stop at a hotel whose name I shall not mention. The rooms were generally fine, but . . . I and others in the group spent a fair amount of time reading the colourful, glossy menu laid out for us in the bedrooms, deciding what we would eat for our evening meal and whether to choose a supper-breakfast deal or not. The reality was far from the anticipation. The actual dining-room menu was nothing like it. Little choice, running out of what was on the menu, miniscule portions for some, dreadful service and an inability to calculate the bill correctly – just paying for our food took more than half an hour. Needless to say, on the return journey most of us ate out.

The journey to Iona the next day mainly by coach and boat provided some stunning views: Loch Lomond in particular had me transfixed. We drove from Glasgow to Oban, where we joined the ferry to Mull. Standing on deck, sea all around, I began to shake off the busy-ness and mind-whirling that is part of my daily life and find peace. Across Mull by coach before a much smaller boat took us to Iona itself.

We trudged up the hill to our hotel, the hill that the following day seemed only like a gentle rise, but which at the end of a day's travelling appeared steeper than it really was. The Columba hotel, where we would spend the next five nights, was warm and welcoming.

I fell in love with the island. Over the next few days, we listened to talks from the Bishop about the Celtic saints and joined the Iona community for services in the Abbey, an imposing building. Columba arrived in the year 563 and built a monastery where he and his band of brothers lived. In spite of many Viking raids, their buildings stood until the end of the 12th-century. The current abbey dates back to the founding of a Benedictine community in around 1200. Monasticism remained a dominant feature of Iona life until the Reformation, when everything ended.

There were organised group trips around the island and to



Mull, but I chose to do my own thing. One day I took a trip to Staffa, the home of Fingal's cave, which has so memorably influenced the composer Felix Mendelssohn, the poets Wordsworth, Keats and Tennyson, and the artist Turner. Even Queen Victoria made the trip. The cave is amazing. Similar to the Giant's Causeway in Ireland, which is perhaps better known, it is made from hexagonal basalt columns. I didn't sing while there – there were several in the cave at the time – but

the acoustics are incredible.

On another day I visited the abbey as a tourist not a worshipper. It is a stark and cold building but the warmth inside has been created by those who now live and work there. In 1938 George MacLeod, a church minister from a desperately poor dockland parish in Govan, Glasgow, took unemployed skilled craftsmen and young trainee clergy to Iona to rebuild both the monastic quarters of the mediaeval abbey and create common life by working and living together, sharing skills and effort as well as joys and achievement. His original vision has adapted as time has moved on, but a community still lives, works and worships there with social justice at its heart.

Alongside the church buildings is the Abbey museum, full of artefacts and information. Historic Scotland looks after it, and it has one of the best Scottish collections of earliest crosses and graves.

On another day Emma from Puddletown and I wandered down to St. Columba's Bay, where he is believed to have landed when he first arrived in Iona. Here we found an array of beautiful pebbles of all different shades and hues.

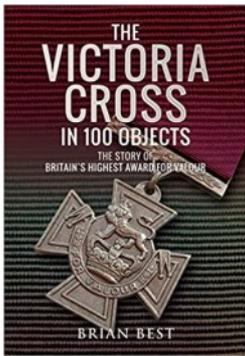
For all the history of the place, what really spoke to me above all else was the beauty and peace of the island. I spent hours on the empty sandy beaches on the island's north coast, watching the waves roll in and out, praying, marvelling at the beauty of creation and just being. I found deep inner and outer peace. Most days when I visited I was alone on the expanses of sand.

And the rainbows. Never have I seen so many in such a small amount of time. A symbol of hope from earliest times, it was as if they were everywhere following us around and reminding me of the phenomenal world in which we live, where beauty is all around, in the sky, sea and on land.

I came home determined to find more peace and space in my life and wanting to build a cloister in which to house a Highland cow! The first of those aims is still a work in progress. I can't imagine the second ever happening, but life is the poorer without dreams. And I did bring back two cuddly toy versions of the cow, now named Columba and Iona.

Sarah Hilman

The Victoria Cross in 100 Objects by Brian Best



THIS book tells the story of the Victoria Cross as an award, from the initial idea during the Crimean War, though the design of the medal, the material from which it is made, and its history as an award. The First Investiture would have had a Sergeant Major shouting extremely loudly during the preparations, and full of horror as the Monarch changed the arrangements 'on the hoof', I think.

There's a chapter on the Netley Hospital, whose VC was buried in its foundations in 1856. The book then describes the actions of a number of winners of the VC, with quirky chapters such as 'Thomas Butler's Colt Revolver' interspersed between them. There are also chapters covering VC suicides and those who fell into disgrace after service, including a VC bigamist who was of five men who had their VCs forfeited due to their later conduct..

