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Afternoon Tea at The Old Rectory – 11th August

MEMBERS of the MSA Food & Wine Club gathered in the garden of The Old Rectory for a superb afternoon of scones with jam and clotted cream, a delightful selection of sandwiches and all finished off with some delicious cakes. Everything was hand made by members.

As we approached the 11th, following dreadful weather, all fingers were crossed for some late summer sunshine. And what a gorgeous day we had for it.

At 11 o'clock committee members and Sarah and Michael assembled gazebos, put up tables, gathered together various garden chairs and laid out tables. Sarah and Michael decorated their garden with pretty bunting. A game of croquet was set out and we were ready.

At 2.30pm everyone was assembled and the first bottle of Prosecco was popped and the elderflower presse was opened. Sandwiches were laid out, cakes sliced and scones and cream and jam distributed.

A wonderful afternoon of conversation and laughs was had by all.

A huge thanks goes to members who made sandwiches, scones and cakes.

But most of all we are deeply grateful to members Sarah and Michael Shorrocks for letting us use their lovely garden.

Thank you so much Sarah and Michael.

Steve O'Neill Chairman – MSA Food & Wine Club



Milborne First School Reunion

A VISIT from Australia from an old school friend prompted a reunion at The Royal Oak this summer. It was 10 years since our last get together, both times they were arranged as Janette was visiting the UK from Australia. A call went out on Facebook to invite anyone who went to Milborne First School in the 1980's to join us.

It was a lovely occasion to catch up with some of our oldest friends and reminisce about our time at primary school which everyone remembers as being a wonderful experience. We had such great teachers to start our schooling including Mrs Scott (now Mrs Ellis), Mrs Curran, Mrs Irving and the legend, the late Mr Herridge.

Highlights that we could remember were the Royal Navy helicopter visit, sports days, the bell naming ceremony, country



and Maypole dancing and Melissa's mum bringing in her lamb for a visit. Things we were less keen to remember were the cold swimming sessions at the Army base at Bovington, warm bottles of creamy milk, and frozen outside toilets with the crinkliest un-absorbent toilet paper.

It was so wonderful to meet up with people we haven't seen since our last reunion 10 years ago, and to meet new faces. Thank you to Melissa for organising and anyone who brought photos for us to look at.

And thank you Milborne First School for giving us the best primary school experience.

Those attending were: Ali Bethal; Verina Cutler (née Hogg); Georgina Jessop (née Watts); Janette Orr; Paul and Mark Stevenson; Michelle Vincent (née Stickland); Karen Vinicombe (née Sturme); Beverly Wadhams (née Curran); Katie Wilson (née Payne) and Melissa Young (née Watts).





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Welcome to a new school year at St. Mary's!

We hope you enjoyed a relaxing summer break; it's feeling like a long time ago already!

The new school year is well under way and St. Mary's is once again bustling with the excitement of catching up with friends, new learning and the plethora of terrific opportunities that make the school the stimulating, vibrant place it is.

While many of us were off on our summer holidays there was lots happening in school! Following the success of last year's summer school, we once again managed to secure funding from the county to repeat the experience for thirty pupils going into Year 6. The summer school, organised by Year 6 Leader, Mrs Doak, ran during the first week of the holidays. The children enjoyed a wide range of activities, including swimming, cooking, making ice cream and smoothies and all sorts of art activities including clay modelling. We enjoyed a lovely finale to the summer school when the children threw a picnic on the school field for their parents! Massive thank you to all the children for being so fabulous and to the staff for giving up the first week of their holiday to make it such a success. We are very grateful to Dorset Council for providing us with the funding to run our summer school.

We are all looking forward to welcoming prospective new pupils and their families to St. Mary's for our big Open Evening on Wednesday 23rd October, 6.00–8.00pm. This is an important event for the school and we would be very grateful if you would spread the word far and wide. There will also be opportunities for new and existing parents to come in to see our fabulous school in action; look out for information about our upcoming open mornings on the school website and on the school's Facebook feed. If you are a parent of a child in Year 4, we would love to welcome you to



these events. Please contact the school office by phone or email (see below) for further information.

Thank you as always for your valued support and very best wishes to all our pupils and their families for a happy and successful term.





OPEN EVENING & OPEN MORNINGS

	<p style="text-align: right; margin: 0;">Tuesday 1st October 9:30 - 11:00</p> <p style="text-align: right; margin: 0;">Thursday 3rd October 9:30 - 11:00</p> <p style="text-align: right; margin: 0;">Wednesday 23rd October 18:00 - 20:00</p>
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We invite all parents of Year 4 children to join us for our school Open Evening on Wednesday 23rd October, 18:00 - 20:00 and Open Mornings on Tuesday 1st October and Thursday 3rd October, both at 9:30 - 11:00. You will have the opportunity to meet the staff, tour the site and find out what it's like to be part of our wonderful school.



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Theresa Sutcliffe

21st October 1958 - 10th August 2024

I knew Theresa since she was 12. She was one of the most caring, loyal, happy friends you would ever find.

I fondly remember her when she was in the youth club as my husband Roy ran it back in the 1970's. I became quite close to her when she was bookings secretary for the village hall when I was treasurer for many years, we would meet once a month and chat for several hours as she loved to do!

By the hundreds of comments on Facebook when she died it was obvious she was loved by so many! The village hall was packed for the celebration of her life on Sunday the 1st of September. Her favourite music was playing alongside the TV showing photos of all their special memories throughout her whole life, showing how much of a busy fun filled life she lived. £350 was donated on the day to their chosen charity.

Theresa has sadly left behind her mother Joyce, husband Phil, 2 children, daughter Vicky, son Gordon, 6 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

These words were written by Phil her husband:

Theresa was 14 when we first went out together. I still remember so clearly the giggly, chatterbox schoolgirl she was. It became so obvious we were meant to be together for the rest of our lives. I am truly honoured that Theresa dedicated over 50 years of her life to me and our family. She really was an amazing, special lady, wife, mother, nan. She'll live on in memory forever.



These are the words of granddaughter Sophie Moore written on Facebook which I think sums Theresa up perfectly

To my dear nan.

No amount of words will ever be enough to describe the beautiful brave, kind loving person you were. Since you've been gone, you've left a huge hole in all our hearts. A type of pain that is indescribable. You were the most incredible woman who had so much love to give, someone who I could confide in and love like a best friend.

Throughout your battle, you always remained positive, full of hope and always had everyone else's needs above your own. You loved to love and those around you felt nothing but comfort in your presence. You spent your whole life dedicated in caring for others and you deserved so much more than everything that life has thrown at you.

Until we meet again, I'll treasure all the memories and love you shared with me and everyone around us. I'm missing our nightly FaceTime calls so much. Sweet dreams Nan, I love you always ❤️

Heather V Hogg

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All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above,
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
for all his love.

Words from that well known Harvest hymn: We plough the fields and scatter.

Harvest Festival (which will be on 6th October in our churches this year) is a really good time to stop and reflect and be thankful for all that we have. In a world where many often take for granted the food we eat, it reminds us of the hard work of farmers and those who work tirelessly to ensure that we have enough to sustain us. We give thanks for their dedication, as well as for the rich bounty that the earth provides, reminding us of God's provision and care.

Thanksgiving can in turn lead to generosity. Harvest is not only about crops and food but also about giving. In this spirit, let us consider how we might share what we have with those less fortunate. As we gather our offerings during the festival, we will be collecting food and resources to support our local food banks and those in need in our community and further afield. This is a practical way of living out the message of Jesus, who calls us to care for one another with generosity and compassion.

As we decorate our church with the fruits of the harvest, may it also be a time of spiritual reflection. Just as we tend the earth, so too must we tend our hearts, nurturing love, kindness, and gratitude. Let us pray that our hearts may grow in thankfulness for all that God provides, and that we may be moved to act justly and love our neighbours.

Best wishes

Sarah

Notes from St. Andrew's

"THE year is swiftly waning; the summer days are past . . ." As one harvest hymn puts it. It hardly seems possible that by the end of this month, the clocks will have been put back an hour as British Summer Time ends. As the hymn continues, "The ever-changing seasons in silence come and go."

We now look forward to celebrating our Harvest Thanksgiving with a Service on October 6th in the Church, led by Tony Fox. All are welcome to attend. Produce or gifts of tinned/packet food suitable for sending to the Blandford Food Bank may be brought to the church. We welcome the pupils and staff of the First School for their Harvest Service during the following week. It is always a joyful occasion.

