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Uncertain times ahead for the Village Hall

Notes from the Village Hall AGM in April

THE meeting was attended by seven of the Village Hall Trustees and two members of the public.

After a welcome and introductions by the Village Hall President, Eric Crichton, the Chairman of the Trustees, Linsey O'Neill and Treasurer, Ed Frost, presented their reports:

Income

Income from the hire of the Hall was significantly lower in 2023 compared to other years because of the move in October of the Ladybirds Playgroup from the Hall (their base for 20 years) to their new premises at the First School. The Hall's Booking Secretary had some success in attracting new business for weekday hires, however, the efforts of the Trustees in arranging and running attractive community events throughout the year generated income which was able to offset the loss of the Ladybirds to some extent. The regular Milborne Movies continues to attract a loyal audience, the Community Café has proved to be tremendously successful (socially and financially) and the one-offs such as Bingo and the Village Quiz were received with much enthusiasm and great enjoyment as well as generating significant financial returns for the Hall.

Success with grants

Trustees were successful in obtaining grants for specific projects: the National Lottery funded the new TV/AV equipment and Dorset Council, via the S106 (Huntley Down Development) Grant, funded the construction of the Pétanque court and the purchase of an outdoor Table Tennis Table and replacement basket swing, all of which saw considerable use throughout the summer and autumn.

Dorset Council (S106) also earmarked substantial funding for a much-needed extension to our car park. Unfortunately, unsurmountable environmental concerns were raised at the very last minute and the project had to be abandoned.

Another S106 grant was provided in the spring to complete the purchase and installation of a 10KW Solar Panel/Battery system for the Hall. This has lowered our electricity bills considerably and is expected to lead to a zero cost for electricity in 2024 and on into the future.

Trustees to the rescue

A leak in the flat roofed area of the Hall caused considerable worry in 2023. Estimates for its repair amounted to £10,000+ but we were fortunate to have two Trustees with the expertise and commitment to make the repair ourselves for a tenth of that amount.

Our responsibility for maintaining the field and playpark

The maintenance of the recreation field, MUGA and Playpark are a significant drain on the Hall's finances. Over the years the Parish Council has slowly recognised an obligation to help support these facilities but even now this is limited to just grass cutting and play equipment safety inspections. Other Parish Councils have the direct responsibility for similar facilities in their villages but here in Milborne St. Andrew it is the Village Hall Trustees who are responsible. We worry that in the future, without significantly increased community support, Village Hall funds will not be available to repair or replace damaged or worn-

out play equipment and unsafe equipment will need to be taken out of service.

Uncertain times ahead

2024 will be the start of a challenging future for the Village Hall. The departure of the Ladybirds Playgroup means a drop in income to the Hall of more than £10,000 – some 60% of the current total. Some of this will be offset by a reduction in wear and tear, cleaning costs will be reduced and the cost of heating and lighting will be lower. There are opportunities now for new groups to use the Hall but it is most unlikely that the loss in income can be anywhere nearly recouped in this way. The imagination, enthusiasm and commitment of the Trustees and "Friends of the Hall" in creating and managing community fund-raising events and other activities has been instrumental in generating significant extra income for the Hall but the capabilities and energy of this handful of willing volunteers is finite. In the future, considerably more practical and financial support from regular users and the community in general, will be necessary for the Village Hall and its surrounding amenities to survive.

The full reports and financial statement can be viewed on the Hall's admin webpage on the village website at www.milbornestandrew.org.uk.

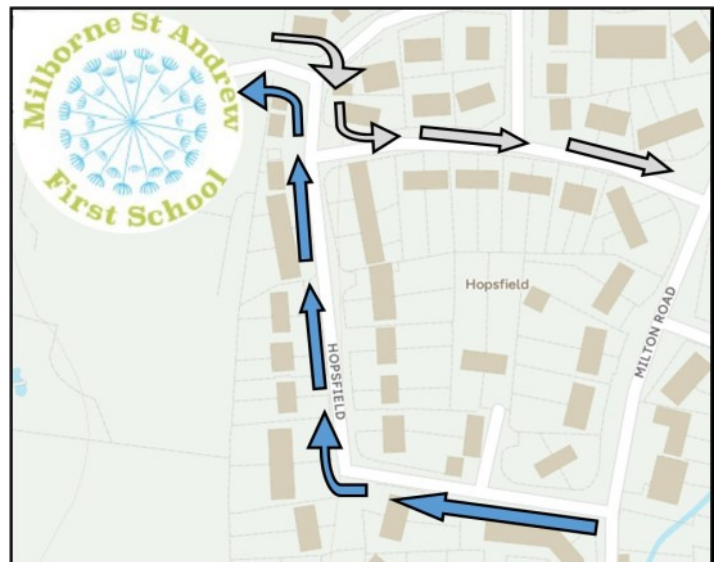
If you would like to get more involved with the Village Hall then do please contact one of the Trustees (contact details on the website and in the *Reporter*) or email the Chairman of the Trustees, Linsey O'Neill, at chair.msavh@gmail.com.

Ed Frost – retiring Treasurer.



One-way system for school

MILBORNE First School would like to remind school and pre-school parents that there is a voluntary one-way system in place around Hopsfield for vehicles to minimise traffic queues. It is appreciated if parents bringing children to school could use the southern Hopsfield entrance (nearest the shop) from Milton Road and when coming from school to use the northern junction. Many thanks.



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The Big Dorset Apple Cake

At the Village Hall on Dorset Day – Saturday June 1st

10.00am – 12.00noon



“A couple from Dorset’s Milborne
Were feeling quite sad and forlorn,
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A Big Apple Cake
And now feel completely reborn!”

Dorset Day is on Saturday June 1st when the Big Dorset Apple Cake event will take place and I would like to pass on a few heartfelt thanks.