This author has done a huge amount of research, and yet presents his material in an easy-to-read way, with photographs, newspaper clippings and anecdotes. The tale of the VC found in the back of a sideboard sent to auction is particularly thought-provoking.

I enjoyed this book very much and would recommend it to anyone with an interest in gallantry, and in the various people who have been rewarded for it.

Susan Wilson

Whist – Tuesday 18th January

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cover hire charges, etc. but the first meeting on 18th January will be free of charge as we will use this time to introduce new (and existing) members to this card game that has been around for over 300 years.

We play as partners and then each player moves on to play with a different partner for the next hand. There will be a short refreshment break in the middle of the afternoon.

Our numbers are perilously low at present, and to continue the Club we need some new members. Everything is provided so why not come along and join us for a fun afternoon. Much better than sitting at home in the cold!

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It's been a while since we last updated you on the refresh of the **Neighbourhood Plan** but rest assured the team have been working hard to incorporate your feedback and to complete the necessary actions such as the **Strategic Environmental and Habitats Regulations Assessments** needed to ensure our plan stands up to scrutiny and also protects our environment.

It's fascinating work.

Did you know there is a long list of protected species that lives among us including Adonis Blue butterfly, Brown Long-eared Bat, Cuckoo, Dingy Skipper butterfly, Eurasian Badger, European Water Vole, Soprano Pipistrelle and Wall butterfly, plant species including Bluebell, Divided Sedge, Field Scabious and Quaking-grass. Anyway, I digress.

So, taking what you told us about housing, we are proposing to make some minor but far reaching changes in this area.

Because of the amount of development already permitted (over 80 dwellings) at Camelco and Huntley Down (which is now actually underway) we're proposing that a point in the original plan to allow building on green fields in exceptional circumstances should be removed.

We're also intending to include provisions to make sure that **affordable housing really does go to local people**.

Related to housing, last time we asked you about your **Travel Needs**. Your answers confirmed the use of private cars and vans as essential for getting about from a rural community to work, shops and healthcare for example. This has given us the information needed to have another go at beefing up **off-road parking provision** for new builds. We've also recognised the need for providing electric car charging too (we were ahead of the government on this one). So we're planning changes to get this adopted.

In terms of **Employment and Business needs** a few tweaks are

needed to bring some technical terms into alignment with current government definitions. There is also a loophole in the current plan that would allow a dwelling to be built for employment purposes and then change it to residential without

And – the consultation is about to begin!

This should start on Monday 10th January and end on Friday 25th February 2022. As well as the PC notice boards and website, it should be online at

<https://www.facebook.com/MilborneStAndrewNP>. If you can't get online to see the revised plan, we will have a few printed copies available at the Londis Shop.

We will also be at the Village Hall for a drop-in, probably on Sunday 13th February (dates/times to be confirmed in the February reporter) where you will be able to see copies in person. To respond to the consultation we will have a simple online questionnaire, or you can contact us on msa-np@dorsetplanning.co.uk or send written comments to the Parish Clerk (13 Stileham Bank, Milborne St Andrew)

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requiring any further consents. We propose to close this loophole.

You may recall some details about funding for a **branch surgery and pre-school** associated with the Camelco development. After consultation it has become apparent that a branch surgery isn't feasible and that more flexibility is needed with regards to siting of the Pre-School. To reflect this the revised plan will probably remove reference to the surgery and will introduce some flexibility in terms of Pre-School location.

Finally we'd previously asked you about the **Conservation area boundaries proposal** which received a lot of support so we've done a lot of work in this respect. The outcome will be more clarity about the areas that are to be treated as "countryside" which will help reinforce planning decisions.

We'll do more to recognise our local landscape and farming heritage with a greater emphasis on our historic barns and farm buildings. And we'll make more of our important local landmarks like the Royal Oak, the Church, Manor Farm House, The Grove and of course the views out to open fields all of which creates the gorgeous rural character of our village.

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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who stepped into the chairman's breach two years ago and guided us through a pandemic and two lockdowns and all the while managing to put on events roughly once a month even when others might have thrown the towel in, has decided that she has done her stint and is standing down. Rose is a fabulous lady and has done so much to keep our club alive that we all owe her a huge debt of thanks. So efficient and energetic, Rose is a hard act to follow. Nevertheless when Rose told us she wanted to step down I volunteered to step in at least until the AGM in March when a proper vote will be held. We'll see how that goes. We already have all sorts of events lined up for next year. Let's hope we'll be able to do them.

As you read this Christmas will have come and gone and so I hope you were able to enjoy your Christmas and you were able to see your family and friends and I wish you all the best for the New Year.