We welcomed Theo Bridle into the church family by baptism during the Parish Eucharist at the end of August. As it was also Theo's first birthday, we regaled him with a rendition of "Happy Birthday to You"! Sarah celebrated the Eucharist and the Baptism, and Tony presented Theo with a Bible.

There have been two ashes interments in the churchyard recently: Gordon and Marion Bennett and Reginald Mitchell. We remember those who mourn their passing. As we go to print, news has reached us of the passing of Margaret Hurley, a long-standing and much-loved resident of the village. Her funeral will be at St Andrew's at 11.30am on Friday, October 4th. We send our condolences to Margaret's family.

We have received a report on the floors in the toilets, which included the dreaded words "dry rot" and "woodworm". Quotes will now be obtained for the necessary repairs. We are grateful to those who have removed Buddleia trees growing on the gables of the church and for cleaning gutters and downpipes. Paul has kept the Churchyard cut, and we are grateful for all he does around the building. During the summer months, as always, we have been blessed with beautiful flower arrangements in the Church, some with wildflowers. The Lilies included in one arrangement certainly

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

6th October – Harvest Festival

9.30am	Harvest Festival	Tolpuddle
9.30	Harvest Festival	Milborne
11.00	Harvest Festival	Puddletown
	Parish Communion	
6.00pm	Harvest Festival	Dewlish

13th October – Trinity 19

9.30am	Parish Communion	Milborne
11.00	Puddletown Praise	Puddletown Church Room
11.00	Parish Communion	Dewlish
4.00pm	Bubble Church	Puddletown Village Hall
5.30	Sunday Reflections	Tolpuddle

20th October – Trinity 20

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

27th October – Bible Sunday

9.30am	Parish Communion	Milborne
10.00	Go Fourth	Tolpuddle
11.00	Parish Communion	Dewlish
11.00	BCP Matins	Puddletown
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made their presence felt, “Nature’s incense”!! We are very fortunate to have such talented flower arrangers whose efforts enhance our worship.

And so, we recall words from what is probably the most well-known Harvest hymn:

“All good things around us are sent from Heaven above,
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all His love.”

Tony and Pam Churchwardens

Dewlish Church Notes

WHAT a great turn-out we had at our recent Pop-up Market! It was lovely to see so many of our friends from neighbouring villages as well! Thank you all for supporting what we hope will become an annual event.

The tables were filled with garden produce, cakes, eggs, jams and plants while, additionally, Maisie and Bertie sold their bracelets, etc., all of which they had made. They gave us a very generous donation from their profits too. We are so proud of them. Many thanks to everyone who manned the stalls, and especially to those people who made teas. You were so busy!

All in all, this was a wonderful afternoon, which raised £344 for church funds. This will help towards our insurance bill (now due!) of £2,117.79p.

On Sunday 6th October we are holding our **Harvest Thanksgiving** at 6.00pm. We shall be grateful for any gifts of garden produce, etc. which you can bring to the service or leave in the church porch prior to that. The following evening we are staging our **Harvest Supper and Auction** at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. Please reserve your seats by calling Daphne and Jim on 01258-837466 so that we know how many numbers to cater for. We are planning a ploughman’s supper with cider and, hopefully, apple cake and cream. Tickets cost £9 for adults and £5 for children under 14. We look forward to seeing you there.

Daphne Burg

No gift too small! **at the September 2024 WI**

FOOD poverty is now, sadly, a growing part of everyday life for many people. Addressing this need are food banks. Our speakers, Heidi and Sophie, explained the concept behind the Nourish community larder and food bank based in Blandford and covering the whole of the DT11 area.

There are a variety of reasons why people use the food bank, including job loss, benefit delays, illness and low income jobs. People can be referred to use the food bank by schools, Citizens Advice etc but such use is considered a ‘sticking plaster’ and staff try to signpost the relevant help and financial advice to get them back on their feet.

At Nourish the work of the food bank and the community larder has been brought together, through the food bank with a food parcel and for those who can pay a small fee, the larder will provide groceries. Their remit is wide and extends, where it is able, to the provision of school holiday parcels, basic wardrobe referrals, sanitary and household products.

None of this vital work would be possible without the help of volunteers, all giving time and energy to the enterprise. They help in the food bank, the larder, and the new welcome area which offers free hot drinks and cake and the chance to sit and

chat. Heidi and Sophie stressed that all help and donations are welcome, and no gift is too small!

Business: Jenny, our President, opened the meeting with a tribute to Margaret Hurley, who died recently. Margaret was a long-standing and valued member of our WI and a dear friend to many. In her memory we observed a minute’s silence.

Our summer outing to Sculpture by the Lakes was enjoyed by all, despite the weather being ‘on the wet side’. We look ahead to our next social gathering, a New Year’s lunch, at that time of the year under cover!

For the book club Veronica reported that our best read over the year was ‘*The Gustav Sonata*’ by Rose Tremain. Alan Bennett’s humorous short diary ‘*House Arrest*’ was enjoyed by all. The next read is ‘*Young Mungo*’ by Douglas Stuart.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 10th October when Alan Jenkins will talk about ‘*Terrorism and Extremism*’. This is an OPEN meeting, everyone is welcome and we understand that despite the title the Speaker is very entertaining. Please come along and join us.

Pat Bull

Battery safety

BINNED batteries and electricals containing batteries caused more than 1,200 fires over the last year, and many local authorities say the problem is getting worse. Dorset Council Waste Services are urging people to remove batteries from devices before binning them and to recycle them at the correct places.

Batteries in bins can cause fires in both collection vehicles and at facilities where the vehicle contents are delivered to. These fires can be challenging for fire services to deal with, and they endanger the lives of staff working on lorries and at waste plants.

In addition, it is estimated that 1.6 billion batteries were thrown away last year as opposed to being recycled. Recovering valuable raw materials from batteries, such as nickel, zinc, cadmium and lithium can be turned into new products. For example, the lithium collected from batteries could power thousands of electric cars.

If your electrical item contains batteries, they may cause a fire if not recycled properly, so don’t bin them. If possible, remove the batteries from your electricals and recycle them separately. Batteries can be recycled at many local retailers, household recycling centres, or you can put them in a small plastic bag and leave them on top of your recycling bin on collection day. If you can’t remove the battery, then recycle the whole item at your local household recycling centre next time you visit.

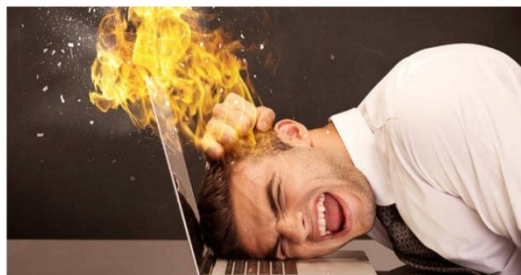
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‘Button’ batteries should never be left in reach of small children, as if swallowed, they could badly injure or kill a child. Larger lithium ‘coin cell’ batteries (about the size of a five pence piece) are the most dangerous. Smaller batteries can be inserted into places such as ears and noses, causing serious injuries for children if undetected.

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19th Century Fluctuating Populations in Milborne St. Andrew

IN RECENT issues of the Reporter, we've been featuring characters from Andy Way's book *The Ways of Milborne St. Andrew* (contact Andy at andy.way@adaptcentre.ie). This month, we feature some of the statistics compiled by Andy in Chapter two of his book, about the inhabitants of the village itself.

The table below summarises the 1841–91 census returns for Milborne St. Andrew, Milborne Stileham and Milborne Churchstone as a whole; census figures for each of the three areas tended to be compiled separately. It excludes inmates from the Industrial School, founded in 1856, which featured in Harry Beaves' extremely interesting article in last month's *Reporter*. In Andy's table, the asterisk for 1871 reflects the fact that for one person in the census, no age was given, so they are excluded from calculation, while for 1881, he averaged the babies' ages at six months each. Note too that in the 1841 census, apart from small children, all ages were rounded to the nearest five.

From 1841 to 1851, the number of inhabitants increases by 67, or 11.6%. From 1841 to 1851, there are 47 more males in the village, and 20 more females. In 1841, there were 47 more females than males, but in 1851, the gender gap was reduced to 20. The table shows that the average age barely changes in these 10 years. In 1841, everyone for whom their county of birth is entered in the census was from Dorset; there was no-one in any of the three parishes from outside the county at all.

From 1851 to 1861, the population drops by 49, or 7.6% relative. The number of males has dropped by 17 (5.4%), and the number of females by 28 (8.4%). Note that there is a much larger increase in the average age, of 25 months.

