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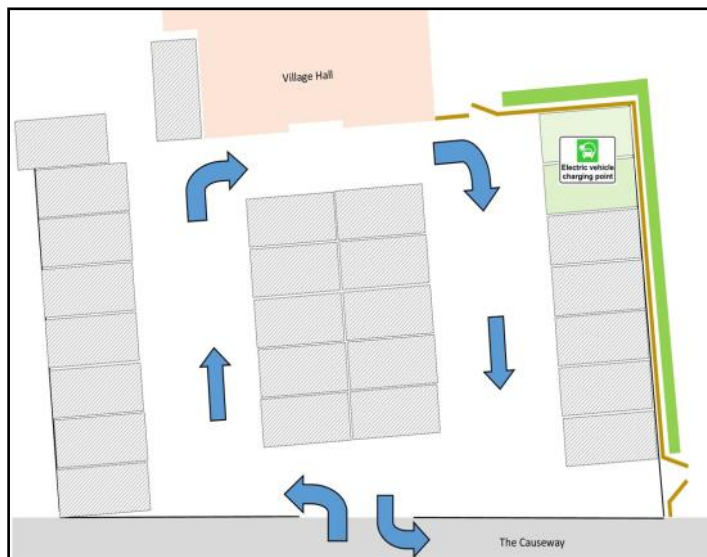
ACCESS to Village Hall's clubs and events will soon be far more straightforward with improved parking arrangements recently approved by Dorset County Council. The capacity of the car park will be increased by 50% with a 10 metre extension to the existing car park providing parking for up to 10 more cars at the hall.

We all know that we should be walking, cycling or using public transport but the reality of living in our rural community often makes this impractical or impossible. A walk to the Village Hall in the dark, especially on a cold, wet, winter's evening, is by no means pleasant nor particularly safe and many will choose to drive there. Sadly, the lack of parking discourages many from joining in events simply because of the difficulties in getting to the hall after being forced to try to park elsewhere.

Now that the plans have been approved, finance for the project has to be found. Around £25,000 is needed and grants are being sought. Provision for the future installation of Electric Vehicle charging points is included in the plans and should make it more attractive to potential donors. Further in the future, we hope to install solar panels on the south-facing roof of the Village Hall to complete the project.

However, don't hold your breath, £25,000 is a lot of money but . . . watch this space!

Ed Frost (Treasurer MSA Village Hall)



Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club – Top Gardening Tips

JULIUS Caesar once said, "Experience is the teacher of all things". Now, Gardening Club members have, between them, a wealth of gardening experience and so you'll surely learn a lot if you come along to our meeting this month, when members will be sharing handy tips and tricks to make gardening easier, more productive, cheaper etc. etc.

Non-members are especially welcome. We meet in the village hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 21st April so do come along. If you subsequently try out the tips and tricks you've been given and they do not work for you, don't despair, stay positive and say "I didn't fail, it was a learning experience!".

Mark Johnson

Wombles and cubs tiny village

WE had another successful village litter pick on Sunday 6th March. Volunteers agreed that getting out there earlier in the year allowed for better access to our hedgerows before they came into full bloom, so that was fabulous feedback.



As you can see from the photos plenty was collected! The cubs and beavers gave a brilliant turn out which was great to see and we were also joined by our Dorset Councillor Emma Parker who kindly came out to support. A special thanks goes to Dave Payne who wasn't able to make it on the day but who gallantly did his bit on Saturday gathering litter on the Milton Road and identified fly tipping that had taken place which included a hoover and some carpet. Thanks are also due to Dorset Waste Partnership who



agreed to provide an additional collection as well as equipment for volunteers to borrow.

We intend to have the next pick in October, we hope to see you all again then, keep an eye out for the date.

Amy Stephens

Church flowers for Easter

EASTER is approaching in April and we are glad that this year the church will be fully open after two years with no or reduced services. Last year, instead of asking for donations for flowers to commemorate family and friends we decided to spend money on daffodil bulbs for the churchyard, which would bloom at Easter time and provide a continuing memorial in spring. They were planted last autumn and are now looking very good along the paths (a bit early for Easter this year, but you never know the date!)

We had a most generous response last year and have some money left over with which we can buy more bulbs. However, if people would still like to contribute to flowers for Easter, hopefully lilies, it would be very gratefully received. Contributions may be given to Pam Shults or Sally Dyer.

The book containing names of those commemorated by both bulbs and flowers will be on display in the church by Easter, so please include the names of those you wish to remember with any contribution. Thank you very much.

Sally Dyer



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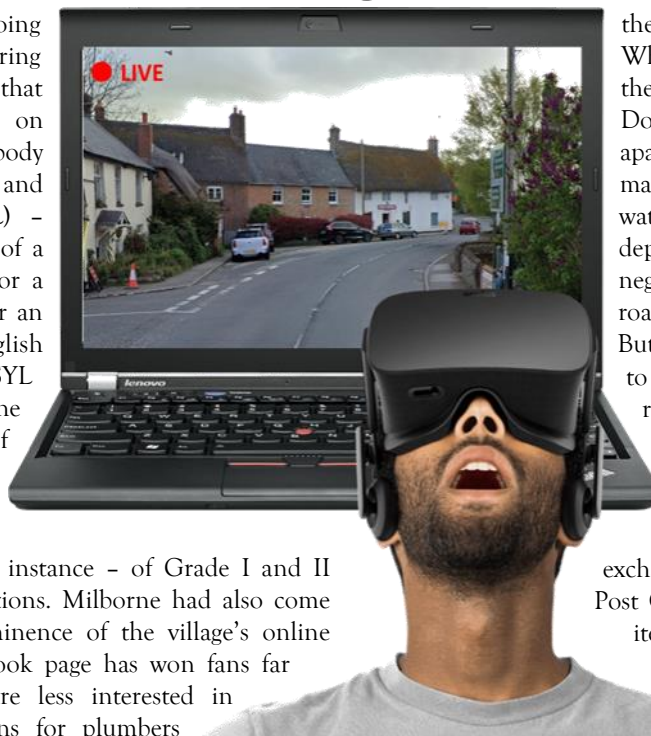


A worldwide stage for Milborne

MILBORNE could soon be going global, with the village taking a starring role in a new internet venture that could make residents celebrities on their doorsteps. It seems everybody wants a piece of the Dorset action and a company – IseeYouLol (ISYL) – wants to livestream the goings-on of a historic and quaint rural village for a world audience, whose appetite for an authentic and picturesque English setting is insatiable. However, ISYL has settled for Milborne, seeing the potential and relative ease of installing cameras on people's homes and other buildings without the obstacles inherent in other villages – Cerne Abbas, for instance – of Grade I and II listed properties and other restrictions. Milborne had also come onto ISYL's radar with the prominence of the village's online presence – the community Facebook page has won fans far beyond the parish lines, who are less interested in residents seeking recommendations for plumbers and carpet fitters but revel in the discussions about village life, the history, anecdotes and the exact qualification to be a REAL villager.

If enough residents sign up to the new venture and pledge to allow a camera to be fitted then the whole village can be watched, in effect making it like a real-life Truman Show. Internet viewers the world over will be able to follow life as it happens, the vignettes of daily life set against the backdrop of a typical Dorset village, brick and flint buildings with a smattering of thatch together with the roar of 40 tonne lorries slaloming around the Post Office chicane without losing a beat, as a soundtrack. It has the makings of an internet sensation and ISYL is excited at the limitless possibilities. Much as reality TV makes stars of its ordinary people, Milborners are likely to become celebrities just by going about their normal life, whether it be going to Gray's Stores for a loaf of bread and a scratch card or being pulled by their dog along Milton Road. It's a safe bet to reckon pooches will become online stars probably eclipsing their owners – with the online masses obsessing over how Fifi looks today, whether Bully has put on weight and being aghast at Minty's owner for not picking up after she's deposited on the pavement.