Steve O'Neill
(acting chairman)



What's on in Milborne

January

- Wednesday 5th** **Wednesday Club** New Year's Party, Village Hall 2.00pm.
- Wednesday 5th** **Badminton** First School 6.30pm *New members welcome.*
- Wednesday 5th** **Parish Council** Village Hall 7.30pm.
- Thursday 6th** **Bridge** The Royal Oak 7.00pm.
- Monday 10th** **Village Lunch AGM** The Royal Oak 12.15pm.
- Thursday 13th** **WI** Village Hall 7.30pm.
- Friday 14th** **Deadline** for copy for the *Reporter*.
- Tuesday 18th** **Whist** Milton Abbas Reading Rooms 2.00pm
- Friday 28th** **Milborne Movies** *Lawrence after Arabia* Village Hall 7.30pm.

Regular Bookings at the Village Hall

- Ladybirds Playgroup** Monday–Friday 8.30am.
 - Players** Monday 7.00pm weekly.
 - Line Dancing** Tuesday 7.30pm weekly.
 - Wednesday Club** 2.00pm 1st Wednesday monthly.
 - Yoga** Thursday 3.30pm weekly.
 - Karate** Thursday 5.10pm weekly.
 - Women's Institute** 7.30pm 2nd Thursday monthly.
 - Gardening Club** 7.30pm 3rd Thursday monthly.
 - Village Lunch** 12.15–2.30pm last Saturday monthly.
 - Artsreach Events** – look out for the posters.
- Check the Village Hall Notice Board for any other events that are one off for you to join in with.

Regular Bookings at the Sports & Social Club

- Busy Bees** Under 5 Group from 9.30–11.30am on Thursday term time only. Contact Claire Tudge on 07970 734162.
 - Yoga** (Mellulah) Thursday (evening): Friday (mornings).
 - Beavers** Friday 5.00–6.30pm.
 - Football** Saturdays and Sunday.
 - Private parties, birthdays, wedding** receptions check online calendar.
- Check the Sports & Social online calendar on the village website for any other events you might be able to join in with.

Regular Bookings at the First School

- Pilates** Monday 6.30–7.30pm (term time only).
- Yoga** Tuesday 6.15–7.45pm (term time only).
- Badminton** Wednesday 6.30–7.30pm (term time only).



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	Chair: Andrew Booth	01258 837284
Parish Council –	Clerk: Wayne Lewin	07419 136735
Milborne St. Andrew	Chair: Richard Macnair	07774 081551

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Flooding: Environment Agency Floodline 03459 881188

Environmental Incident: Environment Agency Hotline 08008 807060

www.gov.uk/government/organisations/environment-agency

South West Highways hello@whitd.co.uk 01404 821500

Wessex Water Sewerage Floodline 03458 505959

MSA Flood Warden, Non-Emergency Only: Mark Johnson 01258 839060

GENERAL – ADULT

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

GENERAL – YOUTH

Scouts/Beavers	Sam Elliott	07873 762035
Busy Bees	Claire Tudge	07970 734162
Milborne Ladybirds	Liz Dyer	01258 839117

POLICE

Police – Non-emergency contact		101
Community Beat Officer	PC Dave Mullins	101
Safer Neighbourhood Team	PC Dave Mullins and PCSO Luke Goddard	101

SCHOOL

Milborne First School		
Headteacher:	Sharon Staddon	01258 837362
Chair Governors:	David French	
Friends of School co-Chair:	Marie Chappell and Natalie Dennis	

SPECIAL INTEREST

Bellringers	Pip Bowell	01258 837329
Bridge Group	Laurie Benn	01258 837720
Cribbage	Peter Anthony	01258 837089
Dog Training Behaviour	Natasja Lewis	07896 275357
Food and Wine Club	Steve O'Neill	07490 691121
MSA Allotment Society Chair:	Joy Robinson	01258 837661
Secretary:	Anna Cullen	01258 837143
MSA Gardening Club	Sally Dyer	01258 837061
Milborne Players	Gren Davis	07876 793319
Round Robin Ramblers	Ian Bromilow	01258 880044
Village History Group	Pam Shults	01258 837203

SPORT

Hardy Country Bowmen	Mike Healy	01300 342134
Badminton	Bruce Dyer	01258 839117
Circuit training	Grace Martin	01305 213885

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

VILLAGE HALL

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Chair:		
Booking Secretary:	Margaret Groves	01258 837617
Milborne St. Andrew		
Chairman:	Sarah Ryan	01258 839230
Booking Secretary:	Alison Riddle	01258 837148

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Milborne St. Andrew Surgery		01258 880210
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