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# What is St. Valentine's Day to you?

A DISH from Nigella's book *Nigellissima* using tagliati (thinly cut steak) served with penetta (mini penne) in a gruyere and white wine sauce? A bunch of red roses? A cupid card with golden arrows piercing your heart? A box of chocolates or a handmade card festooned with lace? Or will a Hallmark card do the trick with a piece of jewellery inside? Or will a Hallmark card do the trick with a piece of jewellery inside? An estimated 145 million Valentine commercial cards are sent every year making it the second largest card sending holiday of the year, second only to Christmas. Who would have thought it had its origins in murky truth; bloody, violent and awash with animal sacrifice.

The Roman pagan holiday of Lupercalia usually celebrated between 13th and 15th February appears to be the origin. It was a fertility festival dedicated to Faunus the God of Agriculture and Romulus and Remus (the founders of Rome). Couplings were rife to ward off evil spirits and encourage fertility. A goat would be sacrificed for fertility and a dog for purification. Strips of hide soaked in blood would be used to slap women in the street and to dampen crops to encourage fertility. Then the women would put scraps of paper in an urn and bachelors would pull out a name and be paired with that woman for a year. Many ended in marriage.

There were three distinct historical characters in the third century BC all named Valentine, one of whom was said to have healed a child whilst imprisoned and later decapitated by the Emperor Claudius. He had defied the Emperor's latest decree to stop all single men marrying believing them to make better soldiers if they were free, by marrying them in secret. All were

martyred, one for helping Christians escape their harsh treatment by the Romans whilst imprisoned. One a priest another a bishop. One of them even sent a love note from prison to a woman he admired signed "from your Valentine". Since that time St. Valentine has been regarded as a sympathetic, heroic and romantic figure. In the Middle Ages he was the most popular Saint. Chaucer wrote the first Valentine Poem called "Parliament of Foules" as it was considered that 14th February was when birds began their mating season. He wrote "For this was sent on Seynt Valentyne's day/ when every foul cometh to choose their mate".

In 1415 the Duke of Orleans sent a love poem to his wife whilst he was in prison. Henry V hired a writer to write and send a Valentine's note to Catherine de Valois. In Verona there is a "Juliet" club triggered by Shakespeare's heroine which receives hundreds of Valentine cards each year. In the 19th century Richard Cadbury started the tradition of sending boxes of chocolates.

The image of Eros now a chubby baby figure, was originally a handsome immortal who played with the emotions of Gods and men. He now bears golden arrows to incite love and also . . . to sow aversion! Yes, there are also unkind cards. In the 1700's the Americans starting sending hand made versions and by the 1840's Esther Howland sent the first mass produced versions. She is known as the "Mother of Valentines" and made elaborate creations with real lace, ribbons and colourful pictures known as "scraps". What a long way we have come since AD 270! There are now "self love" groups who send cards, flowers and chocolate to themselves and feast in splendid isolation, or even with other "self lovers". Take your pick – what's your fancy?

*Carole Fornachon*



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## Send a Card to a Friend Day – February 7th 2022

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If you are struggling with feeling isolated or your mental health, please do not feel that you are on your own. We all need support at one time or another, and we are here to help. So, if you would like a listening ear about anything that is worrying you, please contact the surgery and they can put you in touch with Kelly, our friendly Social Prescriber.

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We have recently changed our surgery policy for patients with symptoms of a urinary tract infection. Rather than just dropping in a urine sample for the Nurses to dip, our GPs would like to examine you. So if you think you have a water infection, please contact the surgery on 01258 880210 at 8.30am and we will book you in for a face to face appointment with a clinician. If you could also bring a urine sample along to your appointment that would be very helpful.

## Blandford Community Fridge

You may or may not be aware that a community fridge for Blandford was set up in May 2021 for all to benefit from free food and to reduce food waste. It can be found at the Blandford Youth and Community Centre, Milldown Road, and is open 9.00am to 11am on Wednesdays. You don't need to be referred to use the fridge – the idea is to reduce food waste, so it's open to anyone! Why not pop along and take a look?

## Blood donation

Blood donors are urgently needed. If you haven't donated before, or not for a while, please consider doing so if you can. Blood donation saves lives. You could make a real difference. NHS Blood Donation needs almost 400 new donors every day to meet demand. If you haven't given blood before, could you? The most local blood donation venues are in Dorchester and Blandford, but you can search for somewhere local to you at: <https://www.blood.co.uk>

Gillian Brindle

## Neighbour Car – a driver's perspective

I'VE been driving for Neighbour Car ever since I moved to the village. If it didn't exist, people without transport, who are often elderly, would have to rely on buses and taxis for all hospital and doctors appointments. Impractical and very expensive. This is where the small number of volunteer drivers step in to take the worry out of journeys. I'm happy to volunteer because it's so worthwhile, I enjoy driving and it can be fitted in around day-to-day life because saying "sorry, can't fit that in next week" is OK.

Drivers are not out of pocket because we get paid mileage and most journeys are local. Customers are very appreciative, but more drivers are desperately needed. So why not become part of the team? If we are not careful, this wonderful service will no longer exist when WE need it and our village will be the poorer for it.

Mark Johnson

## PC hears Sports Club's plans for the future

THE CLERK met with the Speed Indicator Device (SID) team, and the new location agreed for the SID is on the patch of grass between Huntley Down and Coles Lane. This will catch speeding motorists 100m down the road, past Stileham Bank, and the same in the other direction. Unfortunately, the SID that was to be purchased hasn't come up to Dorset Council's standards and has been returned to the manufacturer. There is an option to purchase an off the shelf SID if the original one isn't approved. Meanwhile, posts will be installed.