First of all to our supporters who have offered to bake and/or buy cakes, we are so grateful and we are relying on your efforts



to make this year’s Dorset Day an occasion to remember. Also thank you to everyone who emailed in your recipes and offers of help, it has been very encouraging to hear from you all. Someone asked very recently how much it costs to buy the ingredients and make an apple cake. It

varies, but I’ve priced the basic recipe out at between £2.20 and £2.75 depending on using butter or margarine. Of course, that doesn’t include the cost of cooking.

Thank you so much to Langham Wine Estate for generously donating a bottle of their Corallian Classic Cuvee for our Big Dorset Apple Cake Raffle. It says on the tasting notes that the wine is “rich with the flavours of apple, lemon and quince” so it will be ideal to accompany a slice of apple cake. Your generosity is much appreciated. Also, huge thanks are due to Glenn Bratley at Londis Stores for giving us a special donation of Badger Beers and Bridport Biscuits which will fit in perfectly with our Dorset theme.

Big Dorset Apple Cake raffle tickets will, of course, will be on sale at the Village Hall on Saturday 1st June when the raffle will be drawn late morning. Our prizes are modest but well worth winning. The first prize is a hamper donated by the MSA Food and Wine Club, which reflects the interests of the club members (!) it has to be seen to be believed . . . again, many thanks to the big hearted and generous members of what I believe to be the largest club in our village.

The second prize is £100.00 in cash, the third prize is £50.00 in cash, both kindly donated by an anonymous well-wisher. We are so grateful as this is a huge boost to our fund-raising efforts.

The Village Hall is being specially decorated for our event by MSA First School. They are using apples and Dorset Day as the theme for their decorations. It’s wonderful that our young people are involved in community events like this. The teaching staff have gone out of their way to be part of and cooperate with our organising team and have put in many extra-curricular hours to help our efforts. The additional work involved is really appreciated and we would like to take this opportunity to thank

everyone at the school for all their help.

Many other organisations in the village have also been

proactive in promoting our event and I would like to personally thank all the members of the organising team, who were all eager volunteers, for their help with getting things done. Team meetings, it has to be said, were a lot of fun, a fair few glasses of wine, and a multiplicity of nibbles were consumed, but their dedication never wavered.

Also to the stalwart designers, printers, laminators and deliverers of the flyers and putters up of posters, keeping everyone in the village informed of any one-off events like this one as well as the many regular events. It sometimes amazes me how many public-spirited people there are living in our village. They don’t ever blow their own trumpets or boast of how brilliant they are but just quietly and modestly get on with the job in all weathers. Even when it is inconvenient and they are very busy. Thank you.

On Dorset Day, Saturday June 1st, doors open at the Village Hall at 10.00am and 99-year-old Community Cafe regular Jeff Blake will cut ceremonially the giant cake using a World War I sword-bayonet soon after.

Slices of cake accompanied by clotted cream and tea and coffee will then be sold as well as raffle tickets. Whole cakes will be available to buy, also small tubs of clotted cream and we are hoping that there are as many buyers as bakers! All proceeds will benefit the Village Hall. As you know the Ladybirds Playgroup has recently moved to the school so the Village Hall has lost a big chunk of its income.

Fundraising events are vital to help plug the gap.

If you haven’t yet experienced an MSA Village Hall Community

Café then I urge you to come along and experience what I think our village is all about. People getting together and having a good time in the heart of our community. Most importantly everyone is welcome, young or old, newcomers or born and raised, male or female, outgoing or reserved, the list is endless. All I can say is come along, give it a try and make your own mind up, you won’t regret it.

We look forward to meeting you at our beautifully decorated Village Hall to celebrate Dorset Day with typically generous Dorset hospitality and our down to earth Milborne St. Andrew style.

P.S. Complimentary clotted cream with the single slices of apple cake, generously provided by Blackmore Vale Dairies (another kind donation) While stocks last, as they say . . . *Rose Frost*



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“The Ways of Milborne” by Andy Way: Episode 3

Andy Way continues our story of Joseph Way (b. MSA 1816) from recent issues of the Reporter, who was transported to Van Diemen’s Land in 1846 for the crime of arson in the village. He became a free man, remarried and started up a new Australian family, and died in 1883 in Hobart aged 67.

But what of the family he left behind in Dorset? In the 1851 census for MSA/Milborne Stileham, Joseph’s abandoned wife Sarah (nee Hammett, b. Tolpuddle 1818) and her children are listed as paupers. In Sarah’s entry, it is further noted “husband transported”. Eldest son (10 years) Edwin, is noted to be a Sunday scholar, but can otherwise be assumed to be trying to find work during the remainder of the week. Sarah’s next two children – Ellen (8) and Albert (5) – are day scholars, i.e. at school.

Interestingly, a fourth child, Charles, is listed, but as he is only two years of age, he can’t be Joseph’s son. In Andy’s book *The Ways of Milborne St. Andrew*, he tries to find out who the father is, without success (p.115). Sarah must have struggled hugely with four children aged 10 and under, but she succeeds in keeping the family together. In the 1861 census for Milborne Churchstone, Sarah is 42, and still listed as a pauper. Son Edwin is an Agricultural Labourer aged 20, like his younger (half-)brother Charles, now aged 12. Daughter Ellen is a needlewoman aged 18. Note that there’s a new son Walter aged seven, who is at school. He was baptised in MSA on 15th Feb 1854. Only Sarah’s name is given as a parent, but local vicar George Carter was open-minded enough to permit the baptism in St. Andrew’s church. Looking ahead to 1871 for clues to the father, we see that while Sarah has married, son Walter is listed as her new husband’s stepson, so he can’t be the father. On the assumption that Walter might have been named after his father, Andy checked the censuses for 1851 and 1861, but there are no viable paternal candidates in the records. This mystery will also have to remain unsolved . . .