Of course, if MilborneLife does go viral, it will be a honeypot for influencers and actors keen to make their mark on the stage that's offered to them on a plate here in the village. Some may hone in on the historic, dressing the part – baling twine for belts and so on – and riff on an old Milborne craft like hurdle-making, wandering along The Causeway with a bundle of hazel slung over a shoulder, or trade in the old village cottage industry of Dorset buttons, which is likely to arouse curiosity and delight around the world. Other viewers who are more interested in the here and now of the growing village and will be more focussed on the development of Milborne, with the new Huntley Down site offering much fascination as well as the blank canvas of the soon-to-be developed site at the top of Blandford Hill. The pace at the building site of Fox View is not thought to catch the attention of many though. The ubiquity of virtual reality (VR) headsets will also make it a possibility for users worldwide to fully immerse in the Milborne experience, putting themselves on the streets where



the new celebrities are watched daily. What an experience, being able to walk the famous streets and lanes of a gem of a Dorset village in the comforts of, say, an apartment in San Francisco or Shanghai, marvelling at the architecture whilst watching one's step over the flood-deposited gravel in The Square and negotiating 'Sorry for the inconvenience' roadwork signs and cones.

But what's in it for residents who decide to be involved? ISYL are offering to pay residents in a cryptocurrency such as BitCoin (#BTC) to allow for a camera to be installed on their properties.

This may present a problem for those who may have difficulty in exchanging this currency but it's hoped the Post Office will trade #BTC for high value items (such as first class stamps) and the shop is likely to trade the crypto for Curly Wurlys, though if the rate increases this is likely to

be bumped up to four pack of toilet rolls. Who knows, if the interest around Dorset buttons grows as ISYL thinks it will, it could become the next cryptocurrency – VR users will be able to trade on the street with the highly-decorated embroidered buttons with other MilborneLife fans and it will only be a matter of time before the currency, ButtCoin, (#BUTT) gains traction and takes its place at the bottom (to start with) on the world exchanges.

Residents can register their interest in having an ISYL camera installed by emailing MilborneLife@iseeyoulol.com by noon on 1st April.

Attention - we need your help please

'Meet and Mend' Monday Volunteers Needed at Longmead Community Farm

Please come and lend a hand at Longmead Community Farm on Mondays from 10.00am.

Our longstanding stalwart of the allotment, Hazel, is hanging up her trowel after many years of volunteering at Longmead. Do you fancy helping to plan and plant up our allotment this spring?

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The Ta-da Moment

A young Vicar went into the local first school to talk to the children about Easter. He asked the pupils what the first words were that Jesus uttered after the resurrection. The children pondered the question seriously but were slow to give an answer. Then one small girl put up her hand, and enthusiastically responded: "Ta-Da".

We don't know what those first words of Jesus following his rising were, but we can safely say that they were unlikely to have been "Ta-da", the first recorded use of which took place only in the 1900s.

The origins of the word appear to have their roots in the attempts to imitate in spoken word the sound of the fanfare flourish a trumpet or similar instrument makes when accompanying the arrival of an important person or moment.

Ta-da may not have been Jesus's first words following the resurrection, but in many ways his rising from the dead could be seen as a ta-da moment. Certainly it was the arrival of an important person and heralded an event of significance.

The resurrection was a moment when the devastation and loss brought about in the crucifixion was transformed into hope and presence for his first followers. And it is a moment that continues to transform the lives of Christians today, because it reveals that God's life is stronger than death, that no situation is ever completely hopeless.

The power of the resurrection which so astounded Jesus's earthly friends in the first century is something that still gives life to Christians today. It is at the heart of our faith.

The resurrection doesn't mean we will never face difficult times – all human beings meet them – but it does mean that despair and darkness will never have the final word. There is always something greater and better to come.

As I write, the Ukrainian conflict rages. Many of us feel powerless to change things; our tears are nothing compared to the suffering of the Ukrainian people. We see what happens when a lust for power by one individual gets out of control and causes mayhem and suffering for millions. Many struggle to believe in a God who allows this kind of destruction to happen.

But God reigns through consent not oppression. God does not impose power on people but allows freedom of choice – we choose whether we live by love or a lust for power which tramples over anything in its way, by domination or humility, by caring only for ourselves or thinking of others too. When people make bad decisions, then consequences occur which sadly can affect many others.

It's not only Christians who behave well, of course, but the resurrection does give us hope that love is greater than hate, light more powerful than darkness and eternal life stronger than death, that one day in God's time all will be well.

The ta-da moment of the resurrection can sustain us through truly difficult times. In the crucifixion the early disciples believed that God had let them down and had left them to face the future alone. Through the resurrection their hope was restored. God had not died on the cross, and death was not the end.



My prayer is that the Easter declaration "Christ is risen. He is risen indeed," will bring you hope in a dark world and help you trust that evil will never have the final word.

Happy Easter
to you all.

Sarah

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

3rd April – Passion Sunday

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

10th April – Palm Sunday

9.30am	Parish Communion	Milborne
11.00	Puddletown Praise	Puddletown
11.00	Parish Communion	Dewlish
5.30pm	Sunday Reflections	Tolpuddle

14th April – Maundy Thursday

6.00pm	Holy Communion	Puddletown
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15th April – Good Friday

10.00am	Good Friday Service – music, prayer, reflection	Tolpuddle
2.00pm	Good Friday Service – Music, prayer, reflection	Puddletown
4.00	Good Friday Messy Church	Milborne
6.00	Good Friday service – music, prayers, reflection	Dewlish

17th April – Easter Day

9.30am	Easter Holy Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30	Easter Holy Communion	Milborne
11.00	Easter Holy Communion	Puddletown
11.00	Easter Holy Communion	Dewlish

24th April – Easter 2

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

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Mars and Bras, a talk at the Wednesday Club

SADLY our planned talk by Brian Bates on Edith Piaf had to be cancelled as Brian is recovering from having had a stroke and was unable to attend. We hope he will be well enough to give us "The Little Sparrow Talk" at a later date.

We were very fortunate to have our very own Josie Wright who stepped in at the last minute and saved the day!

Josie is very anxious that people should document their lives in writing and hand this on to the next generation. If we don't later generations will never know the working conditions, attitudes and opinions of the times that we lived through.

Her talk was about the lives of two women, her mother and herself.

Josie's mother went into Service in London at the age of 15. She was fortunate to work for titled people, her first employer being Sir Edwin Lutyns. She received £2 a month plus food and a room. Over the years she changed jobs bettering herself each time. One of her placements was at Longleat, the Marquis of Bath's residence. From here she went to be 2nd housemaid to the Marquis of Salisbury, in London. War was then declared and she moved to working in a munitions factory, it was here at a dance she met Josie's father. She then had to get permission to leave and was sent to EMI where the work was very hush-hush and it wasn't until after the war they learned they had been working on radar.

Josie's parents married and she was born the following year. They all lived in one room until her brother was born when they were allocated a new council house.

Looking back on what we have now, life sounded very hard but as Josie says "what you have never known you never miss".

At 16 Josie started work at the London Transport offices in Chiswick. She was very shy and others in the office wanted a bit of fun so they sent her to the tool shop for 'a long rest' where she waited for a long time, before the foreman took pity on her and sent her back. She was paid £5 a week, men doing the same job were paid more. Girls had to wait to be 21 before they had real wages.

The 1960's arrived, it was a great time to be young; fashion, pop groups, rock and roll and fun.

Her next job was at Berlei, who made bras and girdles. To quote Josie "when you were in a Berlei bra you could be confident that everything was in the right place and nothing would move bar an earthquake."

She then moved to work at Mars. There was a sugar factory and a chocolate factory where Josie worked in accounts. It was here that she first came into contact with a computer which was huge and housed in its own room. There was a special mat, to remove dust



from shoes as you delivered punch cards to the technicians who had to wear protective clothing.

Moving to the 70's Josie had become a mother and she left office work, never to return. For the rest of her working life she always worked in some capacity with children which was her true vocation.