Mr Lock presented a paper called *MSA Sports Club, Going Forward Together*, on behalf of the Sports Club Trustees, that contained the following items:

- **Permission to make a planning application** to use the grounds of the sports club for camping and bring it under certification. There would be no more than three caravans and five tents at any one time. The Sports Club would have complete control of who comes in and how long they stay, and this would provide the club with an income. It was requested that Mr Lock update the application with more detail around the number of pitches that would be available, the preferred places that the pitches would be, and confirm that the wouldn't be providing a caravan storage facility.
- **Supporting improved accessibility and community use** by providing a permanent "portable" outside toilet. This would be an incentive for those wishing to use the recreational space. Currently if you are "caught short" when the Pavilion is closed the only option is to use the bushes. The toilet would be covered by CCTV and cleaned by members of the Sports Club. There was much discussion around whether a toilet should have a lock on it, a keypad, or a key safe with a PIN, and then those wanting to use it would have access to the PIN. Councillors felt that if everyone had the PIN then the toilet might as well be open. Councillors would prefer to agree a solution whereby the toilet is open during daylight hours. Mr Lock will take this item back to the committee to discuss.
- **Permission to make alterations to the existing gates** at the entrance of the Sports Club. When either of the gates are open the width of the opening is around 2.9m (9'9"). This is wider than caravans, LGVs and some HGVs. When a gate is open there is no physical barrier to stop any of these vehicles entering the site without invitation. The Sports Club would like to alter the gates so that whichever of the gates is open the opening would be less than 2.3m. This would mean that one gate could be left open during daylight hours making it easier for those using the facilities. Mr Lock will take this back to the committee and confirm the width of the opening.

The Village Hall asked the PC for money to support the ongoing outside maintenance. Councillors reiterated that this is the responsibility of the Village Hall under the Trust and the PC do not own the land nor building. Councillors noted a lack of fundraising plans, and suggested that as the Village Hall is falling short of funds they should look for grants outside of the village. There is money ringfenced by the Huntley Down development (S106), that would help the Village Hall with costs for play equipment, and it is expected that this will be available this year. The funding request was declined by the PC.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 2nd February at 7.00pm at the Village Hall (subject to Covid), and is open for members of the public and press to attend.

Jo Whitfield



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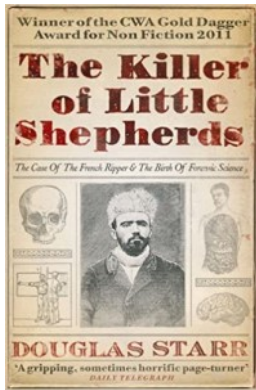
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## A Good Read: The Killer of Little Shepherds by Douglas Starr



VACHER, dubbed "*The Killer of Little Shepherds*", (and *The French Ripper*) terrorized the French countryside. He eluded authorities for years-until he ran up against prosecutor Emile Fourquet and Dr. Alexandre Lacassagne, the era's most renowned criminologist. The two men typified the Belle Epoque, a period of immense scientific achievement and fascination with its promise to reveal the secrets of the human condition. With high drama and stunning detail, Douglas Starr recounts the infamous crime and punishment of Vacher, interweaving the story of how Lacassagne and his colleagues developed forensics as we know it. We see one of the earliest uses of criminal profiling, as Fourquet

painstakingly collects eyewitness accounts, leading to Vacher's arrest. And we see the twists and turns of the celebrated trial: to disprove Vacher's defense by reason of insanity, Fourquet recruits Lacassagne, who had revolutionized criminal science: refining the use of blood spatter evidence, systematizing the autopsy and doing ground-breaking research in psychology. At the end of the nineteenth century, Joseph Lacassagne's forensic investigation ranks among the greatest of all time, and its denouement is gripping. An important contribution to the history of medicine and criminal justice, impressively researched and thrillingly told.

I felt it was a first rate read; a page-turner, a work of immense scholarship. Balanced, vivid, terse, dramatic, written in a true crime format. The characters came off the page as did the densely detailed, painstaking reconstructions, tracking, profiling. Rural France in the late nineteenth century is beautifully recreated. The ignorance, simplicity and naivety of the sparse population. Their remoteness their superstition and obstinacy. Fourquet used techniques far in advance of his time, assumptive questioning. Lacassagne and his fellow scientists were pioneers of criminal profiling in their chosen field, banner bearers. The author relaxes back in his imaginary chair at the end and discusses the events he has summarised. All the way through he reminds us of cases previously referred to, goes back over events, gives a summation, enabling us to take part in an informed discussion at the end. He never lets us forget the non-criminogenic factors that contributed to the criminals behaviour or the effect on the communities from which these poor victims came. I loved the question 'Are tigers responsible?' and other interesting facts the 'starchy bodies found in the brains of the elderly', the fact that sadism was a new concept. The structure of the St. Paul prison like a camembert! That mouse red blood cells are larger than a lion's; that it was only in 1824 that they discovered the unity of egg and sperm created life, that numbers of murderers went barefoot. The use of calibrated microscopes enabled them to differentiate hair from fur, examining dust and blood. The amazing book by Megnin called 'Fauna of the Tombs' which described *eight squads the labourers of death*, and Brouardel's experiment with the 'long bluish flames'!!!. That the Court were captivated by Lacassagnes' powerful reasoning. He represented the 'cool light of science' believing that medical experts must remain cool and calm, a model of impartiality. That scientific analysis would reveal the objective truth. His comment that societies have the criminals they deserve was illuminated by his saying that compassion, even pity for the criminal 'should not trump the values of order, self discipline and social responsibility' Also his statement that 'death is a pivot point when certain processes ended but others began'. And his idea of getting autobiographical note books from murderers particularly those with chapter headings from Vidal, a homosexual 'we crawl in the fetid ruts of shameful and criminal joys'.

I found it astonishing that their students 'dissected their professors'.

And how strong was Vacher! He ripped apart a straitjacket, he kicked in a cell door, he walked thousands of miles, he kept a knife under his mattress for six weeks! Threatened Fourquet with it. It is a totally compelling read and a well told piece of scientific history.

Carole Fornachon

## Travelling in the time of Covid

OUR son decided a life in America many years ago was perfect for him. So we have enjoyed holidays with him twice a year for the last ten years. Then closely following the birth of our first grandchild came Covid.

We were determined to see our American



family as soon as humanly possible as we had only seen little Ellis once when he was quite young and time was passing and we are not getting any younger.

Suddenly, after a

nearly two years, America had decided it was safe to let in people from the United Kingdom. There was much joy on both sides of the pond, then we had to start sorting out how to get there.

We had about three weeks' notice and we had no idea how many hoops we had to jump through before we could set off.

We had already booked a flight a year ago and cancelled it twice and we had no difficulty in rebooking, so that was the first step.

Then the forms, firstly a Covid jab certificate to prove we had all three inoculations, then we needed to book a PCR test for two days before the flight, prebook a test for when we returned, make sure our travel insurance included Covid, check we had our visas, register all these for 'Verify' an amazing new app that lets you book in for the flight.

Nobody actually knew what the regulations would finally be until the day we travelled. We may be stopped at the airport, or stranded in America for a very expensive fortnight.