In the decade from 1861 to 1871, there is a further drop in

population of 40 people (6.7%). The number of males reduces by 15 (5%), and the number of females by 29 (9.5%). For the first time, there are now more males than females in the village, a trend that persists for the next two surveys as well. There is a slight drop of a month in the average age.

From 1871 to 1881, the population reduces by a further 32 (5.8%). There are 15 fewer males (a 5.4% reduction), and 17 fewer females (6.2% less). There is a 2-month rise in the average age. From 1881 to 1891, there is a further drop in the number of inhabitants of 26: 5 fewer males (a 1.8% reduction) and 21 fewer females (8.1%). In 1891, there are about 9% more males than females. The average age rises by 16 months, to 30.

Apart from the relatively small increase from 1841 to 1851, the general population drift away from the village is pretty evident in each subsequent year. Andy puts this down to increased mechanisation in farming (see the April issue of the *Reporter*), and landowners forcing union workers to emigrate (see last month's issue). But he also notes that this is an indication of female empowerment, with young women beginning to choose their own lifestyles rather than being constrained by marriage and/or childbirth from a relatively early age. The drop in the number of females from a high of 332 in 1851 to around 100 less 40 years later is staggering; in relative terms, there are almost 29% fewer females in the village. This also accounts for the drop in the number of small children, with 172 under 10 in 1851, down to just 130 in 1891.

We'll investigate the changing nature of the village population in more depth in next month's issue, and start looking at the Biles, Davises, Ways and Browns, the dominant surnames in the village in the 19th century.

Andy Way/Carole Fornachon

Census Year	Total Inhabitants	Male Inhabitants	Female Inhabitants	Highest Age	Lowest Age	Average Age
1841	577	265	312	85	3 weeks	26Y 5Mo.
1851	644	312	332	90	3 days	26Y 6Mo.
1861	595	295	304	88	1 Mo.	28Y 7Mo.
1871	555	280	275	89	1 Mo.	28Y 6Mo.*
1881	523	265	258	80	0 (baby)	28Y 8Mo.*
1891	497	260	237	94	12 days	30Y



Having fun at the Wednesday Social Club

OUR meeting on 4th September was a very boisterous affair as we played "Corn Hole", a game brought by Sheila. The aim is to toss a bean bag into a hole in a wooden board. We formed two teams, red and blue, each with a very competitive captain, Lin or Dennis. We proceeded with the game with some managing to toss the bean bag into the hole while others landed on the board. Some of us, however, failed completely! After much shouting and cheering we all welcomed the cuppa and biscuits.

Our next meeting on 2nd October will be a visit to Athelhampton House for a cream tea, meeting at the Village Hall car park at 2.00pm.

José Thomas

Reformatory school; a different story

IN the previous *Reporter* there was an article about Edgar Percy Snashall who had been at the Reformatory school in Milborne.

At our local history group we had looked at some of the boys who passed through the school and there is no doubt that for many boys it was a new beginning. They could learn a trade and some of them went on to have successful careers in the army. However, for one of the youngest boys he had a very different outcome.

Luther (sometimes spelt Lowther) Gosney was born 3rd October 1866 in Sherborne the son of James a gardener and Augusta Gosney. In all Luther had three living siblings one of whom, Walter, was severely disabled.



Luther is only 10 years old when he is admitted to Dorchester Prison for stealing two tins (and the next word is illegible). He is described as 3 foot 11½ ins tall, light brown hair, very dark hazel eyes and a sallow complexion. He has a large scar right corner of right eye, mole over left eyebrow, scar on

back of right wrist and thick lips. He spends 21 days in the prison before being moved to the Reformatory School in Milborne for the next five years.

In 1880 James Gosney, Luther's father, was prosecuted for assaulting his wife and imprisoned for six months and Augusta was granted a separation order. When Luther is released he seems to move between them. By September 1882 he is in court again for stealing articles from his father (which were subsequently found at his mother's house) it was said in court that his mother was a bad influence on him. While in custody Luther made a statement about another crime:

Dear Sir,— I stole the moneybox from the railway station to buy me some food, as my father said he would not keep me, and my mother to keep me so long as she could, and she can't keep me no longer, and my father said he wish that I should do something to put me to prison. Sir, if you could do anything for me I should be very thankful and would not cause you any more trouble.

Luther was sentenced to two months hard labour although one of the magistrates commented "it was the saddest case that was ever brought before him" – remarking "that had the boy been younger he would have ordered him to be flogged".

The family appear several times in the newspapers as Augusta is often applying for maintenance from her husband who is reluctant to pay.

In 1884 Luther joins the 2nd Welsh regiment (possibly Welsh as one of his sisters is living in Wales) but on the 28th October 1887 he is discharged for being an inefficient soldier.

On the 13th October 1890 he is on trial for stealing from a dwelling house above the value of £5.00. It was noted that he

had twice before been convicted of felony. He was imprisoned for 10 months hard labour and in the 1891 census we find him in Winchester Prison age 23 giving his occupation as fireman.

He is released on 13th August 1891 and destination on discharge is "to sea". However it is unlikely that he did as in the early part of 1892 he was summoned (though did not appear) for leaving employment without notice and breaking an agreement. He also owed £4.00 a loan he had received for getting married. He was fined in his absence. In 1892 he marries Elizabeth Caroline Hinwood in the Warminster registration district. By 1901 Luther (using the name Thomas) is living in Wales with Elizabeth and five children, he is a coal haulier above ground.

Sadly any happiness he may have had from having a family was short lived, for by the 1911 census he is a married man, a labourer living in Salisbury with his mother and disabled brother. Augusta states that she has had 11 children four of whom are still living.

Luther's children are living at 65 Ruth Street, Bargoed, Glamorganshire. They are step children to Trevor Evans age 33 a coal miner. Trevor's wife is Elizabeth with four children one of whom has died. In 1908 there is a marriage in Wales of Trevor Evans and Elizabeth Caroline Gosney. It is highly unlikely that Elizabeth and Luther had divorced so this is possibly a bigamous marriage.

Luther doesn't appear in the 1921 census but by 1939 he is a labourer boarding in Alton.

Luther died in September 1947 and was interred at Epsom cemetery.

Linda Wright

Neighbourcar needs your help!

Milton Abbas Neighbourcar provides a community transport to get people to medical appointments. We have five drivers in Milborne St. Andrew so you would think we are adequately catered for when it comes to meeting our clients needs.

THIS IS NOT THE CASE.

Because we are all volunteers we have other life commitments so there are many times when we are unable to provide the service we would all like to give. In fact, in a normal week we can currently only provide six man-days of service (out of a potential 30) due to work, caring or leisure related commitments.

We normally take clients to the surgery, hospital, and other medically related appointments. We give up our time freely but are reimbursed at a rate of 50p per mile to cover vehicle costs.

So, please ask yourself "**could I help?**". You only need to commit to time when you are available and if you were to ask the 48 clients currently registered with Neighbourcar (some of whom will be your friends or neighbours) what benefit they get from our support you would be very uplifted by their responses. It makes a difference to their lives.

Please ring Nigel Hodder, Transport Coordinator, **NOW** on 07983 013781 if you would like to provide some much needed support to your fellow villagers. if you have got to this point of this article you must be interested so pick up the phone right now and speak to me about joining our small but willing band of volunteers. If I am otherwise engaged, do leave a short message, and I will get back to you as quickly as possible as a demonstration of our care and commitment to our community.

Many thanks

Nigel (Hodder)

Residents dismiss Dewlish Road housing plans

DOZENS of residents came to the Village Hall for a public consultation regarding two potential housing development sites. An outline planning application had been made for up to 70 homes on two fields; one near the Dewlish Road junction and the second on the southern side of Dorchester Hill. Villagers had a range of concerns including the changing of the junction at Dewlish Road and the creation of a new junction further up Dorchester Hill for the second site; over-development and flooding issues. Leading the discussion, Wayne Lewin gave all those present a chance to voice their opinion and most took the opportunity to do so. It was noted that the two sites were rejected by the Neighbourhood Plan some years ago and that Milborne had seen recent building in Huntley Down and Fox View, with the preferred development at the old dairy car park having outline permission to go ahead.

Residents were worried about the over-development of the village with this latest plan, with the strain being put on infrastructure, as well as the increase of cars and traffic and the impact on pedestrians. The new junctions for the sites were described as dangerous, with a large increase in vehicles using the Dewlish Road and joining the A354 and, more so, the junction of the other site, after the uphill bend of Dorchester Hill directly onto the main road. Flooding issues were also a big concern with the historical problems the village has faced with surface water flowing from these areas down to the centre of the village with the drainage system becoming overwhelmed. It was said new housing could only exacerbate these problems.