So who did Sarah marry? Farm labourer George Stickley (b. 1810 in MSA) was previously married, but wife Eliza dies in the last quarter of 1861, and he has several young children of his own to look after. Sarah and George tie the knot in the summer of 1862. In the 1871 census, George is still working on the farm aged 62. Sarah’s sons are both working: Charles is 22 and a mason’s labourer, while Walter is 17 and also a farm labourer. Happily, Sarah is no longer a pauper, although the family would not have been well off by any means.

In 1881, George is still working as an Agricultural Labourer aged 71. Sarah is 62, and they are living on Church Lane at this time. They have a 22-year old lodger Charles Legg, a blacksmith, who would have provided welcome additional income. In 1891, George (81) and Sarah (72) are living in Crown House in Milborne Stileham. Fortunately, we can see that George is “past work”! Sarah’s son Edwin has returned to live with his mother and stepfather, aged 37, and a general labourer. Note that they are living next door to blacksmith Samuel Way (1838-1908) – Sarah’s first husband Joseph’s first cousin – and his family.

George dies in 1894 aged 84, and is buried in MSA on May 22nd. Sarah dies in 1899, and is buried in MSA on Sep 26th aged 81. They may have married for convenience, but the marriage lasted 32 years, so we can assume they loved each other also!

For more information on Andy’s book, mail him at andy.way@adaptcentre.ie. In the next issue, we’ll examine some more characters from MSA from the book and the extended Way family tree!

Carole Fornachon

Spinning with the WI – May 2024

TODAY hand spinning is largely done for personal use, for knitting or crochet. Our speaker, Viviane Bernhard, a member of the Dorset Guild of Spinners, Weavers and Dyers, brought along a colourful array of her own handmade articles to show us. The process of turning fibres into yarn or thread using either a spindle or spinning wheel is an old one, going back over 10,000 years. For most of this time it was done using a spindle, usually by girls or unmarried women, until it became mechanised in the 18th century with the invention of the Spinning Jenny and the birth of the Industrial Revolution.



Spinning is still an important skill in many societies and Guild members can often be seen at craft fairs showing what fun the craft is. Viviane prefers to spin from fleece, which must be cleaned and washed first. Amongst her favourites are Alpaca, Merino and Portland, with a lovely example of a jacket spun from a Jacob’s fleece amongst examples passed around for us to look at. The County Show in September is one of the Guild’s venues; it will be worth taking a look at their stand just to see this old craft at work.

Business: Dental health is the subject of this year’s WI Resolution and Chris, our delegate to take this forward to the Annual meeting at the Royal Albert Hall, outlined some of the important points to bear in mind. The NFWI is calling on the Government to increase investment in the training and retention of dentists to ensure everyone can access an NHS dentist wherever they live. We were happy to give her our vote.

Our next meeting is on Thursday June 13th when Lee Briggs will talk about ‘My days as a Police dog handler’. Please come along and join us.

Pat Bull

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Plant and Veg Swap

Just a reminder that our plant & veg swap is back for 2024! It brings a smile to people’s faces to pick up a plant after a visit, especially some of our younger patients who have walked away with a sunflower, tomato, or cucumber plant to watch grow up. So, if you have any spare seedlings, plants or vegetables – any veg or flowers would be welcome – please drop them off in our surgery foyer.

Midsummer Madness

WHAT to do in a year when there is no Milton Abbas Street Fair!

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We are running a midsummer event on Saturday 22nd June between midday and 6.00pm.

“HubFest” will feature activities for all ages including a novelty dog show, face painting, splat the rat, tombola, alpaca walking, animal feeding at the farm, and much, much more!

We will have a number of stalls plus food and refreshments (both alcoholic and non-alcoholic) will be available all day. Inevitably, there has to be a raffle with some fabulous prizes including tickets for a day out at Wincanton racecourse and many more wonderful items.

Musical entertainment will be provided throughout the day by live artists.

So how much is this going to cost me, I hear you say. Well, entry is free, leaving you with more funds to enjoy the things you like best.

All proceeds will go to Friends of Luccombe Hub, a registered charity (number 1205268) that supports the school with fundraising.

Come along with your family and friends and enjoy a (hopefully) sunny day out. Oh. And don’t forget the dog!

Nigel Hodder

Milborne St. Andrew

Village History Group

Brian Bates

presents an illustrated talk on

The

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Many of us feel we don't have enough of it – our lives are so busy that there is never enough time to do all that we want to do. Others feel that time moves too slowly – that there is too much of it to fill.

I've been reflecting on time since the sudden death of my father at the end of April. I ask myself whether he would have done anything differently that day had he known it would be his last. And, of course, I'll never know the answer to that question. But we do know that all of us will one day reach the end of our lives here on earth. I wonder whether that makes any difference to the way we use our time.

It's not something I imagine most of us spend many minutes thinking about until, perhaps, we are faced with our own mortality either because someone we love dies or our life changes dramatically through illness or injury or frailty or something else that knocks us off course.

I've been asking myself whether I am happy with the way I spend my time, the balance of priorities and the things I fill my days with. And I have a mixed response to that. I get it right sometimes but not at other times. So what would help me to make better choices?

First, I think being more aware of my own mortality. Facing the truth that at some point my life will come to an end, that my days are limited, so I should use them in the best possible way.

Second, remembering that rest is as important as busy-ness – taking time to be rather than to do is vital if we are to flourish. Sabbath rest has been an important part of Christianity and its Jewish roots before then, first introduced in the Bible as a concept in the story of creation as told in Genesis and found in the Ten Commandments.