We are most grateful to Josie for such an interesting talk to which I don't feel that I have been able to do proper justice. She is such an entertaining speaker with many amusing anecdotes.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 6th April when we will be visiting Keyneston Mill for a cream tea and those who wish to do so can look round the Botanical Gardens. We will meet in the village hall car park at 2.00pm to arrange car sharing.

Extraordinary General Meeting

On Wednesday 4th May, we will meet in the village hall at 2.00pm to hold an Extraordinary General Meeting for members to vote on the new Constitution. To be followed by tea and a chat.

Lis Watts

West Side Story (2021)

Friday 8th April 2022 at 7.30pm

Village Hall, The Causeway, Milborne St. Andrew

Doors and bar open 7.00pm

Tickets cost £5, which includes a drink or an ice-cream

THIS month's movie is Steven Spielberg's adaptation of the 1957 classic West Side Story.

Manhattan, Upper West Side, 1957 – against the backdrop of the decaying tenements in the San Juan Hill neighbourhood two warring gangs – The Jets and The Sharks are fighting for supremacy when an unexpected romance sets the stage for an all out turf war.

Critics consensus

Steven Spielberg's *West Side Story* presents a new look at the classic musical that lives up to its beloved forebear – and in some respects might even surpass it.

Audience says

The acting, singing, and dancing are terrific, and Steven Spielberg's *West Side Story* updates the original without losing its heart.

Holes in road

The editor asked Wessex Water what they were doing digging holes in various places along Milton Road and Chapel Street, this was their reply.

A Wessex Water spokesperson said: "The recent work in the village was part of our initial investigations to support water quality and supply

resilience projects planned for the nearby Milborne St. Andrew Water Recycling Centre. The investigations in the highway within the village have now been completed, although further such work may be required at the water treatment centre over the next few months.

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Saturday 16th April (Easter Eve) closed
Monday 18th April (Easter Monday) closed
Tuesday 19th April open as normal

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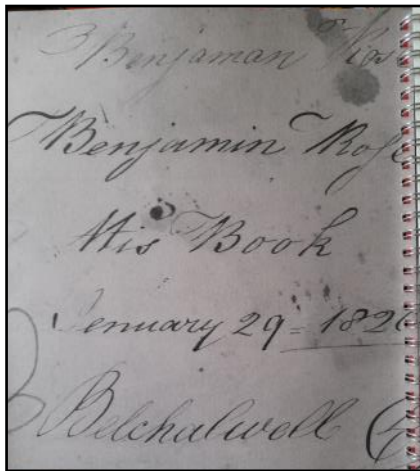
Sources of local music

DORSET has been fortunate in that there has long been a recognition of traditional music in the county both religious and secular.

In the early nineteen hundreds, two brothers, the Hammonds, cycled around Dorset visiting as many places as they could to enquire of old tunes and songs that older folk could remember. As they went, they wrote them down, even if they were just scraps of tune or short stanzas of words. One source was a Mrs Penny in Upwey who could recall over 200 different pieces, but there were many others from all over the county. All were written down. Eventually, all this handwritten material ended up in an important collection, that of Cecil Sharp and managed by the English Folk Song and Dance Society in London. This material in its original form is all available online. A compilation of some of these was published in 1966 by two of Dorset's musical experts; Joan Brocklebank and Biddie Kindersley both of whom were at some time musical directors of the Briantspuddle Singers.

Thomas Hardy and his family were associated with the music known as West Gallery Music, so called because it was performed in the raised galleries built for the village performers in the west end of most churches. He makes a lovely description of the band in 'Under the Greenwood Tree'. These musical groups consisted of players of various musical instruments, fiddles, bass viols or cellos, clarinet, flute and serpent with a choir of four parts. Often, the same musical part or the same instrument would be passed down the generations, always doing the same line. Unfortunately, many of the Victorian

architects, as part of their 'improvements' to churches, demolished the galleries, partly as they were in such disrepair but also replace the old groups that were going out of fashion. Milborne St. Andrew had a gallery and the marks on the walls in the lower part of the church tower can still be just made out.



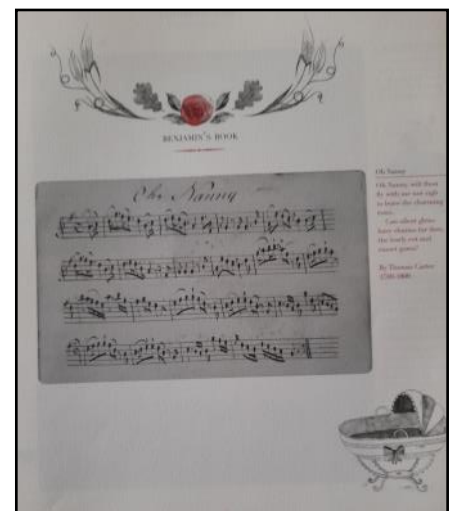
Puddletown retains a gallery as does Winterborne Abbas. As part of the improvements the musicians were no longer required to play as they were replaced by barrel organs or conventional organs. Luckily, copies of the sheet music remained in some churches and have been saved mostly in the Dorset History Centre in Dorchester.

One person who went to some lengths to save the scraps of manuscript was Reverend Pickard-Cambridge of Bloxworth. He rewrote the parts to 42 carols that were from various churches in the county and published them in the early 1900s. These books were republished in small numbers in the late 1960s by the Dorchester Museum and they are still sung every year at a special service at Bloxworth church just before Christmas. The original, words only pamphlets, are circulated to the congregation at the beginning of the service to be returned for safe keeping at the end. The style of music is unique in these reprints having been modified to the style of Pickard-Cambridge.

Further back in history there was a man called William Knapp who was born in Wareham in 1698 and lived much of his life in Poole until his death in 1768. He worked as a glove maker and was also the parish clerk. He was active as choir master in St. James in Poole visiting many other churches in the county to train and encourage other church choirs. He wrote a number of hymns and gave many of them the names of Dorset places, of which Wareham is still to be found in hymn books. He also wrote Anthems set to some psalms. One that he wrote in 1738 was to Psalm 18, 'In my trouble I called upon the lord and complained' and includes the words 'there went a smoke in his presence, and consuming fire out of his mouth so that coals were kindled', which was to commemorate the great fire of Blandford in 1731 Unfortunately, the clergy were strict about what could be performed and did not allow this anthem. It has been suggested (*Dorset Life* 2009) that it has never been performed as the manuscript was lost, it has been now found and is under rehearsal by the Ridgeway Singers and Band for performances later this year in Dorchester, Poole and Blandford Forum, possibly as a premiere. The fire was not the first in Blandford as there was one in 1713 which prompted the town to have three fire engines. This, however, was not enough as in 1731 a young boy at a soap boilers workshop allowed the fire under the boilers to get out of hand and it spread rapidly through the whole town before it could be extinguished.

At one time in the hamlet of Belchalwell, just north of Bulbarrow, there was an ale house run by a man called Ben Rose, helped by his wife. As well as a publican Ben was a fiddle player and was much in demand in the area for dances, weddings, parties and other events. He wrote down his own tunes, but also ones that came his way from visitors and pedlars who carried and sold sheet music. He wrote them into a small book until the 1820s. The alehouse has long been closed, but by an amazing chance a few years ago, this small book was seen in a bookshop in Brighton by someone who recognised the name Belchalwell and realised that it belonged in Dorset to where it has returned.

Subsequently, a facsimile of the book with a CD of all the tunes played on a violin with additional information has been published with the title 'Benjamin's Book' and is available in the music shop in Durngate street in Dorchester.



Finally, many of the sources mentioned are regularly used and performed by the Ridgeway Singers and Band with four concerts in Christmas 2021, a William Barnes birthday tea in March 2022 and the William Knapp Anthem to be performed later this year. Some of the choir's performances can be seen and heard on the website www.ridgewaysingersandband.org.