The day we left the house and got into the taxi taking us to the airport we put on our masks, they were not removed, apart from eating our meal on the plane, until we came out of Dulles airport, 13 hours later.

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Was it worth it? All the trauma, all the worry? When our grandson saw us and said, 'Hello Nana and Bump'; you bet it was.

Josie Wright

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## Candlemas – a festival of light

Many faiths have some kind of light festival in the winter months, when evenings are long and skies often grey and dark.

In modern Britain we very rarely experience complete darkness. With the ubiquity of electric lighting, one has to go to a completely deserted spot to find a total absence of artificial luminosity.

On a clear starlit night, there is nothing quite like being in a place where the only light is from the sky.

Candlemas is one Christian festival where light is a key theme. Mary and Joseph took the young Jesus to the temple for the Jewish rites of purification; while there, they met the elderly Simeon who had been waiting for the coming of the King long foretold by the prophets of old. On seeing the child Jesus, he uttered the words commonly now called the Nunc Dimittis; Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people, to be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel (*Book of Common Prayer* version). Simeon saw in the baby before him the Light of the World, a phrase which Jesus later used of himself.

It always strikes me how, when a small candle is lit in the darkest room, the whole place is transformed. Suddenly what may seem like a black hole of darkness and nothingness has a focus, something to look at; the overwhelming sense of gloom is pierced by one small flame.

The idea that Jesus is the Light of the World is a metaphorical one, in which I hope we can find comfort when our lives seem dark and gloomy. We can't turn Jesus on like a torch when we are in physical darkness, but in the same way that a candle flame can transform a dark room, the promises of Christ to be with us always can alter our sense of aloneness in our troubles.

Lighting a candle can be a way of reminding ourselves of this. When we baptise a child in church, we always give them a candle to take home as a reminder that the light of Christ is with them wherever they are. In the past people would bring their year's candles to be blessed in church at the Candlemas services, another reminder of God's light. Perhaps next time you feel alone with your troubles, you might like to find a candle and light it as a reminder that God is with you, however isolated you feel, and that there is nowhere that is beyond the scope of God's love.

Why not find a candle on February 2nd, and light it for ten minutes or so while you reflect on God's presence in your home and life? You could perhaps continue lighting that candle each day for a few moments until the wick is burnt up and the wax gone. And then call to mind that God's light is eternal and will never die out.

Best wishes

*Sarah*

## Christmas was celebrated in St. Andrew's Church

Despite the increasing cases of the Omicron Covid virus we were lucky enough to celebrate Christmas in our church this year. At St. Andrew's we had a wonderful candle lit Carol Service, which was not as well attended as our last one, but still enough for people to raise joyful sounds when singing the carols (with masks on of course). Before the service began the bell ringing team rang some rounds for all to hear, very Christmassy. It was lovely hearing the bells peel again 'calling' villagers to church. The Christmas Eve service also went ahead and was attended by a few hardy congregational members. Sarah kept the children involved and enthralled at the Christmas morning service. Our Celebrate service was held on the first Sunday of Epiphany which is when the Wise Men visited the Manger. The team planned the service to focus on journeys.

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

### 6th February – 4th Sunday before Lent

9.30am	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30	Celebrate . . .	Milborne
11.00	Parish Communion	Puddletown
11.00	1662 Morning Prayer (traditional language)	Dewlish
4.00pm	Messy Church	Dewlish

### 13th February – 3rd Sunday before Lent

9.30am	Parish Communion	Milborne
11.00	Puddletown Praise	Puddletown
11.00	Parish Communion	Dewlish
5.30pm	Sunday Reflections <b>NEW</b>	Tolpuddle

### 20th February – 2nd Sunday before Lent

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

### 28th February – Sunday Next before Lent

9.30am	Go Fourth	Tolpuddle
9.30	Parish Communion	Milborne
11.00	1662 Morning Prayer (traditional language)	Puddletown
11.00	Parish Communion	Dewlish

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The church was beautifully decked with wonderful flower displays, thanks to our small but creative flower arranging team. If anyone is interested in joining the team, do get in touch.

Our Open the Book team are still taking Bible stories to the children in our first school. It is a lovely way to introduce children to some stories of the Bible. There are story books written in a way to present each story, so that it speaks for itself, as a Bible story and not as a sermon. The team, dressed up act out the story using visual aids and actions; some children may be invited to be involved in the performance. If anyone is interested in joining our Open the Book teams do get in touch to find out more.

Last year we had a Quinquennial Inspection, which identified some minor works, mostly of slipped or damaged roof tiles. In order to get the work done a 'Faculty' is required. Faculties are permissive rights to undertake any repair or building works to the church and have to be gained in order to do the work. This is now an online application process which I found challenging but eventually succeeded. However, we are still waiting for permission to carry out the necessary works, which shouldn't impact on nearby neighbours. Hopefully the work will be carried out in the spring.

*Pam Shults, Churchwarden*

## Dewlish Church Notes

IT WAS a joy to be able to hold the Carol Service, with singing and the delightful children taking part again! Sadly, illness and isolating meant we were without Mary and a king but the children very ably improvised, providing us with some lovely singing as they joined in the carols with gusto! Well done, all of you!

Many thanks also to Aidan and Becky who provided the music and, of course, to Jim who managed to put it all together despite a very fraught time! The collection amounted to £100, and this will be donated to the Children's Society.

The next evening carol singing was held around the Christmas tree on the village crossroads. The collection of £40.80 was kindly donated to our church. Thank you very much everyone!

The church looked really beautiful for our Christmas services, all thanks to our dedicated flower ladies, and to Jim. Sarah led our service which was attended by 16 people.

Many thanks to all who have kept our church going during such tough times. We all hope for a better 2022!

*Daphne Burg*



### Christened at St. Andrew's



On Sunday 28th November the family and friends of Cole William White,

son of Ed and Leanne, grandparents

Pauline and Cecil Fry of Wetherby Close and Bruce and Tina of Burtleston

attended his christening at St. Andrew's church.

Ed and Leanne, Pauline and Cecil were both married at the church, so they saw it fitting for Cole to be christened there.

Godparents were Leanne's brother, Marcus and Ed's two sisters, Victoria and Hayley.

A reception with mulled wine and food followed at the Sports Pavilion for 45 guests.