Third, seeing each day as a gift to be treasured. Even bad days can be turned around when each day is seen as precious. Sunshine gladdens our hearts but let's remember that rain is also a gift without which we would not have life.

The Psalmist asks God to "teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom" (Psalm 90.12). The wise person knows that every hour counts.

Best wishes

Sarah

From St Andrew's Church

RECENTLY we were lucky enough to have a new member join our Open the Book team. Although the team has only a few dedicated people, what they perform is always welcomed by the children. We have been visiting our village first school for many years reading Open the Book stories and acting them out. The latest book we are using is called Christian Values. The stories are ones from the Bible but written in a way that is appealing to children, who are invited to become part of the telling. There is always the opportunity for new team members and if anyone is interested just get in touch with one of us.

On the 12th May, St. Andrew's with All Saints, Dewlish, held their Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Pam and Tony were elected to be churchwardens for St. Andrew's church and Jim and Sue were elected to be churchwardens for All Saints. Other members of the Parochial Church Councils were elected. Matters discussed included the concerns about the lack of income that St. Andrew's church is experiencing as this is having a detrimental effect on their ability to pay their 'Share' to Salisbury Diocese and more concerning, to pay for necessary repairs to the church and churchyard. Ways of increasing our income were discussed.

Pam and Tony Churchwardens

Services in the Benefice of Puddletown, Tolpuddle, Milborne with Dewlish June

2nd June – Trinity 1

9.30am	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30	Milborne Praise	Milborne
11.00	Parish Communion	Puddletown
11.00	1662 Morning Prayer (traditional language)	Dewlish
4.00pm	Bubble Church	Puddletown Village Hall

9th June – Trinity 2

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

SATURDAY 15th June

1.30pm	Marriage of Michael Booth and Sophie Collins	Dewlish
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16th June – Trinity 3

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

23rd June – Trinity 4

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

30th June – Trinity 5

11.00am	Farm Service	Parsonage Farm Dewlish (followed by bring-and-share lunch)
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For further advice, including suggested letter templates, or to report to Trading Standards a trader who has not given you a written cancellation notice, visit the Citizens Advice consumer helpline at citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer or phone 0808 2231133.



Wednesday Club news



WE had our Annual General Meeting on 1st May, two of our committee wished to step down as officers. Thanks to our members we now have a new secretary and John Wright was proposed as treasurer and has agreed. After the business part was over we

settled down to a fiendish game of bingo, followed of course by tea and biscuits and our monthly catch up of all the village news.

Next month our meeting is on Wednesday 5th June at 2.00pm. We have a surprise speaker this time, negotiations are taking place as I write. This will be followed by a quiz and our usual refreshments and mingling.

Josie Wright

Deadline for the next issue 14th June

Send your articles to the Reporter by e-mail at msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk or give to a member of the team.

Community Speed Watch

YOU have probably seen the Milborne Community Speed Watch (CSW) team out and about checking the speed of vehicles in the village. Our CSW team are just one of many teams who operate across Dorset and are supported by Dorset Police.

The Milborne team currently has 11 members who carry out around five sessions a month. The team can only operate in good weather and at agreed sites, currently these are Dorchester Hill outside the pub; the top of Blandford Hill and a couple of sites along Milton Road. Session times and days must also be agreed in advance.

The team use a radar speed check gun supplied by Dorset Police; any vehicles found to be exceeding the prescribed limit are reported to the police who keep a record of those vehicles' registration numbers. Over the last three months the team have scheduled 15 sessions (although a few of these had to be cancelled due to wet weather or fog). The speed of 2120 vehicles has been checked and 11 vehicles (one vehicle twice) have been reported to the police.

It isn't just about catching drivers, the team acts as a visual reminder to drivers to check their speed whilst driving through our village.

We would like to expand the team so we can arrange more sessions. If you are interested in joining please do get in touch by emailing peter.chappell@me.com

PC: A year reviewed and the next planned

THE May Parish Council meeting was a busy evening as it also included the Annual Village Meeting and the Annual General Meeting of the PC. Also, with local elections in May, the PC's cycle ended meaning the council was re-formed; of seven seats, four previous councillors came forward with Cllr Macnair being re-selected as chair with Cllr Greening as vice-chair. Two new councillors were co-opted onto the PC, with residents Helen Badger and Susan Poet taking their places on the council.

The Annual Village Meeting was sparsely attended – a surprise, since there was free booze on offer – and did not bring many suggestions as to what they would like to see the PC do during the coming year. But there was praise for what the council has done and the support given with the Village Hall (VH) and park in mind and also for the new bench near Snag Lane. Offers of sponsorship or suggestions of potential locations for new benches are appreciated by the PC. There was public discussion about overgrown footpaths in the parish – the PC is aware but stated that this has to be reported on the Dorset Council (DC) website for the issue to be addressed [www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk].

In the review of the previous council year, Cllr Macnair recounted all the PC actions and events, from sponsoring the Coronation picnic, installation of new gates on footpaths, purchase of sports equipment for the VH, application for 20mph limit for The Causeway, creating sandbag storage at the VH, facilitated a 'village gateway' to be installed on the Dewlish road amongst other initiatives. He also spoke of the £75k allocated to the traffic calming of the A354, a Neighbourhood Plan priority. Later in the PC meeting it was expanded on what the works were

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Sunshine means water fun at Ladybirds!

FIRSTLY thanks go to our fundraising team led by Carly Perry who through the Easter colouring trail and Jumble trail have raised £250 towards refreshing and renewing resources for the children. We are refining that wish list and will let you know what this is being spent on in next month's *Reporter*.