At the end of the consultation, Mr. Lewin asked for a show of hands of residents, with the result being all but one objecting to the outline application. The Parish Council meeting followed immediately after the discussion, with the PC strongly objecting to the application on a number of issues, which was sent to Dorset Council in a nine-page letter.

The planning application can be viewed on the planning page of the Dorset Council website, searching using the application reference P/OUT/2024/02874.

Ed Richards



Milborne St. Andrew Village History Group

THE Village History Group will meet again on the 9th October in The Royal Oak function room following a long summer break. There will not be a speaker so we can all catch up and look at the future of this group.

When we have a speaker, we attract a significant number of villagers, which is great. However, very few people come when the group explores different topics. One of the latest projects is to create a 'tourist' map of the village showcasing buildings and features which have a significant historical background. Extra input would be valued.

I'm hoping that any villagers interested in our village's history will give me feedback as to what they would like the history group to focus on e.g. speakers; specific projects, sharing of information, etc. If so, please come to the next meeting, email, message or phone me. If there is no longer any interest, regular meetings may not happen.

Do come along on to the next meeting to share your views and interest on 9th October at 7.30pm in the function room of the Royal Oak.

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Contains language some may find offensive!

Used cars top complaints list

CITIZENS ADVICE has revealed that last year its Consumer Service received a complaint about a used car every three minutes.

The charity, which helped with almost 43,000 complaints relating to used cars in 2023 alone, found most of these complaints were about defective cars, around one in 10 being about car safety. The most common issues included faulty cars, damage people were not told about, and cars having a higher mileage than shown.

Consumers are often left out of pocket when purchasing a used car. But unexpected car problems can cost more than just money, they can leave people missing work or unable to drop their children off at school. Buying a used car can be complex and that means consumers can be left confused and without the knowledge and information needed to make well-informed buying decisions.

People may be rightfully wary of the 'Del Boy' type car traders, but there is just as much harm and bad practice lurking behind used car adverts on online platforms, such as Facebook. Car clocking is still an ongoing issue where a car's mileage is adjusted and not declared at the time of sale, that's a Trading Standards' offence.

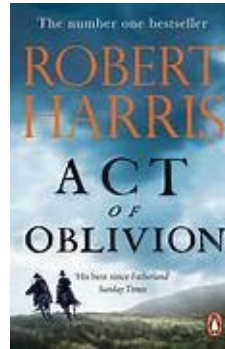
For peace of mind it's recommended that people buy a used car from a garage that is a member of the Consumer Codes Approval Scheme (CCAS). These garages follow a robust code of practice. If a problem does arise, all garages in the CCAS family offer free Alternative Dispute Resolution to help resolve the issue quickly and effectively.

Alternatively, why not look for a Buy With Confidence Trading Standards Approved car trader at www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk or phone 0808 2231133.

For advice about something you've bought, or to report something to Trading Standards, visit the Citizens Advice consumer helpline at www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer or phone 0808 2231133.



Bookends' Good Read: "Act of Oblivion" by Robert Harris



ONCE again this was a book which divided opinion amongst members. Some found it too detailed and repetitious, others suspenseful and richly detailed. It focussed on the hunt for the so called Regicides who signed Charles 1st death warrant. Some believed they would be punished by possible imprisonment if, as they were encouraged to do, they gave themselves up. Others fled, were caught and suffered the horrible fate of being

hung, drawn and quartered in public view. Some died, some went abroad to America and lived out their lives founding a new state of New England (but apparently still subject to English rule) once being granted Charters. An invented hunter of regicides, Naylor, was the main character in the story chasing two fugitives, Colonels Whalley and Goffe. They were hidden for many years by Puritan sympathisers who had created new settlements. It was a long and claustrophobic life for these two moving from one hiding place to another, often leading unrewarding existences in small spaces.

The story covered the Great Plague and the Great Fire of London and moved from the colonies to England maintaining a compelling narrative. It became a global cat and mouse game seen from multiple perspectives. Some in the group found it confusing with too many characters. Harris used multiple perspectives to attempt to capture the flavour of the times. Religion as a purpose for many peoples' lives ran through the novel. It had become a protection against deeper thoughts and a duty to preserve social order. Clearly revealed was the restlessness of warriors within a waste of peace. The corrupt excesses of the monarchy and the fanaticisms of his enemies are well drawn. Harris' writing is clear and concise. He is an amazingly versatile novelist. The narrative was urgent although the sagging of details some felt held up the pace and often slowed it down. Historical details were generally appreciated such as the digging up of Cromwell's body and its 're-hanging'; the boiling of severed heads before they were stuck up on spikes. Well illustrated was political debate, ideological conflict, moral challenges and polarised religious sects, still written in an entertaining and thrilling way drawing us into the fray. As one philosopher wrote "Novels arise out of the shortcomings of history". The title of the book comes from the Act passed after the Civil War framed as the "Act of Free and General Pardon, Indemnity and Oblivion" with the only exceptions being murder (without a licence from the King), piracy, buggery, rape and witchcraft. This is not a book for the faint hearted all the more affecting for the reader whilst set within a partially fictional story.

Carole Fornachon

Dorset Chamber Choir Concert "Pacem"

Come and join Dorset Chamber Choir for an evening of beautiful music for our busy world on Saturday 19th October at 7.30pm at St. Hubert's Church, Blandford Road, Corfe Mullen BH21 3RG, "Pacem", featuring Scarlatti's Missa Quatuor Vocum and motets from 16th and 19th century.

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Mosaic: A refuge for those bereaved “in a crowded world”

THE MOSAIC Organisation has been described as “A pathway for support for children, young people and their families providing individual, family and group work, therapeutic residential weekends and social activities. Mosaic also offers support to those young people facing the death of a loved one. Mosaic provides training and support for agencies and professionals working with young people.”



Founded in 2007, Mosaic was created to fill the gap in bereavement provision across the county. Prior to this, support for bereaved children and young people was limited as the only support available was from hospices offering support after the death of someone suffering from a long-term illness. Mosaic support children and young people who have been bereaved of someone special, such as a parent, sibling, friend or a member of their extended family. This includes all causes of death such as long-term illness, sudden death, suicide, murder or road traffic accident.

It is a charitable organisation supporting bereaved children, (5–18 years) young people and families across the County of Dorset based here in Coles Lane, Milborne St. Andrew. They are committed to working closely with schools and other organisations (such as Winston’s Wish) helping them to gain access to support and information following a death in the community. The core of their work is through counselling provided by their 29 sessional, paid, trained, free-lance counsellors (through obtaining BACP; British Association of Counselling and Psychotherapy qualifications). Alongside them work 59 volunteers; fundraising and running events such as the annual Summer Camp; and nine paid staff. Gradually more and more schools are aware of their existence and in supportive communities demand has grown. Referrals through schools and individuals are increasing. 412 in 2023; 370 in 2022 and still rising. It seems that perhaps COVID had an effect, families in stress coping with the death of a loved one perhaps a grandparent, parent or child.



Jo Revill (Chief Executive) explains that the health of the child or young person depends on the need to be heard and understood in their grief to help them “get back on track”. Counsellors may only see the person for three to four sessions but can be funded for up to seven. The length of time families and children may be seen could be up to a year. Some may have a long ‘break’ and then come back. There may have been unresolved issues or something else may happen. Their contact could be short or long. If there are complex needs Mosaic refers to CAMHS (*the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service*). But waiting lists are long. Family sessions are held through which advice is given on how to talk about things. There is ongoing support for schools including group sessions. *Bereavement Cafes* go into schools so that a child can go to them at the end of a school day and talk with others who have also been affected by grief and loss. They learn that they are not alone in their grief. Mosaic supports early years’ children and their siblings often with separate counsellors taking into account what they want i.e. what are their “desires”. Art Therapy sessions are held and peer support groups.