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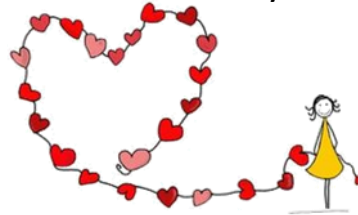
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# Love is All Around

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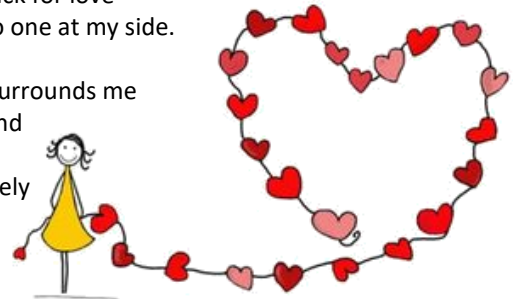
I may not have a Valentine  
But it doesn't cause me tears  
For I have been so loved  
By different people through  
the years.

They say a girl's first love  
She will remember evermore  
I'm sad to say it rarely lasts  
But there'll be plenty more.

There are so many kinds of love  
We discover through our life  
Some are quite platonic  
And some like man and wife.

So though I now am single  
And have long since been a bride  
I certainly don't lack for love  
Though there's no one at my side.

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# “Milbourne”

Written January 1870 by Mrs Michel then aged 84

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Milbourne! – thy palmy day is past and gone  
And yet with tardy steps it travelled on:  
For age on age and year succeeding year,  
The grey walls echoed to resounding cheer  
Of good old Knights and Baronets and Squires  
who filled the bowl and lighted Christmas fires:  
The Yule log blazing on the well trimmed hearth,  
While all around was merriment and mirth  
As stately Dames and sprightly maidens fair,  
Graced the gay hall in silks and satins rare,  
And Rustics summoned to the joyous treat  
Were pleased respectful in these scenes to meet  
With footsteps light, through the mazy thong,  
The dance took place – and the Melodious song  
In sweetness notes the vocal strain began:  
In closing stanza – loud the chorus rang:  
Nor was the culinary art disclaimed  
By those whose minds to nobler arts were trained  
Since high born Dames were skilled in hams and paste  
Were taught to pickle, boil and roast and baste.  
So here! – when viands on the board were placed  
Appeared a dish which suited every taste  
A Venison pasty! – splendid to behold.  
Seasoned and savoury, baked on perfect mould  
And this the work of her whose presence formed  
A part of that gay lively group – and warmed  
The hearts of all – by courteous smiles and mien  
This the bright pair whom some might style a Queen \*1  
The lovely Rachel – darling of a Sire \*2  
Who deemed her all a parent could desire:  
And pleased he was to hear her praised by one  
A bright, brave youth \*3 – in friendship with his son \*4  
Who at a banquet sat a favoured guest  
Invited thither at the Lords behest  
He sought the Maiden’s hand that festal day  
And bore away the prize to Stratfield Saye

Where she became a mother of a race  
Of Barons bold, adorned with every grace  
Befitting Courts – or else a humbler state  
Or fill high offices amidst the great \*5  
But scenes like these were acted o’er and o’er  
While manly sports in turn with these take lead\*6  
They run, they race – they mount the fiery steed  
And swift the game with hound and horn pursue  
The rosy morn has swept away the dew  
The chace was followed till the chace was o’er  
And the then spoils in triumph home they bore  
The gos-hawk too would wing her airy flight  
High upwards far beyond the reach of sight  
Only discerned by means of tink’ling bell  
Suspended from her neck – her course to tell  
Till pouncing on her prey, in quick descent  
She bears the prize for which she forth was sent  
Meanwhile the gentler sex – with needles ply  
Their varied tasks with silks of richest dye  
A specimen of wonderous taste is seen  
A sampler – worked with red and blue and green  
Shepherds with sheep, and browsing deer in herds  
Trees with ripe fruit – and flights of singing birds  
The rich embroidered tapestry too appears  
Dames with bright hair and gems in nose and ears  
Trellis and flower pots, in trim array  
Castles and Knights with plumes and vestments gay  
Not was more homely needlework forgot  
For coats and garments oft became the lot  
Of poorer neighbours who ne’er sought out in vain  
Help in distress – in sickness – or in pain  
With these tasks of duty were combined  
In daily orison they meekly joined  
And when the Church Bell told the hour of prayer  
The rich and poor – they met together there  
Within the structure on the rising hill  
Of old erected – to be seen theses still

That holy ..... Had called forth thought and care  
From Lords and Patrons who resided there  
Adorned with neatness, yet costly taste \*7  
So many be thought attractive – neat and chaste  
The owners of these lands with honest zeal  
Employed their services for public weal  
In Senate House and Courts of Justice too \*8  
They bore their part with conscience just and true  
So Milbourne! Lived the inmates of thy Towers  
Bright were their days and happy were their hours  
And year on year revolving went its round  
For many an age with many a joyous sound  
Till envious Time at length with stern decree  
Declared “It is enough – This shall no longer be”  
Shook the dark wand and consternation threw  
As o’er these Towers a withering blast he blew –  
What means were used (it need not here be said  
To work the devastation overspread  
Sown came the Pile! And there the fragments lay  
Till intermingled with their kindred clay:  
And now is seen no vestige of the past  
All swept away – as destined not to last  
The green sward covers Hall, Saloon and stair,  
All at that once in olden times was fair  
The Mower’s scythe the only music heard  
While rose in concord – unit fifth and third!  
But cease this strain, and here let drop the veil  
The dream is o’er , and ended is the tale  
Take down the Harp! and o’er the quivering strings  
Strike the sad cord that mourning music brings  
By hand of her (in remnant of her day)  
A remnant of a Race now swept away –  
But see – another Dynasty appears  
Flushed with fond hopes for many future years  
How long this line may last we dare not say  
But may its course be marked in every way  
Like predecessors as above foreshewn  
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“Margaretta Michel was the only surviving child of Edmund Morton Pleydell (1724 – 1794). She was born in 1786 and married James Michel of Whatcombe Manor, Winterbourne Whitechurch. They had an only child Isabell Michel (C1810) who married the Rev. J.C. Mansell. In 1866 the Milborne part of the estate (Manor Farm, Goulds Farm and cottages) was settled on Margaretta, presumably to provide income in her widowhood. She wrote the poem in 1870 and died in 1871. In 1872 The Mansells assumed the name Morton Mansell Pleydell. The line was extinguished in the First World War when both heirs to the estate were killed leaving no issue. LD 1.2.99”