Facsimile of Ben Rose's handwritten front page and one of his tunes with permission of Colin Thompson.
Pip Bowell

St. Andrew's church news

OUR Lent season is upon us which started with the Imposition of Ashes service which was held on the 2nd March, Ash Wednesday. As Sarah was on holiday, the service was led by a visiting priest, Rev Leila Mather. Those few people who came found it a very moving experience; it was unfortunate that so few people attended.

Now that we are in Lent, there are courses and activities which are run to help us to prepare for Easter when we can celebrate again. These were widely advertised and hopefully are being well attended and are thought interesting and provoking.

St. Andrew's is one of the parishes who host the monthly Messy Church sessions for families. In April it will be Milborne's turn on the afternoon of the 3rd of April and will be held in the Sports Pavilion. St. Andrew's will also be running the annual Good Friday family session in our village hall. All are welcome, so do come along to hear stories, do crafting and enjoy eating supper together. Helpers are always welcome, if you are interested and want to find out more do get in touch with me.

Our Events Committee continue to run social events and functions to raise money for the church. Thanks to all those who bought masks over the last 18 months as this project raised over £2,000. They are currently organising a 'curry@home' event when they will cook and deliver curry meals to village residents who have booked in advance, see the advert below.

As we were unable to meet in church much of last year, we could not organise the traditional Lilies of Remembrance. However, instead we collected donations to create 'walls of daffodils'. These are now in bloom and worth admiring. We continue to try to keep the churchyard looking good and would

welcome more volunteers. Weather permitting, we have a 'working party' session on the morning of the first Saturday of the month from 10.00am to 12 noon. We are currently trying to get rid of the old compost heaps and to create a 'compost hedge', please think about how you can help us to remove old composted items and set up new more ecological systems.



Pam Shults, Churchwarden

Dewlish Church Notes

WE HAVE one more **Lent Lunch**, and that will be held on Tuesday 5th April at 12.30pm in the Village Hall. There is a minimum charge of £5 per head which will be donated to a charity. Everyone is welcome!

Our **Spring Sale** will be held on Saturday 9th April at 2.30pm in the Village Hall. This will be in aid of church funds. There will be the usual stalls, raffle and teas, and an Easter-themed stall. Donations of cakes will be most welcome, also items for the raffle etc. Please come and support us, and enjoy an afternoon cuppa with your friends and neighbours!

Easter is fast approaching, and at the **Palm Sunday Service** - on 10th April at 11.00am - there will be a distribution of palm crosses.

The **Good Friday Service** at 6.00pm will be a time for reflection, music and prayers, while on Easter Day we shall be celebrating Jesus' resurrection with an **Easter Holy Communion** at 11.00am. We look forward to seeing you all. *Daphne Burg*

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Welcome to your Community café – Milborne Village Hall

Starting on Saturday 9th April 2022 between 10.00am – 12.00 noon

FANCY a catch up with friends and family or a place where you can make friends or get involved in the community?

Come and visit the new Community Café being held once a month in the village hall where you will find a friendly welcome and the odd slice of cake or bacon butty washed down with a coffee or tea.

The café will be a place where you can pop in and grab a hot drink to go (don't forget your disposable cup!) or linger and catch up with friends, read a newspaper or join forces over a crossword. If you are new to the village or on your own and would love a space to meet people then come along and give a hand . . . great way of getting to know a few faces.

And wait . . . what's that? For a trial period, well behaved dogs can visit with their owners, so there is no excuse for not popping in to say hello.

Amy and Sandie will be kicking off the venture and proceeds will be supporting two charities as they plan a charity trek in Cambodia in November 2022. Amy will be fund raising for 'Shelter Box' and Sandie for 'Alzheimer's UK'.

Once their fundraising window has closed (August 2022) the Community Café will continue as a charity based village venture.

What we have planned so far

We are kicking off with an Easter themed café with a mini egg laden cupcake or two and some spring plants on sale to brighten your gardens.

- Café serving drinks, cake and bacon butties
- Charity book sale
- Charity jigsaw and DVD library where you can borrow until complete
- Bedding flowers for sale

Do you have

1. A local business you want to promote
2. A local event you wish to promote
3. A charity you wish to draw attention to
4. Fancy hiring a table to sell your crafts

Future months

- How about user groups offering sales – plants, nearly new baby sale (no babies to be sold – just baby items!)
- Local charities promoting their work
- Neighbourhood Plan or current affairs display

What we would like for the Community Café

- People to come and socialise – if you can't get to the VH but would love to come, then get in touch and we will try and arrange a lift
- People to pop their head through the door even if they don't know anyone
- Donations of used books
- DVDs and used jigsaw puzzles – all pieces intact
- Any current magazines you plan to throw away

What would you like from your Community Café?

In order to make this a great success we welcome suggestions from

anyone – Lets make this a lovely inclusive space for everyone in the village and anyone lucky enough to be passing through.

Our fund raising has started with an incredible donation from Louisa Macnair who has offered to pay for our hall hire for the five months. We are fund raising for our personal charities and a multitude of generous pledges of donations to kick start the café which allows us to gift as much money made as possible from the events to our chosen charities.

Thank you all so much!

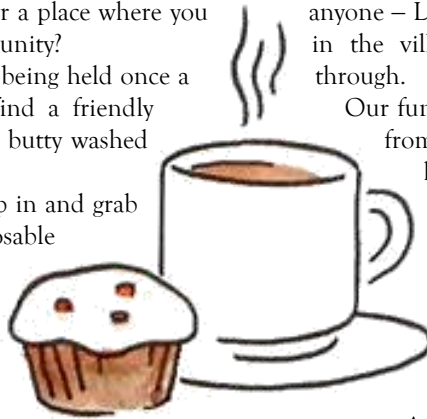
Any questions or ideas – please contact

Sandie – 07825 880807

Amy – 07828 038016

Looking forward to seeing you soon

Sandie Sach and Amy Stephens



Knowing more about what's in your food

WITH the easing of Covid restrictions many people will now be eating meals out and will start to notice changes to the way that their food is described.

In the past, food and drink from places such as cafes, restaurants, pubs and takeaways were not required to display nutritional information. This made it difficult for consumers to make informed and healthier choices about the food they were buying.

From April 2022, new legislation will require large businesses with over 250 employees to display calorie information for the food and drink that they prepare for customers to eat immediately.

There are some exemptions, but any business covered by the regulations will need to display accurate calorie information at the point where a customer chooses their food. Information can be provided on physical menus, online menus, or labels.

The types of businesses covered can include:

- Restaurants, fast food outlets, cafes, pubs and supermarkets
- Home delivery services
- Cafes and takeaways within larger shops and venues, such as supermarkets, department stores, and entertainment venues such as cinemas
- Specialist food stores, delicatessens, sweet shops and bakeries
- Contract catering for example for events and canteens
- Domestic transport businesses including planes, trains and ferries.

The changes are part of the Government's strategy to tackle obesity. Having access to accurate calorie information about food and drink ordered will make it easier for consumers to make healthier food choices for themselves and their families when eating out.



Dorset Council Trading Standards will be working with businesses to help them to better understand the changes needed. If you find something you feel is false or misleading please contact Trading Standards by calling the Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 0808 223 1133.

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Keeping Wildlife in the Wild at the March 2022 WI

ANOTHER busy meeting at our WI. It is good to hear that Camp Bestival will be back in July at Lulworth Castle. The WI tea tent is one of the 'go to' areas, serving everything from hot and cold drinks to the ever-popular chocolate cake and Victoria sponges. Volunteers are welcome, as are cakes.

Our deferred Christmas meal will now take place in May at Ashleywood Golf Club; Nelda has provided the menu options. Lesley has been busy as ever, arranging the skittles matches – the season has started well with a win for us!