Fund raising takes many forms. The MSA School have run and been sponsored for “Miles for Mosaic”. Sponsoring went well using the “Just Giving” platform. Support comes from Dorset Council, BCP, corporate sponsors (often good for raffle prizes!) Individuals donate; concerts held in Churches; cake sales and some Wills; Golf Clubs and AFC Bournemouth. Currently they are



planning September fund raising events and are engaged with Sherborne and Came Down Golf Clubs including children learning to play golf. Contact is maintained with Winston’s Wish and other named memorial organisations. Other recent examples are “Dorset Full Monties Channel Adventure”; £2,000 from the Louis Ross Foundation; £5,868 raised by the Sporting Beats Motor Club at Sherborne Car Show; £1,750 by AFC Bournemouth. These events are sociable and fun enabling the participants to not only take up a challenge but to challenge themselves. *Sponsorship forms are online*. More money is needed to enable them to see more children. The challenge is to make this happen. Jo estimates £70,000 to meet the demand in this cyclical year. There are more than 412 new cases each year. At present many more referrals are from coastal resorts. This runs alongside increasing, known, pressures on families and the need to help create resilience. There are more pertinent questions from young people (although these vary between communities) they come via PHSE in the school curriculum and Social media (in all its forms). I understand for example that Crime podcasts are the top genre. This has created a more nurturing culture within school communities. So young people need someone to talk to before it all becomes too big and defining. Numerically, it seemed, in 2023, fathers were the most likely to die of all relatives.

There are so many and varied emotions, depression, guilt, anger. The counsellor’s job is to *Listen, to Hear and to Enable* different ways of thinking about the dead person. Children keep



a journal and are helped to speak to their school friends, emphasising that everyone goes through grief at some time on a continuum of loss and change. Materials are provided to give structure to the Schools' approach to supporting bereaved children. It conveys the message that most grieving students do not necessarily need the support of a bereavement 'expert' – however they do need the support of people who care around them. It suggests identifying key responsibilities within the School and the Local Authority to implement a Bereavement Policy and co-ordinate support. Sample letters and methods of supporting staff and self are sensibly and sensitively worded. Anticipatory grieving and thoughts on different cultures and disabilities are all included. Lists of 'Helpful Organisations' and contacts complete an extremely useful publication.

Mosaic is affiliated to the Child Bereavement Network which is part of the National Children's Bureau. Other Advocacy work is done on and around child bereavement. Signposting is another job of Mosaic. Apparently one in 29 children is affected by bereavement by the age of 16 years yet no statistics or data are collected.

Mosaic comment that it is OK for children to be happy and also to be sad on days when the loved one is particularly remembered. They advise to be there for them 'at their own pace' and provide support. Their response to life without that other person is likely to change over time depending on their age and the nature of their grieving. All of us grieve in different ways; there is no right or wrong. A message from their Chief Executive, Jo Revill;

"If you would like to make a referral to Mosaic, please contact us and we will be happy to guide you through the process".

If you wish to know more, or perhaps to be involved in the organisation in some way go to www.mosaicfamilysupport.org
tel: 01258 837071 email: info@mosaicfamilysupport.org.

Carole Fornachon

Artsreach in Milborne St Andrew

WE have two exciting Artsreach events coming up in the Village Hall in the next few weeks! One at half term especially for children and a brilliant adaptation of A Christmas Carol just in time for Christmas!

Tickets available from artsreach.co.uk or call the box office on 01258 839060.

Fideri Fidera – Oskar's Amazing Adventure

Monday 28th October 2.00pm. Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall. 01258 839060. £8, £6 u18s, £24 family. An original, heart-warming and entertaining play for young children and their families, full of good humour, adventure, music and song.

Snowbound in Grandma's little house, fun-loving puppy Oskar runs all the way down a snowy mountain to find a friendly animal to play with. But where are the animals? And why must Oskar wait until spring before meeting his friend Marmot and playing their favourite game together?

This award-winning play uses a rich mix of storytelling, physical theatre, clowning, puppetry and music and song to tell the tale of a puppy's search for friendship in the wilderness of the Alps. Perfect for children aged 2–7 years and their families.

"The energy and enthusiasm of the performer was staggering". Primary Times.

After the show, children can take part in **Oskar's Hibernation**

Workshop – a fun and energetic drama workshop packed with creative activities, games and music which are all inspired by the theme of hibernation and the animals in the play. Suitable for ages 3+, places are limited, children must be accompanied. £4 per child. Enquire when booking.

This event is proudly presented in partnership with Artsreach, Dorset's rural arts charity. www.artsreach.co.uk.

David Mynne – A Christmas Carol

Saturday 14th December, 7.30pm. Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall. 01258 839060. £12.50, £6 u18s, £35 fam

David Mynne, veteran Cornish actor and a founder member of Kneehigh, presents a one-man performance of Charles Dickens' timeless, transformative story *A Christmas Carol*.

Joy to all mankind? Bah!

Spend an evening with Ebenezer Scrooge: a squeezing, wrenching, grasping, clutching, covetous, old miser! Bah!

Watch horrified as Ebenezer Scrooge is haunted by four creepy ghosts, each one more terrifying than the last. Bah!

Sob at the bedside of a tiny, malnourished child riven with rickets. Bah!

In their inimitable style, the team that brought you *Great Expectations*, *Dracula* and *The Odyssey* will take you on a grim journey through the dark, dismal streets of Victorian London. This is Dickens' original words with added silliness. Silliness? Bah!

Celebrate the festive season with a mesmerising performance of *A Christmas Carol*. Bah! Now with extra Humbug!

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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



Welcome back to school to all our children and especially to our new families. Everyone has settled really well and we are very proud of how our older children are supporting our younger children in the playground to have wonderful playtimes. Our new equipment, play zones and play leaders are working really well to make sure playtimes are harmonious, active and fun. We returned to school to find some yummy tomatoes of all different colours and sizes as we planted a variety before summer. Diversity in nature reminds us to celebrate our own differences and at Milborne, we know that our differences make us stronger and that we are stronger together. We love living our values of Respect for All and would love you to visit us any time to see for yourself

Are you a keen gardener who could spare a little time volunteering at our school? If so, we would really appreciate any help, guidance or advice with our growing. An hour a week or whatever you can spare would make such a difference. Please give us a ring or just pop in, we'd love to have you.

Friday 13th September was Roald Dahl day and our children had a fabulous day discovering the magnificent world of Roald Dahl and celebrating all of his brilliant books! They had to hunt for their very own Golden Tickets, drink Willy Wonka hot chocolate and enjoyed some delicious Giant Peach at snack time! The children also invented their very own magical concoction, otherwise known as 'Mrs Cheeseman's Marvellous Medicine' which she tasted during assembly. Much to the delight of our children, their medicine turned Mrs Cheeseman's nose green!!!! It was such a brilliant day.



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PC report September 2024

IT WAS great to see lots of people in attendance at the Parish Council (PC) meeting in September. There had been a meeting immediately before the PC meeting to discuss the outline planning application submitted for locations on Dorchester Hill and Dewlish Lane – the village hall had been full. Some of those attending the planning meeting stayed for the main meeting, which made for good discussions and an interesting PC meeting.

The HIP at the top of Huntley Down is finally open though the only access is via Huntley Down. There is a strip of land that runs from the HIP to Coles Lane which was thought would be another access to the HIP but this has been blocked off. PC has made a complaint to Wyatt Homes as there is no pool nor agility equipment as expected on the site. Also the benches installed pose trip hazards with gaps around them.

Outline planning has been submitted for erection of up to 70 dwellings (including affordable housing), access and public open space at Dewlish Road (site A) and Dorchester Hill (site B). This had been discussed in great detail in the meeting before the PC meeting where there was a majority vote against the planning. Cllr Greening summarised some of the points raised in the meeting:

- is not in the Milborne St Andrew neighbourhood plan;
- the number of building goes over the allocation;
- access is a big problem;
- no footpaths will cause a big safety risk;
- being outside of the village boundary even though they come within Milborne St Andrew;
- is an adverse conservation area;
- flooding is a big concern as well as the run off from the 70 properties;
- sewage systems currently being inadequate and would not cope with more properties;
- loss of natural habitat for local wildlife;
- noise pollution and air pollution;
- density and speed of the traffic;
- capacity for doctors;
- loss of green space;
- lack of public transport;
- density of buildings on the site;
- access around Lynch Close is an issue.

There is another location in the village currently being considered for planning (which was included in the neighbourhood plan) and some cllrs felt that this suitable location should be finalised before supporting other applications. It was agreed to object to the application. Please share your opinions about the planning application on the Dorset Council (DC) website <https://planning.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/> and search by application P/OUT/2024/02874.

Public consultation of the 20mph on the Causeway is due in September. DC will email or write to residents in the near future.

There has been a spate of thefts of batteries of the Speed Indicating Devices (SID) in the area. Clerk Lewin asked that people are vigilant and report suspicious behaviour around the SID on Milton Road. DC will give the village a SID for the A354.

No update has been received from Dorset Council regarding the proposed traffic calming measures on the A354.