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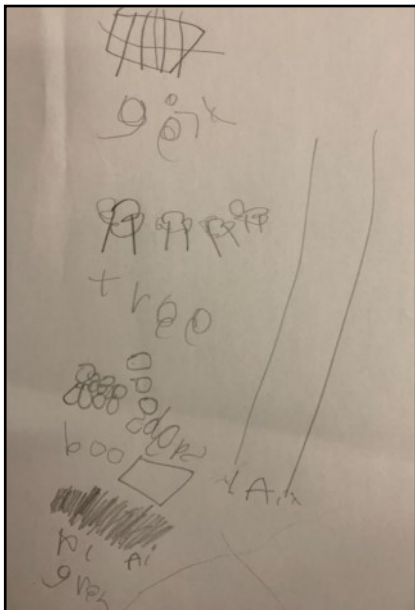
## SCHOOL NEWS



### Reception Class – Understanding the World: Skilful Scientists

Following on from our tracks and trails learning where we talked about the different tracks we could make using our hands and feet and how they compare with others. We thought about animals and birds making tracks with their feet and claws as they move when using animal toys in paint and sharing the story 'Footprints in the Snow'. We made our own trail for our friends to follow and travelled to Moors Valley to follow the Gruffalo trail!

We have now started to think about mapping our natural world and drawing a route. We walked from the school gate around the one way system to the classroom, noting things that we thought were important along the way. Once back in the classroom we recalled the order and described the route we took using directional language: first, then, past, next to and up.



## CONTACTS

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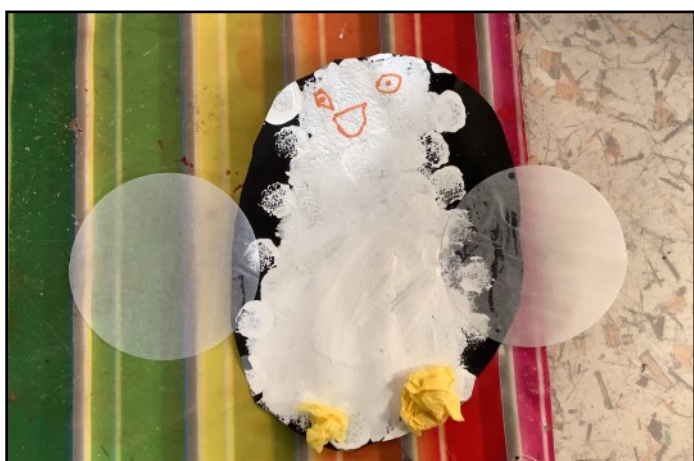
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Rabbits Class have been reading the story 'Owl Babies' . . . We have been investigating nests. We talked about the word 'fragile' and looked at materials that the birds had decided to build their nests from. We talked about where we might find things such as moss, twigs, bark and leaves and decided that we were going to build our own nests for the owl babies. We also made our own in creative funky fingers. We used a Pom-Pom dipped in paint and held with a peg to press a white pattern onto the card for the owl feathers. Then we cut around an oval shape drawn on by Miss Wittman before adding features using pens and tissue paper.



## Moving forward into 2022 with Ladybirds

JANUARY signifies new beginnings, and we all hope for better times. So far, the challenges are still with us. Illness, staff shortages and Early Years regulations have stretched us but we're holding up and looking forward to the future. Our little Ladybirds returned after Christmas excited to be back playing with their friends. We have talked about New Year resolutions and the children have thought about what they could do. The promise to help tidy up, have quieter voices and not to run indoors are certainly popular with adults.

Our topics this term include reading some of the traditional stories starting with the Three Billy Goats Gruff. This has been popular being retold over and over again using the puppet characters. The older children have looked at pictures of bridges and talked about bridges they have seen or been over. Then they had a go at building bridges with various materials. The boys



decided the best was the brick and plank one which a car could travel over.

Our rhyme of the week has been Incy Wincey Spider which led to water play with plastic spiders and pieces of pipe and guttering. Thank you, Barry for these – the children have loved pouring water down them. Also, a thank you to Clare for cars, play dough cutters and Paw patrol vehicles. And a third thank you (we are so lucky to have such a supportive community) to Kirstie for the climbing frame which is currently outside as a look out for birds. We have been learning the importance of looking after the birds in winter and have a feeder out for them. Throughout the month we will continue to study the birds and take part in the RSPB bird count at the end of the month.

Liz Dyer

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## Plans for a big Jubilee celebration

WE are now less than five months away from our Millborne Jubilee Jamboree (MJJ) and we are starting to get quite excited at the prospect of it as we hope you all are too!!

The 'long weekend' starts on the Thursday 2nd June and runs to Sunday 5th. You may have seen that Buckingham Palace announced that street parties will be encouraged on the 5th June in line with our plans!! Maybe we do know what we are doing after all!! So, it will be wonderful for you all to start talking to your neighbours and get planning on how you will all be decorating your front gardens and homes for what should be a good old 'shin dig'. If you live somewhere where a street party might not work, just get involved with someone who does live in a suitable area. As long as the whole village has a wonderful buzz about it it doesn't matter who you join in with as long as you are safe.

Our Party at the Pavilion has got a great team of people behind the planning and I am informed that there will be something for everyone to get involved with. Spectator sports are very much encouraged too! To give you a taste the following are all in the planning. Welly wanging, human bingo, tug of war, football with a twist, potted reply and an obstacle course. If that doesn't wet your appetite I don't know what will!

I hope to be able to confirm the hot food that will be available for purchase for the evening Party at the Pavilion sponsored by Wyatt Homes soon. The evening event will be free and not ticketed and so it would be great to get an idea of numbers beforehand so that we can ensure we have all the right facilities to safely support the event. So, if you know that you will be joining us for any of the events please let me know on 07828 650104 or amytanswell81@gmail.com and I will just make a note so that we can ensure we do not get overwhelmed on the day.

The Royal Oak are looking forward to getting tables booked nice and early for the themed evening on Thursday 2nd so get booked in early so that you are not disappointed. *Amy Stephens*

## The Village Hall has become a CIO

... that is, a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Up until very recently, charities in England and Wales had to make do with legal structures that were designed for other purposes, such as trusts and limited companies. The new 'Charitable Incorporated Organisation' is a legal structure designed exclusively for registered charities. Trustees will now not be subjected to the onerous financial risks which put off many from volunteering for this role.