Our book club met at Veronica's house and she reported our discussion of 'Hamnet' by Maggie O'Farrell. A fictional account of Shakespeare's son Hamnet, who died aged 11 in 1596, it is a beautiful story of love and grief. It was widely liked and scored top marks with most of us. Well worth a read. We go on to 'Travelling in the Dark' by Emma Timpany.

The Craft Club is encouraging us all to take part in the WI's nationwide competition to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee. The Queen joined Sandringham WI in 1943 and remains its President. To honour her long-standing commitment we are to knit a corgi named Winnie and hide her in the local community as a fun surprise for others to find and keep. Sheila produced her own delightful example, the rest is up to us!

'We must speak for those who cannot speak for themselves' said campaigner and author Dawn Lawrence, as she told us about the work of the 'Born Free Foundation', started in 1984 by Virginia McKenna and Bill Travers. This international charity campaigns to keep wildlife in the wild, in their natural habitat. She spoke with great passion about the extensive loss of these precious habitats, the killing and poaching of animals, the exotic pet trade, as well as the keeping of animals in zoos. Even here in the UK honey bees have become an endangered species because our lawns are being cut too short and, in some cases, concreted over. Dawn concluded by reading poems from her book about animals, 'Two Steps Behind'.

Our next meeting, and our AGM, is on Thursday, 14th April. Please come along and join us.

Pat Bull

Canzonetta returns

CANZONETTA, the nine voice female vocal ensemble, returns to the 2022 concert circuit with our traditional Palm Sunday event. Presenting a programme of sacred songs, both ancient and modern, for the start of Holy Week, we will be singing in the Parish Church of St. John the Baptist, Bere Regis, on Sunday April 10th. The concert is free, with a retiring collection in aid of church funds, and we are hoping that tea and cake will be on the agenda too!

We have loved preparing our programme, only our second concert since choirs were permitted to return to the stage after the restrictions of the last two years. It is full of greatly loved and familiar sacred songs, some more modern than others but all beautiful and thought-provoking as befits the time of year.

We also have a date for your diaries as our summer concert will be in St. Andrew's church, here in Milborne St. Andrew, on Sunday June 19th.

Barbara Rawlings

Deadline for the next issue is mid-day 14th April

One of our readers saw this in a church in
Cambridgeshire, and they thought you might like
to read it too.

Welcome

WE extend a warm welcome to those who are single, married, not sure, divorced, confused, rich or poor. We extend a warm welcome to those who have a newborn that has a loud voice, skinny as a rake, or can afford to lose a few pounds. You are welcome if you were born in Willingham, quite new to this great village, or just passing by and want to rest awhile.

We welcome you if you can sing like a pop star or even like a cracked cup. You're welcome here if you are just browsing, or in fact just woken up or just got out of prison. We don't care if you are more Christian than the Archbishop of Canterbury or haven't been in church since little Jack's christening.

We extend a warm welcome to those adults not grown up yet, and to teenagers that have grown up too fast. We welcome those who are in recovery or are still addicted. We welcome you if you are having problems or are down in the dumps or don't like organised religion. We've been there too!

We offer a welcome to those who think the earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or because grandma is visiting and wanted to go to church.

We welcome those who are inked, pierced or both. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now and have abandoned religion since childhood or got lost on the road and wound up here by mistake. We welcome tourists, seekers and doubters . . .

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Milborne's Jubilee Jamboree for all the family

Thursday 2nd - Sunday 5th June 2022

Filled Planter Competition – The Gardening Club is running a competition for the whole village to partake in. Filled Planters are to be designed and placed on view in the front of your property for all to see and enjoy. Please register your entry with Bill Love on wlove@toucansurf.com or telephone 01258 837677.

Scarecrow Competition – The Players are running a competition for the whole village to take part in. Your 'regally inspired' scarecrows are to be designed and placed on view in the front of your property for all to see and enjoy. It is hoped that you can then bring your scarecrow to the village hall at 11.30am on Saturday 4th June to join in with the procession as we all walk up to the Sports Club to start our afternoon of fun, games and entertainment.

We encourage the village to explore and seek out the containers and scarecrows on Friday 3rd June between 10.00am and 12 noon so that we can all enjoy the village spectacle together!

Great British – 'All You Can Eat' evening at The Royal Oak will take place on Thursday 2nd June – ensure you book early to avoid disappointment – Call 01258 837248 to book.

Fairie Village – Opening at the Village Hall's top field – this ongoing project will be opened on Friday 3rd June at 2.00pm for all to explore and get inspired to add to this lovely project throughout the rest of the year. Please contact Pam Shults 01258 837203 or pamshults@btinternet.com for more information.

Film Night – at The Village Hall will take place on Friday 3rd June with a regally inspired film. The usual array of refreshments will be available at the bar – keep your eye out for more details closer to the time.

Sports Day – at The Sports Pavilion will take place from midday on Saturday 4th June. The plan is that bacon butties and soft drinks will be available from the village hall via the new community café from 10.30am where the village can meet up so that we can have a 'Procession' to the Pavilion commencing at 11.30am, as we all walk up to the Sports Pavilion together. We thought it would be lovely to bring your scarecrows (in a wheel barrow if carrying is too cumbersome) as part of the procession and fancy dress for all is highly encouraged!! The games afternoon will commence with an Obstacle Course at 12.30pm, then Wellie Wanging at 1.30pm, followed by Human Bingo at 2.30pm. Football will then kick off at 3.00pm (ish) followed by Potted Games with the Tug of War finalising the afternoon's family fun. Throughout the afternoon there will be a bouncy castle, a story telling tent along with additional games to have a go at. So please bring your picnics, drinks, chairs, rugs, tables and brollies to ensure that celebratory feel.

The Party at The Pavilion – Sponsored by Wyatt Homes on Saturday 4th June will kick off at 7.00pm with the party

band **The Few**. We hope to have a few people sign up to an 'open mic' session from approx. 8.00 until 9.00pm to showcase our local talent. Please contact Amy on 07282 650104 to sign up. The pizza van will be available to purchase hot food in the early evening and we hope to secure another hot food option. There will **not** be a bar for this event so please bring whatever food and drinks you wish to enjoy your evening with friends and family.

Queen's Jubilee Church Service – takes place at Dewlish church at 11.00pm on Sunday 5th June for Milborne parishioners to attend

Street Parties – Community Driven – will be encouraged on Sunday 5th June in line with national celebrations. Road closures are not being charged for but should be registered. Contact Amy or Wayne if you need further information.

Milborne Jubilee Jamboree Fairie Village

THE proposal is to start to develop a Fairie Village in the wooded area of the Village Hall's top field in celebration of the Queen's Jubilee.

The idea is that it will be a feature which can 'grow organically' over time, but its beginning will start at the end of May so that it can be 'opened' over the celebratory weekend of the 3rd to the 5th June.

Anyone, not just children, can create a dwelling. This can be as simple as a door on a tree trunk to a constructed doll's house type dwelling. There will be no 'rules' as to where they can be sited as each dwelling will be individual.

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Baking, making and pets at Ladybirds

VALENTINE'S Day gave us an excuse for baking, although we don't really need an excuse. This time we made jammy dodger heart biscuits which proved to be a little trickier than our normal



bakes. Luckily, I had tried the recipe at home before making with the children. It made a very soft dough which was very difficult to roll and cut out. So on the day with a trusted recipe we mixed and baked biscuits then spread them

with strawberry jam to make a delicious Valentine treat. Pancake day couldn't pass without making pancakes, so we made and ate and voted on the favourite filling. Sugar came out tops, but we think chocolate spread would have beaten it - unfortunately due to nut allergies we didn't have chocolate spread! We thickened the batter and made a small thicker pancake for the children to toss in the toy frying pan. This was done so enthusiastically the handle broke off the pan.