Here at Ladybirds we are so happy to see the sun out – whilst many of our children are outdoors in all weathers the sun has the bonus of their clothes drying quickly which is without doubt the biggest need when we have water play. Water play has so many learning benefits:



concentration, tolerance, adaptability, communication, perseverance and critical thinking to name a few. You don't need a paddling pool! Anything from a tray, washing up bowl, food mixing bowl or cups and saucers will give your child lots of play opportunities. Summer just wouldn't be summer without

lots of (supervised) water play!

As the sun gets higher and hotter we are doing all we can to promote sun safety: sun hats, sun cream and keeping topped up with fluids.

Keeping your child topped up with fluids is also essential if you are to help them achieve ditching their nappies!

There appears to be a lot of conflicting information out there on the best way or when to start toilet or potty training children. We recognise this and have made a resource bag to give out (see photo) to parents to support them and their children in achieving continence. The advice we gives comes from the NHS and ERIC – The Children's Bowel and Bladder Charity.

A few key points from their guidance :

- It's a process – it takes time
- Think about starting the process from 18 months to 30 months old.
- Be prepared.
- Every child is individual.
- The longer you leave it the harder it will be as children become accustomed to wearing a nappy.

If your child is about to start with us please do talk to us about what we can do to support you in the big developmental step.

If you've got a little one at home have a look at the Wee, wee, poo song <https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/articles/z64r2sg>

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Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club – Plant sale success!



ON the second Saturday in May, the sun shone, queues formed and the gardening club opened the doors of the village hall for another hugely successful plant sale.

There was a wide range of plants, gardening accessories and books. Customers were able to pause, relax and chat over coffee, tea and delicious homemade cake. We are delighted to say that for the second year running, we raised over £600 for the gardening club.

This month, as a club, on Saturday 15th June, we are going to Cerne Abbas to visit their Open Gardens.

Our next meeting in the hall will be on Thursday 18th July, when we will learn how to make a butterfly friendly garden. Why not come along? We start at 7.30pm in the village hall. Cost is just £2 for non members and includes tea, coffee and biscuits.

Angela and Mark Johnson





Our School Values

Respect For Self – We are kind to ourselves and responsible for our own learning

Respect For Others – We are kind to each other. Our differences make us stronger

Respect For Our World – We are part of nature. We will work together to make the world a better place

Earth Day 2024 – Milborne vs Plastic!

Earth Day is an event held each April to demonstrate support for environmental protection.

This year's theme was 'Planet vs Plastic' or as we like to call it, 'Milborne vs. Plastic!'

We decided to do a little experiment and create our very own plastic recycling centre, to show us and our children just how much plastic we are using. Our families got involved, bringing their plastic recycling in all week long. At the end of the week our



fantastic Year 4's sorted through the plastic. We counted how much we had collected, which enabled us to work out how much we use in a year.

The results are as follows (and have blown us away!):



Plastic item	Amount used per year
Plastic bottles	19,376
Plastic containers	22,776
Yoghurt pots	14,212
Food wrappers	24,960
Dunker tubs	3,132



Miles For Mosaic

Our school, along with many other local schools, popped on our trainers and ran miles over the course of a week, raising money for the local Dorset charity, Mosaic.

Mosaic offers support to children and young people who have



suffered a bereavement. We got to work right away, kicking off the week with our school hosting an amazing assembly, inviting all schools to join us virtually, to talk to our children about the fantastic work Mosaic do.

Then, we ran at every opportunity we could over that week-long period, running laps around our school field and having fun along the way. The children, our staff and our families were absolutely amazing. Our school ran a brilliant 438 miles in total and the amount raised so far from all schools is just over £7000!! An amazing effort for such a wonderful cause. Thank you so much to everyone who got involved.



Year 3/4 football tournament

Our Year 3/4 football team took part in the inter-schools tournament held at Dorchester Town FC. The whole day was a fantastic display of the ethos across our area of collaboration, respect and enjoyment. It was great to see friends from so many schools and our children demonstrated their school values with pride, as always, shaking hands with the opposition after every match and encouraging each other and being resilient when things didn't go to plan.

Well done to all for some impressive wins as well as sustaining effort when we were beaten by other schools. A proud moment for Aria, scoring her first ever goal, set up beautifully by Jake. A mammoth effort from John Paul who scored a whopping



10 goals over the day with goals also from Jon, Alfie and Stanley. It is not all about the goals. We saw a sterling effort from the whole team, Jon, Jake, Aria, Phoebe, Stanley, Alfie, Bobby, Myles, John Paul and team captain Benji. Not to mention assistant manager and kit man, Devon.

All that effort and the team even had enough spirit left over for a good sing along on the way home. Well done Team Milborne!

Our growing beds are in full swing – this week our children planted raspberries!



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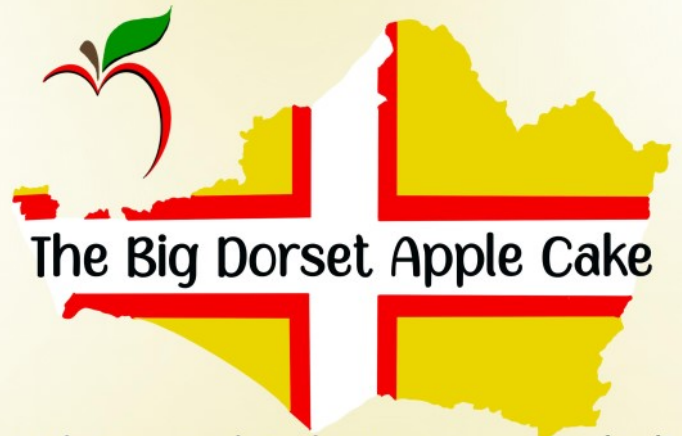
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From Maths to Marathons . . . the latest news from St Mary's

THIRTY of our Year 7 and 8 mathematicians recently participated in the national Junior Maths Challenge. The pupils spent the morning competing in a live, online challenge against other schools across the country. All the pupils did really well, but three achieved a coveted gold certificate for their efforts; they were Beth J (Year 8), Alex C (Year 8) and Charlie



L (Year 7). These gold certificate winners now qualify for high level tutoring from maths experts as part of the Euclid maths enrichment programme, established by science author, Simon Singh!