Changing from a registered charity to a CIO has been a long and complicated business, made more difficult by Covid. Several people have been particularly involved in getting this result. It was Paul Tasker who realised how beneficial it would be, way back when he was Chair of the Trustees, and he started off the process. Pam Shults took over the task when she became Chair, and both of them continued to help with the process even after they were no longer Chair. We were given invaluable help by Paul Lowe, a solicitor who actually lives in Winterborne Whitechurch, and Ed Frost, our current treasurer, has also been very involved in ensuring that all the figures and finance that we had to give were correct. Huge thanks to them all.

*Sarah Ryan, current Chair of the Trustees*

## The walk without caffeine

ONE Saturday morning my husband said 'it's sunny'  
A lovely day for a walk and it doesn't cost money!  
So off he set with his rucksack on his back  
Loaded with stuff all of which he did pack  
There was me with my poles to steady my way  
I've had a few falls so they help save the day



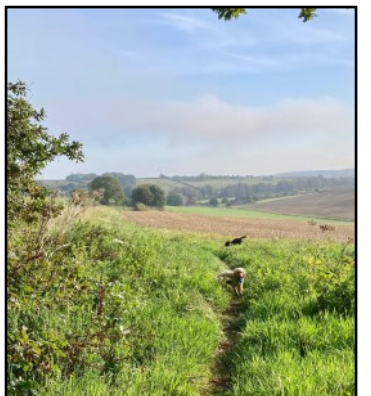
The two Cockapoos were off like rockets  
I'd made sure I had their treats in my pockets  
The walk was quite lovely, across pastures new  
Apart from the hills and there were quite a few  
So that after a while I said I needed a rest  
At the top of the hill with a view would be best



I turned to my hubby and said 'get out the coffee'  
His face looked guilty and he said 'please forgive me'  
The hike was only seven miles long and I didn't think we'd need lots of food and coffee to drink  
But I can see now that I've made a mistake  
I have got some water of which you can partake'

'WATER' I said, just about ready to burst  
That's not sufficient to quench my thirst  
A hike's not a hike without my KENCO  
No caffeine on a walk is a terrible blow  
One thing I've learned and that is a musta  
The next walk we go on will be via a COSTA!

*Elaine Anthony*



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# A cool May and wet October – Milborne’s 2021 weather report

IT WAS a fairly ‘average’ year for weather in Milborne St. Andrew in 2021. The total rainfall was 1000.4mm which is close to my 51 year average of 1001.7mm. The average temperature for the year was 10.39°C which is close to my 51 year average of 10.30°C.

January was colder than average with the lowest temperature of year of –5°C on 6th January. There was 2mm of snow on 23rd which melted during the day.

There was further slight snow on 8th and 13th February during a particularly cold spell between 7th to 14th of February.

March was quite a dry month with only half the average rainfall. The temperature reached 20°C on 30th of March.

April was the driest April I have ever recorded with only 1.3mm of rain and it was the coldest April since 1989 with the month’s temperature 2°C lower than average. There were frosts on most nights of the month in the lower parts of the village and there were snow showers on the 6th and 10th of the month. Frosts continued into the 1st week of May and that was damaging to fruit trees. It was a cold April across most of northern Europe and some of the French vineyards suffered from late frost damage.

The temperature in May was also 2°C lower than average and it was a wet month with 139.2mm of rain. There was rain on 23 days of that month.

Temperatures in June were more normal but still cool at times. The maximum temperature at the summer solstice on 21st June was 12°C and the minimum was 9°C. These were the same as the maximum and minimum temperatures at the winter solstice on 21 December 2020. I am sure that must have happened before but it must be a rare occurrence.

The wettest day of the year was on 27th June with 57.9mm of rain which was particularly heavy between 1600 and 1800hrs.

July was a warmer month with the highest temperature of the year of 31°C occurring on 19th, 20th and 21st of the month.

August temperature was 1°C lower than average with day temperatures struggling to get much over 20°C. The sea temperature at Weymouth reached 19°C which was the same as it was in 2004.

September was a warmer month with a temperature of 30°C on 7th September and it was drier than average.

October made up for the dry September with 201.7mm rain. Although it was a wet month, there was a dry spell of 13 days between 5th and 17th of the month.

November rainfall was only 12.7mm. The strong winds of Storm Arwen on 27/28th November caused some damage locally but caused greater damage in the north west of the country.



*A tree blown down in The Grove.*

There was a cold spell in the first week of December. Rainfall in December was around average.

Whilst 2021 was an average year, the weather 100 years ago was far from average. There was an extraordinary drought in 1921 that extended across Europe and Russia. The autumn and winter of 1920/21 had been dry and high pressure from the Azores remained stuck for almost the entire year leading to a dire shortage of rain. It was not a particularly hot year but warm weather persisted all through the summer and into October with the temperature reaching 29°C on 5th and 6th October. Margate had the lowest rainfall of that year with 236mm rain and that remains the lowest ever annual rainfall anywhere in the UK. It is estimated that over five million people died of starvation and disease in Russia that year. *Pluvius.*

**No Time to Die**  
**Friday February 18th at 7.30pm**  
**Village Hall, Milborne St Andrew**  
**Doors and bar open 7.00**  
**Tickets cost £5,**  
**which includes a drink or an ice-cream**

THIS is the last of Daniel Craig’s films as James Bond. One reviewer wrote: “Director and co-screenwriter Cary Fukunaga ... has crafted a beautiful movie with a real sense on how to showcase the majesty and suspense . . . It’s a remarkably beautiful looking movie . . . not just in the exotic locales and scenic vistas but simply in its depiction of action.”

I saw it when it came out and thought it was really really good – and I am not a fan of these films usually. I was utterly engaged, thought the story-line was very good, and the whole film worthy of seeing again: I am very much looking forward to doing just that! Do come and join me and others on February 18th.

*Sarah Ryan*

**Milborne Players News: Good Pantomime news? Oh yes it is!**

FOLLOWING the changes in Government guidance to mitigate transmission of the latest COVID variant, we made the decision to suspend rehearsals, with an inevitable impact on our planned performance dates in February. So, we have cancelled those February dates and instead we all have a bit longer to look forward to the infamous village event of the year.

Cancelling has NEVER been an option for us. Current plans are to reschedule our performances to April. Easter panto anyone? It would certainly be a novelty. We can’t quite confirm the dates yet, but will be sure to do so as soon as we can. Tickets will then be available in the preceding weeks.