PC has received five quotes for the grass cutting contract – DC did not have spare capacity to quote. After approaching a range of suppliers it was agreed to go with a sole trader that lives in the village – they were good value for money and

offered everything that had been requested.

PC has received reports from the public regarding overgrown rights of way. Here is a snippet taken from the DC website: “Landowners are responsible for cutting back hedges, trees or shrubs overhanging a public right of way. Surface vegetation or undergrowth on rights of way, such as nettles or brambles, are the responsibility of Dorset Council.” If you are aware of overgrown vegetation then speak to the landowners in the first instance. If this is not an option then details on how to report it can be found on the DC website at www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/hedgerows-and-high-hedges.

A resident from Bladen View shared that a number of residents of Bladen View have received a letter warning them of water run-off caused by built up ground from “the chalk mountain” on the HIP at the top of Huntley Down. The letter, from the previous land owner, states “We have had little to no help from the Parish Council on this matter...” and urges residents to write to the Northern Area Planning Enforcement Team. There was a concern about the way the letter had been written which states “it could potentially mitigate further damage and possible devaluation of your properties” and was suggested to be scaremongering. Cllr Greening explained that the PC has done everything they can to resolve the issue of the raised land at the HIP, that it falls to a civil matter between the residents, DC, and Wyatt Homes. Clerk Lewin followed on by saying that the PC has tried to resolve this, there has been an enforcement notice against Wyatt Homes for something (it’s not clear what). The previous land owner has said that they have evidence to support the enforcement notice. PC have repeatedly requested the evidence from the previous land owner and they have not provided the evidence. If you have concerns about flooding and the raised land at the HIP then please contact Northern Area Planning Enforcement Team.

You may have noticed that the bench on Milton Road/Stileham Bank junction is no longer there. It was rotten and posed a safety risk so has been dismantled. PC agreed to remove the bench from the asset register and if donations were received to pay for a new bench then a replacement could be installed.

Cllr Stephens has taken on a project to review the condition of signage around the village. Some signs are faded, dirty, and damaged. Where signs are less than 50% visible the PC can apply to DC for replacement at no cost to the village. Cllr Stephens has created a signage register spreadsheet and will be looking for support from villagers to adopt a road sign where they can help keep signs clean and free from overgrown/overhanging vegetation, and report any damage to the signs. Look out on Facebook and articles in the *Reporter*. This will save the village a lot of money (it would increase the precept if DC were to maintain vegetation around signage). Please note that if you are a land owner and your hedging or bushes grow around or overhang a road sign then it is your responsibility to clear it and prevent obstruction to the sign. It was suggested that between us all, in the village, we could make the village a little prettier and tidier.

Don’t forget that sandbags are available from the sheds to the side of the village hall. The shed has a sign on the door, the door is unlocked. If the shed is low on supplies please follow the instructions detailed in the shed or contact Clerk Lewin email milbornestandrew@dorset-aptc.gov.uk.

Please come along to the next meeting on Wednesday 2nd October at the Village Hall at 7.00pm.

Jo Whitfield

The early entitlement offer for nine-month-olds

What you need to know



Certain earning criteria apply



To be eligible, each parent or carer (in dual-parent households) must earn more than the equivalent of 16 hours at the national living wage or minimum wage per week, but less than £100,000 per year*.

*Some exceptions apply

Funding only covers term times

The early entitlement offer only applies for 38 weeks of the year. However, some providers will 'stretch' the offer, delivering fewer hours per week for more weeks of the year (for example, 11.4 hours a week for 50 weeks of the year).



Eligibility doesn't kick in right away



Eligible children can only access the entitlement the term after they turn nine months. For example, if your child turns nine months on 10 September, they will be eligible for a funded place from 1 January.

Provider can charge for extras

Government funding is intended to cover the cost of care and education but not extras like food, trips or nappies, so you may be charged for these.



Applying while on parental leave

If you are on parental leave, plan to return to work or start a new job by the end of September 2024 and are applying for a funded place for the child who is the subject of parental leave, then you can apply for an eligibility code from **12 May 2024**. If you're applying for a funded place for a child who is not the subject of parental leave, then you are only able to apply for an eligibility code 31 days before you return to employment or start new employment.

Tax-free childcare deadlines

If you needed to reconfirm your eligibility for tax-free childcare before 12 May but won't have another reconfirmation window opening until **after 9 June**, you will receive a letter from HMRC containing a valid temporary code and instructions on how to use it to claim your entitlement. If you haven't received your letter by 24 May, you should contact HMRC. If your window opens **before 9 June**, you won't receive a letter as your window will open in good time for you to register for a code and give it to your provider.

Impact of underfunding

The money the government gives to pre-schools, childminders and nurseries to pay for funded places has historically not covered the cost of delivering it. Over recent years, funding for entitlement schemes has failed to keep up with the many costs that early years providers face – like staff wages, rents, and energy – meaning that the situation is getting worse. As a result, providers have had to look for ways to fill the funding gap or risk going out of business, meaning higher fees for families.

For more information on the rules of the early entitlement offers and guidance on how to apply for a place, scan the QR code or visit the Family Corner website at www.familycorner.co.uk.



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Milton Abbas Surgery

Annual Flu Vaccination Clinic

We will be running our annual flu vaccination clinic for eligible patients on **Saturday 5th October 2024** at the Winterborne Whitechurch Village Hall. Please save this date as we would like as many of our eligible patients to attend; further details will follow closer to the time.

Introduction of new NHS vaccination against respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)

Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) is an infectious disease of the airways and lungs. RSV infection often causes symptoms similar to a cold, including cough, sore throat, sneezing and runny or blocked nose. It can also make you become wheezy or short of breath and lead to pneumonia and other life-threatening conditions.

RSV can be more severe in people with medical conditions such as heart or lung disease or a weakened immune system. RSV infection is common in young children but is most serious for small babies and for older people.

Everyone turning 75 years old on or after the 1st September 2024 will be offered a single dose of RSV vaccine. This is because older adults are more at risk of serious complications from RSV. For the first year of the programme, the vaccine will also be offered to those who are already aged 75 to 79 years on 1st September 2024 as part of a catch-up programme. Please do not contact the surgery to book an appointment, we will contact you when we are able to invite you in.

For more information, you can read the patient information leaflet for the RSV vaccine called Abrysvo here: www.medicines.org.uk/emc/product/15309/pil

All women who are at least 28 weeks pregnant on 1st September 2024 will also be offered a single dose of the RSV vaccine, to protect their babies against RSV. Please speak with your midwife for more details.

Patient Voice

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 10th December at 7.00pm in The Reading Rooms, Milton Abbas.

All patients over 18 years old are welcome. We would really appreciate support in how we can improve our service provision and would love to hear what patients of all ages and backgrounds have to say. Why not come along to our next meeting? To view minutes of the last meeting in June, please see our surgery website www.masurgery.co.uk/patient-voice.

Volunteer Needed!

We are looking for another volunteer to join our Wellbeing Team and help lead our walking group. It would be once a month on a Wednesday morning. Could that be you? For more information, please contact Kelly at the surgery either by calling 01258 880210 or by sending an email to mawellbeingteam@dorsetgp.nhs.uk

Know your Numbers!

Know your Numbers! Week is a campaign that occurs annually created to raise awareness about high blood pressure. High

blood pressure usually has no symptoms, so the only way to know you have it is to have a blood pressure check.

It's easy to get checked. Most pharmacies offer a walk-in service. You can phone the surgery and ask to be booked in with one of our Nurses. Alternatively, you can measure your blood pressure at home. As a general guide, high blood pressure is considered to be 140/90mmHg or higher.

If after taking a week's readings (three times each day whilst you are resting) your average blood pressure reading seems high, please call to book an appointment with a clinician for further advice. If you could also send in your results via an eConsult form that would also be very helpful.

Computer Help

Would you like help with setting up and using devices including mobile phones, tablets, and computers? Would you like to be supported to get online, do home shopping, or use the NHS App for ordering repeat prescriptions? Local help includes:

- Digital Champion Sessions with volunteers. Sessions are run at **Blandford Library** on a Tuesday between 10.00am and 12 noon. Please call the digital hotline to book a session: 01305 221048.
- Computer Cafe takes place every Thursday 10.00am–1.00pm at the Reading Rooms in **Milton Abbas**. For people of all ages and skills.
- Skills & Learning run free Digital Hub Drop-in sessions on a Wednesday at the **Blandford Adult Learning Centre** 12.30pm–3.00pm. Call 01202 123444 to find out more.