Our students put on their running shoes this spring to raise an impressive £400 in support of the Miles for Mosaic programme. The pupils took turns to complete as many laps of the school field as they could, and in total covered a distance equivalent to 70 marathons! An amazing achievement for a very worthy charity which supports bereaved children.

Year 5 enjoyed the chance to experience Greece and its



history during our dedicated Greek day. The children all came into school in wonderfully creative outfits, sampled Greek food such as pitta bread, hummus, olives, yogurt and feta cheese, and



learned all about Greek legends and culture. Pitta bread and yoghurt were instant hits, while there were fewer takers for the olives!

Year 7 were lucky enough to spend the day at Winchester Science Centre. They had a great time getting involved with all the interactive displays,

including a giant guitar, seeing how heavy a can of beans would be on different planets, optical illusions, building blocks and investigating sound through tubes. They also made two types of slime in a workshop on Matter! The planetarium was a big hit as pupils got to lean back in their chairs to experience the stars and planets on an interactive journey across the universe. The centre is also open to the public during the holidays and we strongly recommend a visit!

Calling all St. Mary's alumni!

Would you like to come back to the school to see what's changed? We would love to welcome you back to St. Mary's on **Friday 14th June at 10.00am** for a tour of the school, a cuppa in the library and the chance for a reminisce! To confirm your attendance, please email Mrs Gaughan in the school office (email address below). We look forward to welcoming you back!

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The Holdovers

Nobody likes teacher Paul Hunham (Paul Giamatti) – not his students, not his fellow faculty, not the headmaster, who all find his pomposity and rigidity exasperating. With no family and nowhere to go over Christmas holiday in 1970, Paul remains at school to supervise students unable to journey home. After a few days, only one student holdover remains – a trouble-making 18-year-old named Angus, a good student whose bad behaviour always threatens to get him expelled. Joining Paul and Angus is head cook, Mary (Da’Vine Joy Randolph) an African American woman who caters to sons of privilege and whose own son was recently lost in Vietnam. These three very different shipwrecked people form an unlikely Christmas family sharing comic misadventures during two very snowy weeks in New England. The real journey is how they help one another understand that they are not beholden to their past – they can choose their own futures.

Described as a well acted, feel-good comedy drama.

Bookends Good Reads:

“At the Edge of the Orchard”

by Tracy Chevalier

TRACY Chevalier’s richly imagined account of brutal frontier life in the 19th century was sure-footed but met with mixed reviews and some exasperation from the group. We all accepted her minutely researched account of a dysfunctional family literally “stuck in the Ohio mud” told in the form of multiple narratives in a multiple lifeline style but disliked the majority of the fictional characters. However, high grades were given for the sketching of those flawed, hard working people. The parents, James and Sadie, existed in a toxic relationship, embittered by their differences over the growing and use of apples. Their life was embellished with drinking, beatings and fights. Real, historic characters were the glue which held the story together and moved it on. “Johnny Appleseed” (spreading the growing and grafting of apple trees throughout America) and William Lobb (seed and plant collector introducing Victorian England to Giant Redwoods and Sequoias). Many analogies could be made through the content of the fruit growing and the family struggling to manage life on a fairly unproductive plot of land. Of their ten children five were lost to “swamp fever” which felled most of them every year. It was a collage of voices and narrative perspectives, relentless struggles, the sowing of seeds, the complex narrative which often glossed over important events sacrificed to the minutiae of growth and harvest. For many in the group the story was told in an unnecessarily complex way through the use of letters and split time passages. The landscape was beautifully evoked, fragrant with potent images and smells, damp earth, pines and apples. It was a vivid portrayal of miserable striving lives. We all felt that much more could have been explored.

Carole Fornachon

Increase of shed and garage break-ins across local areas

Officers are urging the public to remain vigilant and if possible take extra precautions to safeguard their sheds and garages.

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- Place bins behind locked gates or secure them to a fixed point using a chain and padlock
- Use curtains, blinds or one-way window film on shed or garage windows to make sure criminals cannot see what is inside
- Don’t post pictures on social media of your bike, or your routes on fitness trackers/apps that show your start/finish point as offenders may be able to determine the home address of where your bike is stored
- Forensically mark and register your bikes, tools or other expensive items using an accredited forensic marking solution
- Consider additional security such as home CCTV systems and alarms.

For more information on how to keep your sheds and outbuildings secure, use this address: www.dorset.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/protect-home-crime/secure-shed-garage/.

We would encourage members of the public who witness any suspicious behaviour to report it to Dorset Police at www.dorset.police.uk or by calling 101. Alternatively, independent charity Crimestoppers can be contacted anonymously online at Crimestoppers-uk.org or by calling Freephone 0800 555 111.

You should call 999 if you or someone else is in immediate danger.

Village History Group

LAST month we were looking forward to a talk by Brian Bates about the Tolpuddle Martyrs. The event was publicised, the hall was booked and all set up; a good few people came and were eagerly awaiting the illustrated talk. However, unfortunately due to several circumstances the speaker did not arrive as expected. Apologies were made all around and Brian has agreed to come this month.

We will meet in the Village Hall on the 12th June at 7.30pm. All welcome.

If anyone would like to do a presentation about the village history, please get in touch by phone – 01258 837203 or email pamshults@btinternet.com.