We want to keep you updated and it would be really useful if you could tell us how best to do this, in addition to monthly articles in the *Reporter*. Any suggestions would be so appreciated. Text or phone me on 07804 600204 or email me at [katykartweel@icloud.com](mailto:katykartweel@icloud.com).

*Kate Hawker* for the Milborne Players

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## Well done Milborne

WINNERS of the Lighting up Milborne were Mr and Mrs Harwood of 29 Coles Lane. Congratulations to them and to all who lit up their homes and gardens. Thank you to the person who donated the prize and to the three judges. The *Reporter* has been told that Milborne was the best lit up village for miles around. Well done and thanks.

## Anyone for bridge?

THE MSA Bridge Group, now in its seventh year, continues to meet in The Royal Oak in Milborne St. Andrew on a weekly basis. The pub stages a Theme Night on the 2nd Thursday and Pie Night on the 4th Thursday of each month. On these nights we meet on Wednesday evenings otherwise we meet on Thursday.

The next scheduled meetings in February will be on Thursday 3rd February, Wednesday 9th, Thursday 17th and Wednesday 23rd. All will start at 7.00pm.

The aim of the group is to provide an opportunity to learn and improve your playing skills in a social and 'blame free' environment. In these dark evenings now is a good time for anyone with an interest in finding out about bridge to make a start by joining the group where you will be made very welcome. For anyone who has never played before instruction will be provided along with a simple two-page 'crib' sheet. In fact, several of our 'regulars' had never played before joining the group but have enjoyed the way of learning and improving their game. There is no charge for joining or playing.

If you would like to try something new or to improve your playing skills by regular practice and would like more information please contact me, Laurie Benn, on 01258 837720 or by email at [laurie@benn.me.uk](mailto:laurie@benn.me.uk). If you feel that evening meetings are not convenient, please get back to me and it may be possible to arrange other times.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Laurie Benn

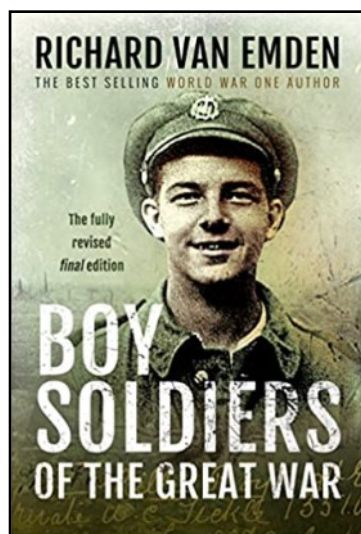
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# Boy Soldiers of the Great War – The fully revised final edition by Richard van Emden



THIS book has been published before by the author, whose continued research into the subject has resulted in several editions, each with updated information. After twenty years, he has published his final words on the subject, and very illuminating they are. His work started early enough that he was able to interview 270 veterans of the Great War and has had access to many of their families' archives and memories.

We are all aware of the waves of patriotism in 1914 and 1915 which resulted in people, including my own Grandfather, lying about their age to join the Army and fight to defend their nation. This book takes records, letters, newspaper articles and photographs to give more details of some of the individuals involved, the politics of the time, and the complex grey areas around sending very young men to fight, die and experience trench warfare in all its horror. It's hard to separate our modern horror at the idea of a twelve year old fighting in France, from the standards of the day, when 14 year olds could join the Royal Navy and serve at sea, or work in factories, coal mines and on farms. This was a time when many boys had already lost at least one parent or sibling to disease or injury, living conditions were cramped and insanitary and fatal illnesses were rife. These lads were much more surrounded by and accepting of the concept of death than are those of us born since 1945.

There is a mass of research and a lot of effort behind this book, and it could have degenerated into a turgid, statistic-filled offering. That it doesn't (the statistics are in the final chapters and make very disturbing reading, as the final chapter for each edition since first publication in 2012 are included) is a credit to the author. Each chapter is short, and deals with a different aspect or story. The book follows the timeline of the Great War through until 1920, when the last boys came home to find they had to start their apprenticeships again, they had lost out on career progression to those who stayed behind, their parents had aged, and their boyhood clothes and toys not longer fitted them, but they had inadvertently signed away pensions and other financial rewards from the nation they had fought to defend. On a lighter note, Eustace Rushby of Berkshire, had to wait an extra year for his 100th Birthday Telegram from the Queen, as he had added a year to his age on enlistment and was still only 99 despite having lived 'a year older' for most of his life!

These boys fought and died at Gallipoli, the Somme, Ypres, Egypt, India, on land and in the air. They were battle-hardened senior NCOs and officers at 17. One won the DCM at fifteen years old. Two were commissioned at the age of 15.

I like the approach of telling individual stories, emphasising the effect on these boys and their families of them joining up and disappearing, against the backdrop of political abhorrence at what was happening, and 'obstruction' by Regimental

Commanders when War Office Orders told them to send these children home because of the need to fill the many gaps in the line.

Each chapter is headed with the paid-for epitaph of a young soldier. Chapter 19 is titled 'End Game' and headed 'The Only Child of Aged Parents', the epitaph of 444652 Private Vernon Merchant, 68th Bn, Canadian Infantry, Killed on 6th June 1916, aged 16. These make harrowing reading and I felt the pain of those parents in those particular words.

This isn't a book for the faint-hearted, some of the letters written by these young men back to their families are heartbreaking, but I do feel that these stories need to be told. The statistics are changing constantly as information is released by the National Archive, and hoards of letters are found in cupboards. This should all be publicised more widely, to educate current generations about twentieth century history, living conditions and attitudes to working people. Sadly everyone who fought in that War has passed away now, but that generation, and in particular the 400,000 plus who served overseas before they were 19 years old, deserve our eternal gratitude.

I leave you with the words of 17-year-old Reginald Kiernan, who after six months in France wrote:

'It's the lying like those fellows we've passed – on your side with a fixed grin on your face, or on your back with your eyes turned up – and no one caring! And it's the thought that you don't die a hero. That would help. There are no heroes here. No one cares'.  
*Susan Wilson*

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## Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club – Container Competition



ARE you looking forward to the Platinum Jubilee celebrations in our village in a few month's time? Why not enter our competition, plant up a container and display it in your front garden for all to see. It'll brighten up the village and you could win a prize! If you're worried that you don't know enough about planting in containers to be able to take part, then worry ye not! On Thursday 24th February at 7.30pm in the village hall, Philip Gamble, formally a lecturer of horticulture at Kingston Maurward College, will be talking 'container planting' to the gardening club and you're invited! So do come along and learn something new, you'll be most welcome.  
*Mark Johnson*

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## Milborne St. Andrew Village History Group

ALL are welcome to come to hear a talk given by David Beardsley, from Dorset History Centre, about the Banks' family of Kingston Lacey on Wednesday 9th February at 7.30pm in The Royal Oak function room.