We also have Digital Care Coordinators in our Mid Dorset Primary Care Network who can help you use digital tools for managing your health online. They can arrange for a one-to-one Digital Skills Sessions to help you with checking your medical records, making appointments, ordering medication, and keeping track of any ongoing health issues either on the NHS app or SystmOnline.

To arrange a session, fill out the short form at www.mid-dorsetpcn.co.uk/digital-skills-workshops or contact one of our Social Prescribers at the surgery.

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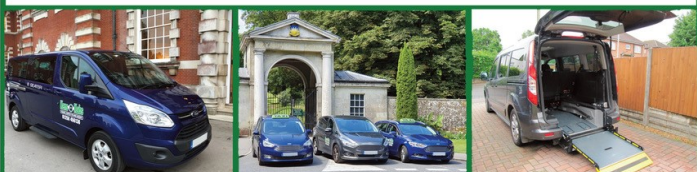
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Corner House

Corner House was owned by Gertrude Corben who was born in 15th October 1909 and died 10th May 1968, she still has two relatives that live in the village, Barbara and Roy Morby. Gertrude was their aunt, their mother's sister, their mother was born in what is now Corner Cottage. While Gertrude lived there she kept chickens, Muscovy ducks, a shire horse and pigs. Barbara can still remember cows also being milked there. It was almost a small holding.

Corner house was also used by the doctor's, entering the front door and using one of the front rooms as the surgery. They would arrive with a box with several compartments and you either got pink medicine or the doctor made a potion from the case mixing things together.

We have made efforts through Mrs Ham's niece Anne, to establish when Mrs Ham was born, but at the time of writing nothing had been received. Thomas Austin Ham was born in 1915 in Cornwall. By 1939 he had become a building contractor in Barnet, Middlesex taking up his father's trade, Thomas and Sylvia Ham married on 26th April 1941.

They moved into corner House in 1968, with their 2 sons, she was sadly widowed in October 1977 and lost both sons within a few years. After the death of her eldest son who had been in the army, her grandson used to come from Germany to visit for holidays. After the death of her younger son, Neil, daughter in law Rose and granddaughter Emily lived with her for a few years.

She was a much respected member of Milborne St Andrew WI for many years and became secretary several times. In the picture you can see her unveiling the millennium tapestry which was created by members of the WI in February 2000. She was a keen old time dancer and regularly attended the monthly sessions in the village hall, that were organised by Grace and Don Davis from Woodville. Known to most people as Mrs Ham, it was a privilege to be invited in and call her Sylvia. She was also a very active attendee of the Church, both as cleaner and flower lady.

Mrs Ham was a very proud lady and it was not unusual to see her painting the railings and window frames at the front of the house and taking care of the Japonica on the end of the saddlery and regularly swept the road outside. The large back garden was a credit to her hard work, and her goat was often seen with its head out of the stable door at milking time, that goat house is still there to this day.

As far as we can establish Mrs Ham died in 2005/6, and Corner House was purchased at auction by Steve Nottingham in July 2006,



unfortunately Steve did little to maintain the property, and it fell into disrepair, as is evident today by the scaffold needed to stop it falling down. It would break her heart to see the house now, in the dreadful state it is in.

Compiled by Heather V Hogg, June Maitland, Maureen Butler and Barbara Morby



Rosie's travels on the SWCP – Stage 2

Saturday 22nd June (Day 4)

Hooray, we are off again for a stay in the tin box on wheels, this time to sunny Berrynarbor in Devon. Dad pitched up pretty quickly (he's getting good at this now) so we had time for a short walk before dinner. We walked out of the campsite and crossed the road straight onto a nice path heading for a little cove, it was all going well until we reached THE STEPS, hundreds of them going down towards the beach, Dad said it wasn't worth the effort but Mum said it would be good training (she would later regret that rash decision)! We all got down easily enough and us pups had a nice paddle and run around on the beach. After a quick snack we started the tough trek up the dreaded steps, Mum huffed and puffed up all 251 of them (yes she counted them) and by the time we got back to the campsite she was ready for her glass of red stuff!

Sunday 23rd June (Day 5)

Rucksacks were packed today so we knew it would be a big walk today and then our dear Uncle Dennis turned up to give us a lift to the Hunters Inn at Heddon Mouth to the start of the hike. It seemed a very long way and I heard Dad say we were going to walk all the way back to the tin box, Dennis said we must be mad! It was a mizzley day and as we made our way up the steep hill Mum kept stopping and putting her waterproof coat on, then off, then on again, she finally said s*d it, "I'm soaked in sweat anyway why bother" and packed the coat away, Dad was pleased, he hates stopping!

At the top it was a lovely walk along the cliff we saw some silly sheep grazing right on the edge, Dad put us on the lead in case we chased them, as if we'd be that daft. We met some other walkers going the other way who came from Wimborne (small world) they took our picture and carried on. Another walker, a young lady from Poole overtook us carrying an enormous rucksack, she was walking the whole path in one go and camping out, brave or stupid, we weren't sure but admired her stamina. As we reach Sherrycombe a cruel steep downward path took us down to a nice stream so me and Katie had a lovely paddle and cold drink. The cruelest thing for Mum was the path



then followed a very steep upward direction and she was not best pleased but plodded on and made it to the top. Then it was Dad's turn to worry, a little herd of scary brown cows stood across the path, luckily Mum went first and bravely led us through them even stopping to take

pictures. A bit further on there was more wildlife, a great big horse stood right by the signpost looking at us a bit suspiciously, Mum came to the rescue again and told Dad to take us on while she stopped for a chat with the horse and take more pictures, this worked well except that the horse took a shine to Mum and joined her along the path! Eventually some people going the other way distracted him and Mum joined us for the next challenge. Great Hangman was certainly a Great Big Hill, more huffing and puffing but we all made it to the top to admire the view but sadly the mist had come back and there was nothing to see, what a swizz! So no hanging about, down to Coombe Martin for some well deserved refreshments.

Monday 25th June (Day 6) 5.7 miles 1,200ft ascent

Off on a bus back to Coome Martin, Dad was so worried about

missing it we got to the stop 20 minutes early. Why we had to get a bus there anyway I don't know cos we just walked back up the hill and along the coast past our campsite, are all humans this stupid? Mum muttered something about having to do every bit of the SWCP. The path along the next stretch was very overgrown and bit tricky for small dogs but we battled our way through and was rewarded with a nice stop for coffee and a view back over Watermouth Bay, at least that's what Mum said. Quite a pleasant but uneventful walk with some lovely views across to Ilfracombe (if you're into that sort of thing, which Mum is of course). It seems there is a famous sculpture called Verity on the harbour which Mum was not too keen on, a bit incongruous is what I think she said! We stopped for some welcome refreshments but me and Katie were so dog tired we had a nap while the oldies drank their pints.



Tuesday 26th June (Day 7). Saunton Sands to Braunton 7.2 miles

Mum said her legs needed a flat walk today, strange that, my legs don't talk to me and I've got four of them! So we did Fridays walk today which Dad wasn't bothered about as long as he's walking he's happy. We all trooped past a fancy golf club which we weren't allowed on, shame, we could have helped retrieve a few balls from the rough. Luckily there was some nice shady bits across the dunes for us as it was a bit warm, sadly nowhere for us pups to have a paddle but there were lots of pretty flowers for Mum to click her phone at. The best that can be said about this walk is that it is flat, flat but boring, and pretty featureless, we were glad to get back to Tescos for some excitement and shade.



Wednesday 27th June, Rest Day

Lovely sunny day so Mum decided to go to the beach at Woolacombe for a swim, sadly dogs weren't allowed on that part of the beach so Dad volunteered to take us for a walk (he doesn't like beaches much so that was big of him). It was too hot to go far so we went back to the car and we all sat in the open boot, boring but lots of people made a fuss of us. Mum came back smiling and had enjoyed a lovely swim so that was nice. Then it was back to the tin box to chill out under the canopy.

Thursday 28th June (Day 8) Ilfracombe to Woolacombe 8.8 miles and 2,500ft of ascent

Quite an early start today as we had to drive to Woolacombe to catch a bus back to Ilfracombe so we could walk back to Woolacombe, Katie and me think this is a bit weird but humans are a bit weird sometimes. As usual we were really early for the bus (Mum thought she could have had another half an hour in bed but hey ho), instead she took us to see a blue cow, whoever heard of a blue cow, Dad likes blue cheese, perhaps it comes from blue cows. Back in Ilfracombe Dad couldn't believe his ears, Mum said she wanted to pop in Lidl for something, this is a walk not a shopping trip (she popped in anyway). These walks always seem to start off going uphill, bit hard on the paws and

Mum's hamstrings but we are getting used to it now and made it without too much huffing and puffing. There were a few ups and downs along the way but nothing too drastic, we even saw a snake, well Mum said it was actually a slow worm, it must have been a very slow worm as Mum overtook it! We walked past some very pretty flowers and of course Mum had to stop and click them, then we saw a sign saying 'FLAT POINT', is anywhere on this path flat? I don't think so! We had our picnic lunch on the rocky beach at Lee which was nice as Katie and me got to cool our paws off in the sea. Boring old chews as usual for lunch but then Dad surprised us by giving us some sausage out of his sandwich, wonders will never cease. It was a lovely walk and the oldies got excited when they saw some seals swimming between some rocks, big deal, we can swim just as good as them.