One of our core books is The Great Pet Sale and we covered it this month by having had a 'pet shop' as role play and learnt about different pets and how they need looking after. In the book there is a diverse mixture of animals including a Komodo dragon, which none of the children had. Cats came out as the most popular pet with many families having two. In the story each pet cost a different amount so for our shop the children made price labels. Sign of the times is having a card and ATM machine not just a cash register. The children were able to hold, stroke and feed dandelion leaves to two beautiful calm guinea pigs. Thank you to Liz H for bringing them in. We also have some tadpoles which the children have been observing through magnifying glasses. And outside we have a pair of longtail tits visiting our bird feeders. Next week our topic will cover more wildlife - this time minibeasts with our book of the week being Billy's Beetle.



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SCHOOL NEWS

Our Reception Class learnt all about Chinese New Year and discovered that they set off fireworks to ward/scare off bad spirits. So using paint and hand tools on black paper we created our own firework picture . . . starting off our learning by inviting good spirits and luck into the classroom with a cleaning (a tradition to start the new year, fresh). It was needed, there was paint, mud and sand EVERYWHERE!

Miss Wittman set an obstacle course up in the hall. After reading the story 'The Legend of the Chinese Zodiac' we pretended that the hall was the river and we had to travel safely across using the apparatus.

Re-enacting the story of the Chinese zodiac but with a twist . . . we changed the ending! The children can tell you who they thought should win the race and why.

We made lanterns by decorating red paper using charcoal and glitter. Then using scissors we cut lines through the paper and left them to dry. We returned our lanterns and with Miss Wittman's help secured the edges and handle using a stapler.

What a treat, we had Chinese food for snack today . . . everyone tried a bit of everything, which is fantastic because I am

sure that not all of the children have had these dishes before. We had meat dumplings, vegetable spring rolls, won ton soup, stir fry vegetables, noodles (chow mein), prawn crackers and a fortune cookie. We talked about what the dishes symbolise and why they are traditionally eaten such as longevity, wealth, health, happiness and family. We even used chopsticks to eat with, tricky but delicious.

After we had tried different Chinese food, Miss Wittman wondered which was the most popular so we decided to carry out a survey. We asked each person whether they liked the different food items, if they did then we drew a smiley face but didn't if they weren't keen on that dish.

After investigating sounds we took it in turns to parade around the school. Lanterns to light the way and dancing dragons to banging drums to welcome the lunar new year.

To finish our lunar new year themed learning I invited the children to make a lucky red envelope. I didn't offer any instruction, apart from to say that the envelope needed to hold a (chocolate) coin without falling out . . . it was amazing to see how independently (and successfully) the children worked. So focused and engaged, demonstrating problem solving and perseverance. The children gifted their red envelope to a friend.



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Vacancy at Longmead: Resident Volunteer Mentor

LONGMEAD Community Farm is a charity based on a small holding that provides support to vulnerable people and families through our family programme and our weekly volunteer maintenance day 'Meet and mend Mondays'. We are looking for a professional and caring individual to live on site and join our resident team of staff and volunteers who would support both programmes as a mentor.

What we do

The Family Programme – Our Family Programme provides young people and families with a safe environment and structured activities to spend time together to reconnect and rebuild. We support them to communicate positively, respect each other's thoughts and feelings, learn new skills and achieve therapeutic outcomes, such as building confidence, self esteem and resilience.

We believe that these positive experiences will create lasting, positive change in their lives. Families visit the farm at weekends, during school holidays for the day or overnight and during the week.

Visits are led by trained and experienced family leads, so we are looking for an individual that would work alongside a family lead to support a family for the duration of their visit.

The resident volunteer mentor would assist the families or young people to access the planned activities and empower them to achieve their desired outcomes. They would also support the programme by transporting families in the company car to and from the farm.

Meet and Mend Mondays – The Monday volunteer maintenance day is our social inclusion initiative that aims to reach out to members of our local community and provide a safe and supportive space for them to meet like-minded people. We aim to reduce loneliness, increase confidence and to offer members of the community a safe place to learn and practise a range of practical skills alongside other friendly faces. We welcome people from many walks of life such as those that are on a gap year or retired, people that are hoping to improve their mental and emotional health and those that are unemployed or looking to gain skills and experience for their CV. We need a mentor to work alongside and support new or vulnerable members of the club.

Responsibilities and duties:

To support our provision and enable the wonderful work we do, the resident warden will form part of the wider team of dedicated resident volunteers. Volunteering for the charity will be in exchange for their accommodation. Volunteers support families by role modelling positive communication, team work, sharing, positive behaviour management and having fun. They facilitate a wide range of positive activities; such as animal care, outdoor pursuits, arts and crafts, games, cooking and basic maintenance tasks.

Qualifications

As this is a supportive role we are not looking for anyone that has any specific qualifications in counselling, mentoring, social care or safeguarding as we will provide all qualifications and training for the role. Instead we are looking for someone that is able to evidence essential skills through their experience. We accept volunteers aged 18 and over, who have the right skills and motivations to join the Longmead Community Farm team.

Essential skills:

- Strong communication skills and the ability to communicate with a range of people on all levels
- A professional and bounded but non-judgemental approach to young people and families and the ability to accept people where they are on their journey
- An interest in facilitating young people and families facing crisis to make positive, lasting change
- The ability to relationship build with a diverse range of people
- A positive attitude
- Good team working skills
- Listening skills
- Practical skills
- A willingness to learn

Desirable attributes include:

- Previous experience of taking a creative approach in working with service users
- Previous experience of spending time with children & families
- Previous experience of behaviour management.
- An interest in animals, gardening, cooking or baking and the outdoors
- The ability to have fun and a sense of humour
- Creativity

What we can offer you:

As part of volunteering with us you will receive accommodation (private bedroom with own ensuite toilet and shower and shared kitchen and utility room) on a beautiful small holding, rewarding experiences, relevant training opportunities, supervisions and support from practitioners that are widely experienced in working with young people and families. This is an ideal position for people who would like to live independently and gain experience working with young people and families to build their CV or insight into whether it is the professional path for them. If you have free time and are interested, then we would love to hear from you.

Full induction and safeguarding training is mandatory and will be provided. All successful applicants will be subject to reference checks and a DBS check as part of our safe recruitment policy.

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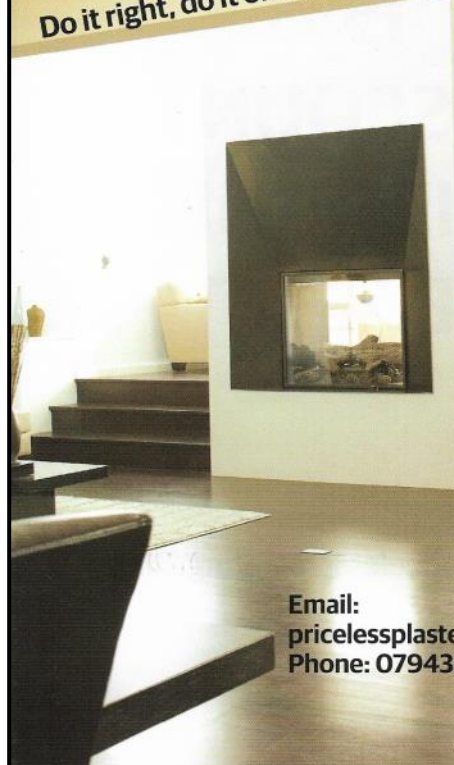
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Village Hall News

JUST when we thought all was back to normal storm Eunice blew in and we had to postpone the film night! But not withstanding that all is back to running as normal.

Remember the Village Quiz? The one that no-one wanted to win because they had to set the next year's questions! We are hoping to bring it back soon so start firing up the brain cells. We are always looking for events to put on and any ideas are welcome. Anyone can put on an event as the hall is for everyone in the village; it doesn't have to always be the committee. Now that there is no longer a youth club there is nothing for the young people in the village. Is there anyone who would like to put on something for them? What would go down well?

The Easter period will see the new windows and doors installed as Ed Frost detailed last month.

We have received one third of the money left over from the May Fair fund and will be using this to purchase another bench and dedicate it to Mike Mullet.