Pam Shults

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Salisbury Cathedral Choral Concert, Celebrating Charles Villiers Stanford 11th May 2024

THIS was the culmination of a week long event paying tribute to the remarkable legacy of Sir Charles Villiers Stanford. His impact on cathedral music is immeasurable and whether you are already a fan of his music, a general music lover, or were simply there to worship, something of this terrific legacy could be felt in what we experienced there. He was born in Dublin in 1852 displaying exceptional talent from an early age receiving his musical education from his father, later studying at Queen's College, Cambridge (as one of the earliest known Organ Scholars), afterwards at the Leipzig Conservatoire. Appointed Organist at Trinity College, Cambridge he found his maturity as a prolific composer, writing symphonies, concertos, operas, chamber music, choral works, and songs. His music displayed a mastery of classical forms combined with romantic sensibilities earning him a reputation as one of the leading British composers of his time. However his most enduring legacy lies in his role as a teacher. With teaching positions at the Royal College of Music (appointed Professor of Composition in 1883) and Professor of Music at the University of Cambridge, (1887 until his death in 1924), he left an indelible mark on the musical life of this country, through his own works and those of his students.



The Cathedral has tradition of choral music stretching back over 800 years in the present Cathedral and a further 200 years before that in the Cathedral at Old Sarum. Music has always played a vital role in the Daily Offices provided by sixteen boy choristers and six Lay Vicars. In 1991 Salisbury Cathedral took the historic step of bringing young girl choristers into the Choral Foundation, and today the singing duties are divided equally between the two sets of choristers who attend the Salisbury Cathedral School. The choir is run by David Halls, Director of Music, who is assisted by John Challenger (Assistant Director of Music).

If you know a child who may be interested in becoming a chorister, please visit salisburycathedral.org.uk or use

<https://bit.ly/SalisburyChoir>

Carole Fornachon

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hoped to include, the standout feature being the pavement widening by the pub, which would provide better pedestrian access and safety, and traffic calming. In effect, the road there would become a single lane with traffic travelling up the hill having priority. Other works included dropped kerbs for better crossing, contrasting road surfaces and markings, and new speed indicator devices. Dorset Council has contributed a further £15k for the road works.

In correspondence, a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) has been applied to a sycamore in Chapel Street; following a request from the Sports Club (SC), a portrait of the King has been acquired and is now loaned to the club; the SC also notified the PC that it wished to increase its camping period from 28 days to 60 days and potholes on Milton Road Close have now been filled by DC as well as others in the village. The overflowing dog waste bin on Coles Lane that has received complaints cannot be changed, as the PC wanted, to a much larger general waste bin since the landowner refused permission for this to be done.

As parish tree warden, Cllr Greening is aiming to update an old listing he obtained from the Tree Council of all trees that have TPOs applied to them. He aims to photograph all specimens in the village over the next two years and list them on a map which will be publicly available.

On the subject of trees, it was agreed that the willow at the Memorial Stone would be cut back and dead wood removed rather than pollarded. It was agreed that trees at the Parish Pit on the Dewlish road will have dead wood removed as a matter of urgency since there was a public bench and footpath nearby.

Following success of litter picks and 'Spring into Action' that aimed to make the village more appealing, Cllr Stevens proposed a new plan to maintain street signs, keeping them clean and clear of vegetation. She will list and photograph all the signs in the village and hopes volunteers will step forward to help look after them, as some residents are already doing. Landowners will also be contacted to maintain vegetation that affects signage.

New gates will replace the two stiles that give access to Weatherby Castle from Water Barn Lane in a continuation of providing easier access for walkers. The new public open space at Huntley Down is still not accessible; Wyatt Homes have told the PC that it will be open by mid-summer as they need to carry out a stone pick. The Clerk is to keep an eye on this.

Taking his councillor hat off, Rob Greening put forward a request for a £50 contribution for a lantern and shepherd's crook for the village to take part in the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings on 6th June. A candle in the lantern will be lit at 6.00am, the time when boats left Dorset shores with tributes at noon and then joining in with the national beacon lighting at 9.15pm (when the beaches were secured) with the lantern again. All residents are welcome to be involved and Mr Greening has talked with the First School with hopes that the children will take part. His request for funding was approved.

Planning: Heathcote House (opposite the pub) application for widening the driveway opening, which would result in partial demolition and rebuilding of a Grade II listed wall, was opposed by the PC. Councillors said that the wall had historical value and the Neighbourhood Plan points out the brick and flint vernacular. It was also suggested that the traffic calming works at this location would make access easier. A proposed extension at a property in Brooklands was approved.

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Dorset Police donate seized cars to Bournemouth and Poole College

Dorset Police has donated 10 unclaimed cars to staff and students of Bournemouth and Poole College to help them with their automotive studies.

Bournemouth and Poole College contacted Dorset Police earlier this year to explore the possibility of utilising recovered cars to enhance the learning experience of automotive students.

Road Casualty Reduction Officers at Dorset Police identified 10 vehicles, that were seized for various reasons and never re-claimed, to donate to the automotive department at Bournemouth and Poole College.

On Friday 3rd May 2024, these cars – with a range of specifications – were delivered to the college, including a VW Touran, Ford Fiesta, Hyundai Tuscan, Toyota Avensis, Audi A4, and a Chevrolet Tacuma.

Inspector Joe Wheable of the Roads Policing Team said: “These vehicles have been seized for a number of reasons, such as no license or no insurance.



“Working in partnership with Bournemouth and Poole College allows us to give the vehicles a new purpose and contributes to a better learning experience for automotive students.

“At Dorset Police, we’re dedicated to working with young drivers and providing essential road safety education. This initiative is a fantastic opportunity for the team to build and strengthen relationships with young drivers and we’re looking forward to continuing this valuable work.”