Deadline for the next issue is mid-day 14th February  
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# I can still hear the 'Fat Lady' at 106

WHAT a shame it appears that £100,000+ of S106 developer funds from the Huntley Down development is not going to be allocated on what it was originally intended for, namely Community Leisure, Play and Sports facilities.

The various elements of that huge "one off" pot of money was:

£50,000 Community leisure and indoor sports (a wide interpretation possible there!)

£24,000 Destination Play (Skate Park / Outside Gym etc)

£24,000 Formal Outdoor Sports Facility

£3,000 Formal Outdoor Sports

**So Sorry Folks, that's it.**

Apparently the word is that since there were no aspirational projects from the Village Hall or Sports Club in the Neighbourhood Plan, the Traffic Calming / management on the A354 through the village went through by default.

What a pity no one from the Parish Council thought to raise the matter with the Village Hall and the Sports Club and to engage in a meaningful tripartite discussion to see what could be achieved for the good of the community. There has been NONE. It just "popped out" as a "done deal" at a Council meeting. SORRY!

I have been banging on about an open sided canopy on the Sports Field site for some time now.

OK the example shown here is a bit excessive but it is a starting point or concept for a much scaled down solution, of a covering over a multi use game and activity area (MUGA).



Outdoor/indoor sports could take place undercover and sheltered from the elements with metered and timed lighting. A wide range of other community events: outdoor theatre; live music; parties; Friends of School, Farmers markets etc all become possible. Some free, some requiring to be booked and subject to a hire charge.

During a "fishing exercise" some two years ago about a possible skate park facility a local company, Evolution Skateparks provided some very useful information and would help with the production of an operational design specification.

What could have popped out of any discussion is that the Council owned Sports Club site would be the best location.

Two possible locations have been identified, both are alongside each of the two pitches.

That would be fantastic and the Sports Club would play its part in making things happen, whatever and wherever.

I just hope that the traffic management scheme for the A354 includes the physical widening of pavements where necessary; carriageway "pinch points" like on the A350 at Iwerne Minster and maybe even a crossing. Just prettying up the road, having some extra signage; pseudo gates, coloured road surfacing, road markings removed might not actually make the place safer and will end up being just a waste of money and a lost opportunity.

All is not lost however, nothing has been signed off and looking at the meeting schedule there is still time for the Council to listen to the proverbial 'Fat Lady' singing.

Maybe Camelco will be different but that is for the future, not now.

*Richard Lock (ducking as a pig flies by!)*

## No Thanks Cupid!

By Jan Beaumont<sup>©</sup>

There was a date I used to love  
I waited every year  
To see if I would find a card  
From one who loved me dear.

But after many years of being  
All alone and single  
There's no one who can float my boat  
Or make me feel that tingle.

So Cupid keep your arrows please  
Don't aim those things at me  
Although I still believe in love  
I'm happy to be free.

I'm living life the way I want  
I'm not upon the shelf  
And best of all I now can keep  
The chocolates to myself!



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## And by the skin of our teeth

THE Consultation begins . . . we've been waiting for the last authority to comment on the Strategic Environment Assessment, which happened on 11th, three days before the deadline for this *Reporter!* So we are back on plan for the Neighbourhood Plan Review consultation stage with our village, starting just one week late, on the 17th January and finishing on Friday 5th March 2022. We are hoping to have the new version of the NPG on the Parish Council website, and also some paper copies in Londis Stores for those unable to access the internet.

A plea . . . please go to our Facebook page, "Milborne St. Andrew Neighbourhood Plan" and follow us. Then we can let you all know pretty quickly of any changes.

### At present

We have booked the village hall on Sunday 13th February 2022 for you to come along and chat, however, the hours open will depend on those free to help man the display, keep an eye on our Facebook page!  
*MSA Neighbourhood Plan Review*

## Wednesday Club's New Year's party cancelled

THE New Year's party for the Wednesday Club which was planned for the first Wednesday in January was cancelled due to you know what. The next meeting is on Wednesday 2nd February when Pauline Trim will be talking to us about the different crafts she does. All welcome at the Village Hall at 2.00pm.



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## What's on in Milborne

### February

- Wednesday 2nd** **Wednesday Club**, Village Hall 2.00pm.  
**Wednesday 2nd** **Parish Council** Village Hall 7.30pm.  
**Thursday 3rd** **Bridge** The Royal Oak 7.00pm.  
**Wednesday 9th** **History Group** talk by David Beardsley about the Banks' family of Kingston Lacey. The Royal Oak 7.30 *all invited*.  
**Wednesday 9th** **Bridge** The Royal Oak 7.00pm.  
**Thursday 10th** **WI** Village Hall 7.30pm.  
**Sunday 13th** **Consultation on NPG** Village Hall – see *opposite*.  
**Monday 14th** **Deadline** for copy for the *Reporter*. It is really helpful if you send it in 10pt black and do not use underlining, UPPER CASE formatting (even for heading) or include any tables or graphics. Photos should be sent as separate .jpeg files.  
**Thursday 17th** **Gardening Club** Container Gardening Village Hall 7.30pm. Visitors and new members welcome.  
**Thursday 17th** **Bridge** The Royal Oak 7.00pm.  
**Friday 18th** **Milborne Movies** *No Time to Die* Village Hall 7.30pm.  
**Monday 21st** **Village Lunch AGM** The Royal Oak 12.15pm  
**Wednesday 23rd** **Bridge** The Royal Oak 7.00pm.  
**Thursday 24th** **Pie Night** The Royal Oak.  
**Saturday 26th** **Village Lunch** Village Hall 12.15pm – see *page 2 for menu*.

### 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).  
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## GENERAL — ADULT

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

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Busy Bees	Claire Tudge	07970 734162
Milborne Ladybirds	Liz Dyer	01258 839117

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Sports & Social Club	Chairman: Richard Lock	01258 837929
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Booking Secretary:	Margaret Groves	01258 837617
Milborne St. Andrew		
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