Linda Wright

Spring into 'Easter in Dorset' at Longmead Community Farm

LONGMEAD Community Farm is an approved provider for Dorset Council's 'Easter in Dorset' programme, which is funded by the Department of Education, that brings enriching activities and nutritious food primarily aimed at children eligible for benefit-related free school meals during the main school holidays.

The holiday clubs at Longmead Community Farm, have been growing in popularity each time they are held and we are expecting bumper attendance this Easter school holiday. Drop off sessions, including a hot healthy lunch and snacks, will be held on 12th, 13th, 19th, 20th, 21st April from 10.00am until 4.00pm. Family days will be also held on 14th and 22nd April.

If your child is keen to have a scavenger hunt, have close-up experiences with a variety of animals or would like to try woodland skills using tools, then the team at Longmead Community Farm are pleased to be able to offer this.

A range of craft and baking activity options may also be offered.

The activities will be led by trained professionals, who have a nurturing approach and a wealth of experience of working outdoors with children and young people of different ages, abilities and needs.

When booking on behalf of free school meal eligible children, you will need to provide your 'Easter in Dorset' passcode. To get your passcode, sign up now at www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/easter-in-dorset

A few community payable places are also offered for the drop off sessions, at a cost of £45 per child per day, to include a healthy homemade hot lunch and all snacks will be provided.

Longmead Community Farm support a wide range of children and as an organisation pride ourselves on being inclusive, so any enquiries are welcome. For more information, please telephone 01258 837960 or to book a place, contact funatthefarm@longmead.org

Longmead Community Farm, Longmead Farmhouse, Milborne St Andrew DT110HU

The Bells of St. Andrew's in March

St. Andrew's Milborne tower bells, the heaviest weighing in at a little over 8¾ cwt (8-3-18) [455kg] and tuned to 'A', were rung twice in March:

Wednesday, 2nd March 2022 in 7 minutes

180 Plain Bob Doubles

- 1 Maria Gutteridge
- 2 Robin J Mears (C)
- 3 William Bishop
- 4 Jane Pridmore
- 5 Nigel Pridmore
- 6 Tom Woodland

Rung before Ash Wednesday Service

Robert Newton wishes to be associated with this performance.



and on Saturday, 5th March 2022 in 44 minutes

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

- 1 Robert Newton
- 2 Jane Pridmore
- 3 William Bishop
- 4 Paul Cottingham
- 5 Robin J Mears (C)
- 6 Nigel Pridmore

Rung by M1 Teachers on the 10th anniversary of Association of Ringing Teachers.

Our thoughts go to the people of Ukraine.

Also 95th Birthday compliment to Mrs Rose Gough, Mother-in-law of Robin.

Robin Mears

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 Nite on the second Thursday and Pie Nite on the last Thursday of each month. On these nights we meet on Wednesday evenings otherwise we meet on Thursday.

The next scheduled meetings in April will be on Thursday 7th, Wednesday 13th, Thursday 21st and Wednesday 27th.

The aim of the group is to provide an opportunity to learn and improve your playing skills in a social and 'blame free' environment. Summer is coming and the evenings are getting lighter so 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. 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

Deadline for the next issue is mid-day 14th April

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Councillors invite suggestions for Annual Parish Meeting

THE Parish Council (PC) meeting started with discussion about minutes of the previous meetings. Mr. Lock wanted the minutes to reflect his suggestion that it would be prudent to conduct a business stress test on the proposed preschool facilities within the Camelco development – following recent comments that the Ladybirds has been making a loss for a number of years. As this was not a matter for planning PC agreed to accept the minutes as they were, and exclude Mr. Lock's suggestion.

Milborne Jubilee Jamboree

There is a timetable of events – see page 16 for more details. Following discussions about camping at the sports ground, it will be possible to accommodate up to 20 campers.

There will be costs for decorations and signposting. No money will be spent on a marquee – if the weather isn't good on the day the event will be postponed.

Dorset Council Report

- There is an explanation why land searches (when moving house) are taking longer than the target of 10 days.
- Dorset will host its first ever stage of Tour of Britain on Saturday 10 September 2022.
- A section has been included on the latest changes to policies around the maintenance and management of highway verges which includes reducing the frequency of cutting.
- Enforcement – an east Dorset resident was recently successfully prosecuted for ignoring Planning Enforcement Notice for putting a building on the green belt and hopes that this will dispel the myth that the council do not prosecute people who break planning laws.
- Moors Valley, in Ashley Heath, won the Dorset Tourism Awards Large Visitor Attraction of the year.
- There is reference to a new scheme called Pause, which supports vulnerable women who have children removed from their care. This will hopefully reduce the problem.
- There will be a Beacon Lighting Event to celebrate the Jubilee on 2nd June 2022 at 9.15pm.
- The NSPCC hotline (0808 800 5000) is available to keep children safe from sexual abuse.
- The Council will continue to webcast meetings using the equipment that was purchased for the purpose, from 15th February 2022.

Full details of the report will be available on the website.

Speed indicating device (SID)

Clerk Lewin's paper flagged an increased cost. Originally it was agreed that a cheaper SID would be purchased from Dorset Council, but failed trials. The more expensive SID will cost £2,495 with the rest of the costs to remain the same. Total cost of project will be £4,170. There is money available in the community asset reserve to cover the extra costs.

SIDs are proven to reduce the speed of vehicles. The village Speedwatch team will take responsibility to switch the locations of the SID. It was approved by the PC to purchase the more expensive SID, which comes with a two-year guarantee.

Representative to Village Hall Management Committee

Cllr Stevens was appointed to join the Village Hall Management Committee. Mr. Frost was delighted with the appointment.

Appointment of new internal auditor

PC previously stated that they wanted to go with a fixed fee firm, and Clerk Lewin was tasked with due diligence on internal auditors around our area. After contacting 11 parishes Clerk

Lewin recommended that JP Consultants were chosen. Last year their fixed rate was £70 but was not sure what the cost will be this year. Clerk Lewin confirmed that he was happy with the qualifications of JP Consultants.

Tree for the Jubilee

Cllr Williams likes the idea of a tree being planted in the village for the jubilee, and a plaque purchased to say why and when it was planted. A plaque from Woodland Trust charity would be around £50. The plaque endorsed by Buckingham Palace is from the Royal British Legion charity and that is nearer £100, which was considered pricey though would be for a good cause. As long as the tree is planted this year it will appear on an interactive map on a website for anyone who wants to come and visit it. Saplings are free to schools and Councils, but rather than free saplings, Cllr Williams recommended a substantial tree is bought, costing about £100, and suggested a flowering cherry tree, native to England, that wouldn't get too big. Regarding location, the Parish Pit and the War Memorial areas are both full. Options suggested were on Milton Road – Stileham Bank and Hopsfield areas as these are central to the village. The cost of the tree would come from the Jubilee fund. Next steps:

- get permission from Dorset Council to plant a tree;
- go to the public to ensure that they are happy with the location and the type of tree;
- investigate the cost of a tree, the cost of a plaque, and options for a tree guard to protect the tree.

Annual Parish Meeting items

Will be held on 2nd May and is a meeting where the public will set the agenda. The public will be invited to meet with the PC to share what they would like the PC to do. The cllrs were asked how large or small they would like the meeting to be. In the past there have been speakers, eg information about crime. Cllrs were asked to share details of any external speakers that will encourage the public to come to the meeting then to let the Clerk Lewin know. The public in attendance were asked what they thought:

- Mr Lock suggested that evening time during the week wasn't a good time as people have families—people came out for the Neighbourhood plan, and that was held on the weekend. PC response was the timing of the meeting was not the issue.
- Mr Frost stated that refreshments (hot drinks and cake) for the Remembrance parade were offered and there were a good number of people were in attendance. He suggested alcohol might not be appropriate. The response from the PC was that offering alcohol was legal and "would encourage local tax payers to the meeting".