Just as Dad was thinking of having a nice cold beer when we got back the sky turned the tap on and the wet stuff poured out of the heavens, luckily we were nearly back to the car so we only got a little bit soaked and we skipped the cold beers and went back to the tin box for a cup of tea.

Bye for now, Love Rosie (and Katie)



Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club

AT OUR September meeting, Angie Clark and Lin Chapman demonstrated how to design and make wonderful autumn wreaths

(see the photos).

Our next meeting at the village hall will be on Thursday 17th October, starting

at 7.30pm. Professional garden designer Jenny Short will give a talk, the theme will be 'Berried Treasure' – how to make the most of your garden in winter; covering berries and leaf colour for autumn interest, coloured stems and bark, evergreen foliage, flowering shrubs, perennials and bulbs.

Cost is just £2 for non members and includes tea, coffee and biscuits. Do come along, you will be very welcome!

Angela and Mark Johnson



Adopt a Road Name Sign

WHO would like to join my band of merry people who are going to adopt a Road Name sign across the village? I'm looking for volunteers to clean and keep an eye on our road name signs so that the village can look even nicer and prettier than it already does! This is not a onerous task but will make all the difference to the look of the village. I have a few people already signed up but need a good few more. I will be asking our clerk to contact Dorset Council to replace a few of their highways signs that are faded or defaced too with this project. Road safety is a high priority for all of us and so keeping our street signs and highways sign clear of overhanging greenery is also very important. If you do have a road sign in the vicinity of our property please can you cut back any overhanging branches and vegetation to ensure that signage is fully visible from all views. Thank you in advance. Please feel free to contact me if you would like to get involved or have any questions. amy.tanswell81@gmail.com or 07828650104.

Amy Stephens



Race Night at the Village Hall . . .

THE Village Hall will be hosting a Race Night on Saturday 9th November to raise funds to develop the outside space between the building and the pétanque court by creating a patio area so profits from this event will be earmarked for that project.

For those who have never experienced a race night before we play videos of real races and use numbered tote tickets to select which horse to back.

Tickets are available at £10 each – this price will include a fish and chip supper; the doors will be open from 7.00pm and we will be under "Starters Orders" at 7.30pm.

This provides a great opportunity to have a fun evening with a chance of winning a few quid while supporting your Village Hall at the same time.

We will operate our own bar where we can take cash or card, but it is easier if you have cash for the rest of the evening's activities which will include the inevitable raffle!

Come along and have a good time. To obtain tickets contact a committee member.

Alternatively, email treasurer.msavh@gmail.com or ring me on 07983 013781.

. . . and your chance to "Sponsor a Slab"

EVERYONE will be aware that the Village Hall is a facility that all the community can enjoy. While we charge to hire the hall itself, the outside area is free open space available to everybody. This area requires maintenance, and we are planning to construct the patio mentioned above, but we need your help.

We are inviting village residents, local businesses and hall hirers to "sponsor a slab". The proposed patio area will require around 100 paving slabs, and the committee are offering you the opportunity to donate a minimum of £25 (there is no maximum) towards the cost of the work by sponsoring a paving slab. We will install a board within the Hall with the names of each sponsor inscribed by way of saying "thank you" to all our sponsors.

If you would like to provide sponsorship, contact me at treasurer.msavh@gmail.com or ring 07983 013781 and I will provide bank details. Please think hard about sponsoring this project – it is for the whole community!

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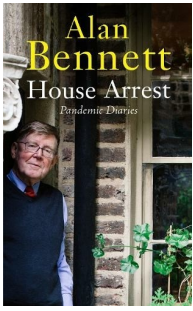
We play on Tuesdays from 2—4 pm and most Fridays from 7—9 pm.

Cost is £2 per session—with the first taster one free.

If you would like to play, give Graham a ring on 880740.

We play at the village hall in Winterborne Stickland.

Bookends Good Read: “House Arrest; Pandemic Diaries” by Alan Bennett



THIS was a universal success with Bookends’ members garnering high scores. The only dip in these were the fact that it is a short book (only 49 pages-with some blank ones at the end!) Some wondered if there are still others to surface or was it cherry-picked to provide highlights? Despite this there were amusing quotes and appreciation of his open and modest style of writing. He managed to be confidential in tone giving

immense pleasure to the reader who felt invited into his world.

This was a world of pleasant literary gossip, glimpses of his upbringing and love of his home country. Throughout he is self deprecating, dry and quietly witty. There is some melancholy, during what appears to be a pleasant chat we glimpse his declining health and gradual loss of mobility . . . no more cycling and very short walks. He is good at pointing out absurdities and comic situations which make his clear political affiliation acceptable. The tangents triggered by something that happened that day were whimsical.

The group loved his cynical analysis of being “in the doldrums”. Although we wondered if he would appeal to a younger audience some of his other work was recalled which has an even more timeless quality. He manages to sum up the essence of people in a few words using wry asides and timeless wit. There is something warming and cheering in his writing which puts things in an acceptable and non-threatening context. One member compared the book to a “hot mug of soup” which warmed and comforted her. Others quoted the many hilarious vignettes contained in this slender but potent volume. All of this despite a certain elusive quality in the writing somehow mirrored in the author’s personality, someone who observes and comments without getting involved.

Carole Fornachon

Milborne St. Andrew W.I.

Open evening

Thursday 10th October

Talk on

Terrorism and Extremism

By Alan Jenkins

At the Village Hall

Starting at 7.30pm

Cake and tea to follow

What’s on in October

Wednesday 2nd	Wednesday Club Cream tea at Athelhampton House. Meet Village Hall 2.00pm.
Wednesday 2nd	PC Meeting Village Hall 7.00pm.
Wednesday 9th	Village History Group The Royal Oak Function Room 7.30pm.
Thursday 10th	WI Open meeting Talk on Terrorism and Extremism by Alan Jenkins Village Hall 7.30pm.
Friday 11th	Bridge The Royal Oak 2.30pm.
Saturday 12th	Community Café Village Hall 10.00am.
Thursday 17th	Gardening Club How to make a wreath. Village Hall 7.30pm.
Friday 18th	Film <i>Wicked Little Letters</i> Village Hall 7.00pm.
Friday 25th	Bridge The Royal Oak 2.30pm.
Monday 28th	Artsreach – Fideri Fidera – Oskar's Amazing Adventure Village Hall 2.00pm. See page 19.
Thursday 31st	Pie Night The Royal Oak.

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

Surgery Wellbeing Papercraft Group 1st and 3rd Wednesdays 1.30–3.30pm.

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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Community Contacts

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More information about many community organisations can be found on www.milbornestandrew.org.uk

COMMUNITY CENTRES

Dewlish Village Hall		
Chairman:	Andrew Barnett	07551 839296
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	Bookings: Philip Smith	<u>07776 561105</u>

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
	milbornestandrew@dorset-aptc.gov.uk	

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

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

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

POLICE

Police – Non-emergency contact (North Rural team) 101
 Contact us | Dorset Police Online is dealt with in exactly the same way as non-emergency 101 phone calls.

SCHOOL

Milborne First School		
Head of School	Michelle Cheeseman	01258 837362
Chair Governors:	Caleb Brown	
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
Karate	Peter Thompson	07873 116118
	wessexmartialarts@gmail.com	
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
Yoga (at school)	Sue Chapman	01305 848053
Yoga (at Sports & Social Club)	Saira Francis	01258 880505
Yoga (at Village Hall)	Angela Johnson	01258 839060

HEALTH

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
Patient Voice Secretary	Nigel Hodder 07983 013781



Village Website

www.milbornestandrew.org.uk

(search for Milborne St. Andrew)

Information about our village + quick links to:

	Village Community
	The Reporter (in colour)
	Village Hall
	Parish Council
	Sports Club
	First School
	Royal Oak
	Ladybirds Playgroup
	And more . . .

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