James Hills, Director of Learning for Engineering at Bournemouth & Poole College, said: “It’s really good for the college to partner with Dorset Police as our students get both the variety of vehicles needed to train on and also crucial training links with the police to help keep them safe on the road in their own vehicles.

“This partnership will help build our students curriculum to give them the best opportunities for their futures.”

Dorset Police recover up to 4,000 vehicles each year and the introduction of this initiative will allow the force to re-direct cars from the scrap heap to the classroom.

The Road Casualty Reduction team will continue to collaborate with Bournemouth and Poole College and are currently in discussions to explore further opportunities.

What’s on in June

Saturday 1st	The Big Dorset Apple Cake. Village Hall 10.00am to 12 noon.
Wednesday 5th	Wednesday Club Surprise speaker Village Hall 2.00pm.
Friday 7th	Bridge The Royal Oak 2.30pm.
Saturday 8th	Community Café Village Hall 10.00am–12 noon see page 2.
Wednesday 12th	History Group talk by Brian Bates about the Tolpuddle Martyrs Village Hall 7.30pm. <i>All welcome.</i>
Thursday 13th	WI talk by Lee Brigg “ <i>My days as a Police dog handler</i> ”. Village Hall 7.30pm.
Friday 14th	Reporter deadline for copy for the June issue – send copy and photographs by mid-day via msa.reporter@yahoo.co
Saturday 15th	Garden Club visit to Cerne Abbas Open Gardens
Friday 21st	Milborne Movies <i>The Holdovers</i> Village Hall 7.30pm.
Saturday 22nd	“HubFest” Luccombe Farm, Milton Abbas midday to 6.00pm see page 9.
Thursday 27th	Gardening Club Village Hall 7.30pm.

Regular Bookings at the Village Hall

Players Monday 7.00pm weekly.
Line Dancing Tuesday 7.30pm weekly.
Wednesday Club 2.00pm 1st Wednesday monthly.
Yoga Thursday 3.30pm weekly (term time only)
Karate Thursday 5.10pm weekly.
Women’s Institute 7.30pm 2nd Thursday monthly.
Gardening Club 7.30pm 3rd Thursday 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

Pilates Monday 6.30–7.30pm.
Yoga Tuesday 6.15–7.45pm.
Stitchcraft (kids) Wednesday 4.15–5.15pm and 5.30–6.30pm, Thursday 4.00–5.00pm
Sewcial Crafters (adults) Thursday 1.00–3.00pm and 5.30–7.30pm
Busy Bees baby and toddler group from 9.30–11.30am on Thursday term time only. Contact Claire Tudge on 07970 734162.
Kickboxercise Thursday 7.00–8.00pm (school holidays only).
Yoga (Mellulah) Friday mornings.
Beavers Friday 5.30–6.45pm.
Football Saturdays and Sundays.
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

Ladybirds Playgroup Monday–Friday 9.00am.
Badminton Wednesday 6.30–8.00pm (term time only).
Kickboxercise Thursday 7.00–8.00pm (term time only).



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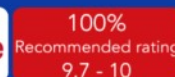


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Booking Secretary:	Margaret Groves	01258 837617
Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall		
Chairman:	Linsey O'Neill	07798 720812
Booking Secretary:	Susan Poet	07866 313999
MSA Sports & Social Club	Chairman: Richard Lock	01258 837929
	Bookings: Richard Lock	01258 837929

COUNCILS

Dorset Councillor	Emma Parker	07411 149997
Parish Council Dewlish	Clerk: Amanda Crocker	
	dewlish@dorset-aptc.gov.uk	
	Chair: Chris Uden	07973 167117
Parish Council	Clerk: Wayne Lewin	07419 136735
Milborne St. Andrew	Chair: Richard Macnair	07774 081551
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South West Highways hello@swhitd.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	Josie Wright	01258 839090
Women's Institute	Lesley Clarke	01929 471732

GENERAL — YOUTH

Scouts, Cubs and Beavers	Sam Elliott	07873 762035
Busy Bees	Leah House	07825 563862
	Louise Emily	07944 875337
Milborne Ladybirds	Samantha Mercer	07767 450967

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Friends of School Chair:	Kate O'Kelly	
St. Mary's Puddletown	Tim Ennion	01305 848293

SPECIAL INTEREST

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	Bill Love	01258 837677
Milborne Players	Gren Davis	07876 793319
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
Kickboxercise	Jon Dodd	07742 015121
Pilates (school)	Claire Barratt	07703 648869
Football – Milborne Sports	Kelvin Dormer-Woolley	07544 725855
Football – Veterans	Paul David	07841 506839
Skittles – Dewlish	Simon Ross	01258 837606
Tap Dancing for Adults	Kevin Selby	01305 250386
Tennis	Rich Hawker	07393 309037
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The appraisal of the Conservation Area has come to an abrupt close since Dorset Council's position on such projects means that the PC would now have to pay around £1k to get to the next step with possibly more costs after. It was proposed to adopt the document at PC level and have it accessible on the website, with DC as a guidance document only.

It was suggested by Clerk Lewin that membership of the Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils (DAPTC) may be of little value to the PC. The annual fee of £480 gives little back to the council, with most of the information already accessed via DC. The training that DAPTC offers (and also costs extra) can be sought elsewhere and the advice that has been given to the clerk and councillors previously does not warrant the money spent. Further to modernising the PC, Clerk Lewin has looked into online business banking which would speed up payments (no cheques to contractors, etc.) and make banking easier. The cost would be £6 per month but he believed this would be offset with reduced postage and time. Councillors thought this to be a positive step. Also, Clerk Lewin suggested that a more professional website domain – with a .gov.uk suffix – could be attained for £50.

Ed Richards

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