It was agreed to put a message out on Facebook to invite ideas for the meeting from the public.

Public Participation

Cllr Stephens, and Sandie Sach are off to Cambodia! They are paying for the trip but will be raising funds to give to charities of their choice – Cllr Stephens's charity is Shelter Box, and Sandie's is a Dementia charity. To raise charity funds they will be running a Community Café in the Village Hall on the second Saturday of the month (except May), from the 9th April till September, 10.00am to 12 noon. People will be able to purchase hot drinks, cake, bacon sandwiches, as well as purchasing plants and second-hand books. Well behaved dogs will be welcome. See pages 13 and 20 for more details.

Don't forget to start thinking about your Royal themed containers and scarecrows!

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Village Lunch 2022

WELL what a time we've had since I last wrote a report! January and February 2020, normal service, then Kaboom! everyone confined to barracks, no meeting with anyone for the foreseeable future. Did we let that put us off our monthly lunches, no chance! We phoned up to see if you would like home delivery and our super pub brought the food to your doors. Now we're back to almost normal and we are already welcoming almost 30 people a month.

Some of the things that have been happening to us, your committee, in the background. We have just had our inspection from a council official as to the suitability and standards of correct information and hygiene practices, and passed with top marks - I have the sticker to prove it! We sadly lost our dishwasher in the kitchen refurb, so two of our committee now roll up their sleeves and get on with it manually and womanually! To keep you all safe we do extra cleaning and sanitizing. We have also all got two years older.

This is not a committee for the fainthearted, we work very hard to present our usual relaxed lunches for everyone, my special thanks go to all of our committee members. We function on a shoestring, as my granny used to say, no-one gets any preferential treatment, we all pay for our meals, we may get an extra dollop of custard if there's any left, but that's it.

As always we thank The Royal Oak for their support of this very worthwhile social gathering and the church who kindly pay our insurance.

If anyone is interested in joining us once a month in the village hall, please ring Heather Hogg on 837392 to book a ticket; you will be served a main course and pudding, followed by tea or coffee and a chocolate all for the princely sum of £7.50. *Josie Wright*

Briantspuddle Singers stage concert in Milton Abbey

HAVING not performed together as a group for over two years during the pandemic Briantspuddle Singers are very much looking forward to staging a concert of Lent music in the prestigious and beautiful Milton Abbey on Saturday 9th April at 7.30pm. We will be performing the ever-popular Crucifixion by Stainer, accompanied by local musicians playing the Abbey's Willis organ and the chamber organ owned by the DRMS. Also on the programme are popular pieces by Victoria, Viadana, Handel, Mozart, Brahms, Vaughan Williams, ending with two joyful and exuberant works by recent composers - Richard Shephard and Alan Bullard. Choir members are all eagerly anticipating this chance to come together to sing once again in these lovely surroundings, and look forward to welcoming a large and enthusiastic audience to share their love of music during these still very challenging times. Tickets for this event are £12.50 and are available at the door, from any choir member or tel: 01929 554055. *Jill Marsden*

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Deadline for the next issue is mid-day 14th April

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organising a special event or two to show off your donated creations, and let your imagination take over.

All items will then be sold to raise money for Royal Voluntary Service and our work in the community.

So please spread the word, get started and let me know what you are making; photos are always great and look good on our Facebook page.



Any questions please contact Maria Jacobson, Service Manager Dorset Home Library Service, tel. 07786 635154 or e-mail maria.jacobson@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk.

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The History Group

Presentation on a project

“West Stour at the Millennium”

DIANA West and Dr. Brian Harper came from West Stour to talk about their book, started in 1999 in response to a John Ash book “West Stour in Dorset”. The original concept was to make a photographic record of each and every house in their village for the Millennium. This was to provide a ‘snapshot in time’ and to complement his book. Four volunteers formed the main organisers but many others contributed to the endeavour. As it was intended to use IT to produce the book it was essential to have a computer expert on the team. Using the existing Village Hall newsletter, all parishioners were circulated with an explanation of their intentions asking for their permission to take a picture of their house as well as providing a list of the residents in their property from 1900 to 1999 (if known). Only one household refused.

West Stour is one of a group of villages in the Stour Valley, recorded as settlements in the Domesday Book. Its open fields were enclosed in 1779. Its church chancel dates back to the 13th century with bells from the 17th and 18th century. As well as providing this snapshot the Millennium Book charts the lives of the villagers over that period of time. Without the considerable help and cooperation of local people no such parish history could have been undertaken. This, the original four enthusiasts had in abundance. Funding was enhanced by a grant of £100 from the Dorset Rural Development Area Community Projects Fund. All householders and businesses provided this help and cooperation. Use was made of Reference Libraries in Dorchester and Yeovil and (what was then known as) the Dorset Records Office, also the clerk of the Stours Parish Council, the secretary of the West Stour Church Meeting and the Sherborne Estates. Henstridge Airfield made possible the aerial shots also providing the fuel and pilot for an aircraft from Buckland Newton Hire. The authors concluded the book with these words: “So here at the end of a century and millennium, West Stour is still a haven of peace in a very noisy world. Some old traditions continue such as harvest festival and Christingle Service (with the additions in 1986) of November 5th Bonfire Party and ‘Happy Hour’ at the Village Hall on Boxing Day”

Other members of the History Group recounted their own research beginnings showing a willingness to, perhaps, emulate the West Stour project. Many things would be easier now, with modern forms of technology and communication. Others would be more difficult. This village is much larger (roughly a thousand more people than West Stour), but is currently more in touch due to the Community Page on Facebook and, of course, the *Reporter* delivered to every resident! There are a myriad of skills and a richness of material which could be mobilised with a will and a way.

Carole Fornachon

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What's on in Milborne

APRIL

- Wednesday 6th** **Wednesday Club** visit to Keynestone Mill for cream tea. Meet at Village Hall 2.00pm.
- Thursday 7th** **Bridge** The Royal Oak 7.00pm.
- Friday 8th** **Milborne Movies** *West Side Story* Village Hall 7.30pm.
- Saturday 9th** **Community Café** Village Hall 10.00– 12 noon.
- Saturday 9th** **Spring Sale** Dewlish Village Hall 2.30pm.
- Saturday 9th** **Briantspuddle Singers** Milton Abbey 7.30pm.
- Wednesday 13th** **Bridge** The Royal Oak 7.00pm.
- Wednesday 13th** **History Group** The Royal Oak Function Room 7.30pm.
- Thursday 14th** **WI AGM** Village Hall 7.30pm.
- Thursday 14th** **Mid-day deadline** for copy for the *Reporter* msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk or give to a member of the team.
- Friday 15th** **Good Friday**
- Sunday 17th** **Easter Sunday**
- Thursday 21st** **Gardening Club** Village Hall 7.30pm. Visitors and new members welcome.
- Thursday 21th** **Bridge** The Royal Oak 7.00pm.
- Saturday 23rd** **Village Lunch** Village Hall 12.15pm – see page 2 for menu.
- Wednesday 27th** **Bridge** The Royal Oak 7.00pm.
- Wednesday 27th** **Village Hall AGM** 7.00pm.
- Thursday 28th** **Pie Night** The Royal Oak.

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).
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Community Contacts

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COUNCILS

Dorset Councillor	Emma Parker	07411 149997
Parish Council – Dewlish	Clerk:	
	Chair: Andrew Booth	01258 837284
Parish Council –	Clerk: Wayne Lewin	07419 136735
Milborne St. Andrew	Chair: Richard Macnair	07774 081551

Dorset Council Services: For matters relating to roads repairs, bins, litter, environmental health, planning, footpaths and parking, www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk or call 01305 221000

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	

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	Joy Robinson	01258 837661
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

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

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Bere Regis Surgery		01929 471268
Milborne St. Andrew Surgery		01258 880210
Milton Abbas Surgery		01258 880210
Puddletown Surgery		01305 848333
NHS for non-emergencies		111
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